



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



1st October 2018

Online safety:

We have been made aware of a new app that is going viral among many primary and secondary school age pupils.

The app is called DOKI DOKI (literature club). The game is advertised as a school dating app and does not require parental checks to download. It is a free app and although users should be 13+ years, children can easily agree to being over the age. Once downloaded, children have unlimited access to their own account.

The app begins as a colourful and light-hearted game but takes a sinister turn within an hour of children playing, where their online friend starts to talk about depression and eventually commits suicide.

Police have issued a warning over the free-to-play game, labelling it a 'risk to children and young people'.

Please could I kindly ask all parents and carers to check that your children do not have this app installed because of the associated dangers.

School Photographer:

Our school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 9th October to take individual photos of all the children. We will also ensure all family groups within school will have their photo taken together. If you have pre-school or secondary-age siblings who would you like in a family photo with your child who is here, these will be available on a first come first served basis from 8.15am – entry via the Hub door. Please be patient!

Absence line:

When you leave message for your child on the Absence line, please can you ensure you clearly state your child's name, class number and reason for absence.

Ottery Primary King/Queen of the Mountain:

Over 20 children took part in our first ever King/Queen of the Mountain last Thursday on a gloriously sunny afternoon. Everyone who took part will earn themselves a house-point, and the top 3 in each category, who win themselves a t-shirt, were:

KS2 – Robin D, Charlie N, Isaac W

KS1– Rosie N, Benn C, Alice G

A huge thank you to Dave Goldthorpe for organising this, and to his helpers Tim, Andy and Kerry.

Community Events:

OTTERY ST MARY CARNIVAL
PRESENTS
A week of fun for all the family, October half term (21st-28th)

- Sunday 21st October- family treasure hunt. Starting at 2pm meet at land of Canaan car park. £1 per child & £1.50 per adult. Join us at the end for tea/coffee and cake.
- Thursday 25th October- Halloween craft afternoon (2:00pm to 4:00pm) in the old boys school.
- Thursday 25th October - Bring all the family to our family chocolate bingo At the old boys school, starting at 6:30pm.
- Saturday 27th October- cake stall Hind Street.
- Crowning at 2pm in the institute.
- Carnival procession 7:30 pm
- Wednesday 31st October- join us for a Halloween party at the football club (5pm-7pm)



INSET Day:

Please bear in mind that this coming Friday (5th October) is an INSET Day and the school will be closed for children.

Lost Property:

Please do check through the lost property boxes for any items that your child may have mislaid in school. Named items are much easier to find. We are currently starting up our Green Team and one of their key roles will be to reunite named clothing with its owners before disposing of un-named items. Please be sure not to lose out by not naming clothing.

Dates for the Diary:

PTA incl AGM	Thursday 4 th October 7pm
School Inset Day – school closed to children	Friday 5 th October
School Photographer – individuals/family groups	Tuesday 9 th October
Year 2 Fire Station visit	Friday 12 th October am
Bag2School Collection	Thursday 18 th October
Half-term week	w/c 22 nd October