



# Ottery Primary School Newsletter



14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Happy New Year

I hope that everyone had a lovely time over Christmas and the New Year period. The children have settled back into school well and it's been lovely seeing them back again. I'd also like to welcome Mrs Finlay to her role as Assistant Headteacher.

You may have noticed the changes in the office area as we set up a new reception. Thank you for your patience as we fully implement the changes.

The new year will bring a lot of work in the school and one of the key areas that we are working on will be our curriculum provision. We will be consulting parents and children on our overall and wider curriculum provision and further information will be forthcoming later on in the term. Please do keep an eye out for it as we will greatly value your thoughts on this issue.

## Online safety:

We have become aware that a number of children are using websites that may leave them vulnerable online. These include Musical.ly which is now Tick-Tock. The terms and conditions for this app state that the minimum age for users should be 13.

Further information about these websites can be found here :

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

## Sidmouth Rugby Club:



Sidmouth Rugby Club are holding a taster day for girls on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 1.30pm-3.30pm.

All girls are welcome to go along and try out the sport.

## Sleepovers:

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service have produced some useful information relating to sleepovers. If your child is invited to a sleepover, or you are holding one yourself, you will want all of the children to be safe - both in general and in the event of a fire.



If your child is invited to a sleepover you will want them to be safe - both in general and in the event of a fire. So before you agree here are some things that might help.

### Check that your child:

- Is normally woken by and recognises the sound of a smoke alarm  
*If they don't, or they have a hearing impairment or other disability, tell the sleepover parents so that someone must wake them and/or help them in an emergency*
- Knows what to do if they hear a smoke alarm go off
- Knows not to hide from fire
- Knows how to raise the alarm
- Is happy to ask about the escape plan of the place they are going to
- Will tell you if they don't feel safe



### If you are in any doubt:

- Reverse the sleepover and invite the friend to your home instead

### And remember to:

- Go through your fire plan with any guests you have staying

### CHECK THAT:

- There will be a responsible adult present at all times in the property.
- There is a working smoke alarm.



Some of these questions may be uncomfortable to ask but why not look at it this way; you wouldn't dream of travelling in a car without seatbelts - they are lifesavers if there is an accident.

Working smoke alarms and escape plans are like seatbelts for sleepovers - you hope never to need them - but they must be there just in case ...

For further home fire safety information please see our website –

[www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety)

## Dates for the diary:

PTA Film Night	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January
PTA Curry/Quiz Night	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February
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
Festival of Music	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)
Warren Barn week (Year 5)	w/c 29 <sup>th</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
Summer Fête	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Last day of Summer Term	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July