



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



25th June 2018

Staffing Update:

It turned out to be quite a busy week last week in terms of staffing. I am pleased to say that we appointed two new members of staff on Tuesday. Claire Sims and Connor Moore will be joining the teaching team from September. We are making arrangements for them to visit the school before the end of term so that they can meet with staff and their new classes in order to familiarise themselves with the children ahead of the autumn term.

I am extremely sad to say that two other members of staff will be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Lucy Brown will be taking up a teaching post at Ide Primary School from September. Many of you will know Mrs Brown from her many years of work in Key Stage 1 and, more recently, the Foundation Stage. Mrs Brown joined the school in 2006 and over the last 12 years has become an established and much loved member of staff. She will be greatly missed by all of us but we genuinely wish her well in her new post.

Mrs Brown will be replaced in the Foundation Stage by Mrs Katie Dryden who is currently working in Year 3. Mrs Dryden has previously taught in the Foundation Stage and will form a great teaching partnership with Mrs Jo Lock.

We will also be saying goodbye to another member of our Foundation Stage staff – Mrs Anna Hoondert. Mrs Hoondert has been a valued member of our support staff since joining us in 2011, and will be hugely missed by staff and children alike. We wish her every success in her future plans.

Now that our recruitment processes have been completed, we will finalise all the arrangements for September and inform you all in due course. Once again, thank you all for your patience and understanding during this process.

On a separate topic, and thinking now of the lovely spell of hot weather we are enjoying, please could we ask you to ensure that your children have had suncream applied before school especially if the sunshine is to continue? They may also wish to bring a sunhat (named please) with them into school.

Many thanks

Mark Gilronan

Lost Property:

The Green Team have been tasked with returning named items from the Lost Property bins to their rightful owners but the quantity of lost property is currently making this job quite challenging for them. Please could you remind your children to pick up their jumpers and other items at the end of breaktime and lunchtime as, unsurprisingly, they are taking them off a lot more in this weather.

Could you also ask them to check through the Lost Property bins themselves if you think they may have lost any items during the term.

All of the Lost Property bins will be checked by the end of term and any items that we cannot return to their owners will be disposed of.

Summer Activities:



AllSports Coaching Summer Holiday Camps

Monday 30 th & Tuesday 31 st July - Cricket (ages 5-11)		£32 for both days
Tuesday 7 th August - Multi Sports (ages 5-11)		£17
Tuesday 14 th August – American Football (ages 8+)		£17

All days are from 9am until 4 pm at Ottery St Mary Cricket Club and are run by qualified, DBS covered coaches.
Please make sure your child brings a packed lunch, a water bottle, suitable clothing and plenty of energy for the days activities!
To book a place or for more information then please get in touch:

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Ottery Health Matters:



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Ottery St Mary & District Health & Care Forum, in partnership with:
RD&E, Coleridge GP's, NEWCCG, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council &
Ottery St Mary Town Council

Ottery Health Matters!

Health and Wellbeing Community Information Event

Date: Friday 29th June 2018

Time: Two drop-in sessions

2pm – 5pm

6pm – 8pm

Venue: The Institute, Yonder Street, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1HD.

Come along to this informal drop-in event to find out about the care and support available in Ottery and the surrounding areas. It will be a great opportunity to talk to health and care experts plus volunteers about the local services and activities to help people live well.

We need to hear from you about what's important to you, what you think the challenges and priorities are to improve health and care for people in our community now and in the future.

Refreshments will be provided. Transport to and from may also be available.

For any queries or feedback please contact:

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PTA Summer Fête – Saturday 14th July 12-3pm

Our biggest fund-raising event of the year, our summer fête, is now less than 3 weeks away. Please put the date in your diary and, if you can, lend a hand – please either sign-up on line via <https://bit.ly/2ydpAMo> , or speak to Sarah in the office. One of the highlights this year will be a range of sporting activities arranged and overseen by a member of the Exeter City outreach team who help in schools. We are excited to find out what these will be.

There will be various ways to contribute as we get nearer the time, but something to think about now ...

Toy and children's books stall

This year we will be having a combined toy and children's books stall. This is an ideal opportunity to have a clear out and recycle some of your preloved toys and books. We are asking for CLEAN, SAFE and COMPLETE toys in GOOD WORKING ORDER please. NO SOFT TOYS please.

Ideally, please bring any toys/books to school over the coming weeks and either give them to Jo Deakin in KS1 playground at drop off/pick up, or bring to the school office. If taking to the office, please pop them in a bag labelled for the attention of the PTA, thank you. For any larger items please liaise directly with Jo Deakin to arrange collection. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the diary:

Year 6 Life Skills – Donkey Sanctuary	Wednesday 27 th June (am)
Active Kids – Parents Session	Thursday 28 th June 2.45pm
Year 2 trip to Eden Project	Tuesday 3 rd July
KS2 Sports Day	Thursday 5 th July (day)
PTA KS2 Disco	Thursday 5 th July
KS1 Sports Day	Friday 6 th July (am)
Year 1 trip to Axe Valley	Monday 9 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