



# Ottery Primary School Newsletter



21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

## Merry Christmas

As we reach the end of another busy term, I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the whole school, to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a very positive new year. The last few weeks have been as busy as ever with the children and staff putting together their wonderful Christmas performances. From EYFS (complete with dancing donkeys) through the Year 1 and 2 nativity play, the Year 3 and 4 performance in the hall and right up a wonderful evening in the church with Year 5 & 6, the children proved time and again how amazing they are.

Thank you to all the children and staff who have put those performances together, alongside the day job. Thank you all for your support as well and for your generosity towards our funding for the Forest School.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone!

## New Year, new arrangements:

We will be making some changes to the office area over the holiday which will see a new reception desk in the main foyer area to deal with many of the day to day enquires, visitors and so on. Over recent weeks we have been putting in sockets, security door control panels and release switches and network cables. We've even ordered the new workstation.

Please bear with us for a few weeks when you are using the office and visiting the school. Inevitably, there will be lumps and bumps along the way as we fully implement the new system.

## Christmas jumper day:

Thank you everyone who took part in our Christmas jumper day last week. Your continuing generosity has raised £530 for Save the Children. You also raised £295 for Children in Need. This is an amazing effort for two extremely worthy charities.

## Choir:

The school choir visited Sainsbury's this week to perform Christmas carols and songs. This is an annual event now for the school and the feedback from staff and shoppers at the supermarket is always overwhelmingly positive. Well done to everyone in the choir for putting on such a lovely performance and especially the Year 5 and 6 children who had been performing up at the church the previous evening. There's no stopping some of these children!

## Otari

I was delighted this week to receive a package from Otari Elementary School in Japan. Some of the children had made Christmas cards for us in their English lessons and they looked beautiful. So, children of Ottery... who's up for learning some Japanese to send a new year message back to the children in Japan in the new year?





## PTA Update



We hope the children all enjoyed the opportunity to buy a present at Secret Shopping and trust not all of them just bought one for themselves! It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas Fayre and hope you all enjoyed the games, stalls and Dave G's bacon butties. We've raised approx. £1,700 from both events which is a fantastic amount and will go towards equipment and resources to be used by all the children at the school. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the events and everyone for their continued support. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas from the PTA.



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## Dates for the diary:

Inset day – school closed to children	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
First day of Spring Term	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
PTA Film Night	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January
Half-term	w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Last day of Spring Term	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
Half-term	w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Inset days – school closed to children	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Last day of Summer Term	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July