



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



12th November 2018

Otari visit:

We were delighted to be visited by, Mr Osamu Matsuo, the Headteacher of Otari Elementary School in Japan last week. He visited the school on Monday ahead of Tar Barrels as part of a delegation from the village of Otari including the mayor and the chairman of the village council. We have been in touch as schools for over a year now as we attempt to rekindle the friendship between the two towns. Many of you will be aware of the Otari bell in the Sainsbury's car park which symbolises this friendship. Some of the children of both towns have been working on continuing this friendship. Our year 5 and 6 children have made friendship tokens for each of the children in Otari Elementary School which were gratefully received and below, there are examples of the art work and writing that the children of Otari have sent to us.



Plastic Free Ottery:

BREAKING NEWS!! Ottery St Mary Primary School is now a BIC Community Champion! This basically means that we are an official drop off location for writing instruments for recycling. From Monday, a box will be in the reception area for you to put **any brand of pens (felt-tips, highlighters, markers, biro), correction fluid pots and mechanical pencils regardless of their composition (plastic or metal)**. What is not accepted for recycling is wooden lead or coloured pencils or crayons or glue sticks.

So please start collating all your dud pens and bring them into reception as Ottery St Mary Primary School PTA will get 1p for every item collected and it also saves them going in to landfill. Win, win!!

For local residents there will also be a box in Filfull in Ottery St Mary so please spread the word!

Parent Consultation Evenings:

I hope that as many of you as possible have been able to make an appointment for our Parent Consultation Evenings which are being held next week.

Christmas Dinner:

Don't forget to sign up for our Christmas lunch which will be on Thursday 13th December. A letter has been sent home and we have further copies available in the office. The deadline for ordering a Christmas lunch is 23rd November. Don't forget that if you don't return a slip by the deadline, we will need you to supply a packed lunch for your child on 13th December, as meals are not able to be ordered on the day.

PTA news:



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Bag2School collection last month, we raised just under £100.

We hope all those who attended our first ever Halloween disco had a fantastic time and thanks to everyone who helped with the organisation and running of the event. It raised over £300 which is great news. More photos can be found on the school website.

Lookout for our newsletter which will contain a list of all our planned events this year, but dates for your diary for this term are: Secret Shopping on 5th December and our Christmas Fayre on 8th December.



Ottery St. Mary Primary School PTA email: otteryprimarypta@gmail.com

West Hill Panto:

Please see below for details of the West Hill Village Hall Panto.

West Hill Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 1160370

OUR ANNUAL PANTO IS COMING!

Friday 4 January 2019 at 6.30pm and Saturday, 5 January 2019 at 1.00pm

Wonder Productions join us for their 9th year to entertain us with their performance of **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**, a fun filled pantomime for the whole family!

Times are hard for the Trott family; they have no money which means they can't afford to pay the rent. The only thing they have of any value is their beloved cow, which they decide they have to sell. But when Jack is sent to market to do the terrible deed, he comes home with nothing but a handful of mouldy old beans – and that's when the magic really begins! Join Jack on his **GIANT** adventure as he climbs the beanstalk to a land of excitement and adventure, where he must rescue Jill from the 'Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum of one very hungry giant.

Book your tickets now!

Bar, tea/coffee and soft drinks, ice creams, sweets and raffle prizes.

Children's area to sit on mats right in front of the stage.

Tickets £10 per adult and £7 per child under 16 available from West Hill Post Office or Tricia Heard – Tel.no. 01404 814191

All proceeds will go to Village Hall improvements.

WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL

PANTO BOOKING FORM

To Tricia Heard, 8 Moorlands, West Hill, EX11 1UL.

Tel. no. 01404 814191 Email : heard555@outlook.com

Please send me tickets for **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** at £10 per adult and £7 per child under 16 as follows:-

Friday 4 January 2019 6.30pm Adults Children

Saturday 5 January 2019 1.00pm Adults Children

I enclose cheque payable to 'West Hill Village Hall' or cash for.....

Name.....

Address.....

Dates for the diary:

Year 5 to Coldharbour Mill	Tuesday 13 th November
Children in Need Day	Friday 16 th November
Class 14 Sportshall Athletics at Kings	Monday 19 th November
Parent consultations	w/c 19 th November
Class 13 Sportshall Athletics at Kings	Monday 26 th November
PTA Secret Shopping	Wednesday 5 th December
PTA Christmas Fayre	Saturday 8 th December
KS1 Christmas performances	w/c 10 th December
School Christmas Lunch	Thursday 13 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 14 th December
Y3/4 Christmas Performance	Friday 14 th December
Y5/5 Christmas Performance	Wednesday 19 th December (evening)
Last day of term	Friday 21 st December