



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



21st May 2018

Staffing changes

Following 14 years of loyal service to the school and its families, Mrs Linda North has resigned from her post and will leave us at the end of this term. Mrs North will be well known to many of you and has been a highly effective teacher over many years for us. Mrs North has taught across Key Stage 2 and has worked alongside a number of teachers during that time. She has also undertaken a number of coordinator roles including ICT and Science.

My youngest son thoroughly enjoyed his time in her class and for that, and all of her efforts for the school, I am extremely grateful and wish her well in the coming years.

I will keep you informed of the progress of recruiting replacements for Mrs North and Miss Purcell

Mark Gilronan

Polite reminder:

Could we remind you all that the start of the school day is very busy for teachers and we ask that you do not try to catch them in their classroom or at the door for a couple of minutes. All of the teachers are available after school or, alternatively appointments can be made and messages sent in via the school office. We are noticing that this has been becoming an issue recently, particularly in Key Stage 2. It does lead to a disrupted start to the school day so we would greatly appreciate your support with this.

Raising awareness of a good cause:

Each year, a Twilight Walk takes place in aid of Hospicecare. The walks aim to raise money to support the work of local hospices and this year that work has been brought very close to home. Two of our children recently lost their mother and have asked if they could raise awareness of the walk through the newsletter.

The walk is for women over the age of 18 and takes place at The Maer in Exmouth on 7th July. Participants can take part in a 5 or 10 mile walk or the new 5km Fizz Run. The event provides an opportunity to raise money through sponsorship for local hospices. If you would like to find out more about this event, visit www.twilightwalk.org.uk



Talented children:

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our annual Celebration of Dance this coming Friday. Let's hope that the sun pays us a visit as well.

On a dance related note, a number of our children attend the Finch School of Dancing and have been working really hard on the upcoming performances in Sidmouth. If anyone is interested in going along to enjoy the fruits of their labours, the details are below.



Wellbeing Week:

This week your children will be undertaking a range of activities aimed at promoting both physical and mental health. We hope that they enjoy participating in these activities which include yoga, mindfulness and street sledge as well as visits from the RNLI, Fire Service and Exeter City.

GDPR:

As many of you will know, the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into force on 25th May. As a result of the changes contained in the regulations, we have updated our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notices. We will also be resending permissions slips that you have previously completed for us. Could you please take the time to read and complete the slips that come home with your child this week?

Some upcoming diary dates:

Wellbeing Week	w/c 21 st May
Celebration of Dance	Friday 25 th May (am, followed by family picnic on the field)
Half-term	w/c 28 th May
Y6 PGL Residential	22 nd -25 th June
KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 3 rd July (am)
KS2 Sports Day	Thursday 5 th July (day)
PTA KS2 Disco	Thursday 5 th July
Y6 Project Week at Kings	w/c 9 th July
PTA Summer Fête	Saturday 14 th July
Y6 Leavers Assembly & BBQ	Wednesday 18 th July
Last day of term	Friday 20 th July