



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



21st January 2019

Parent Governor Elections:



Due to some technical issues at our end, we will be extending the deadline for parent governor nominations until next Monday (28th January).

Governors at maintained schools, and trustees at academy schools, work with head teachers and senior leadership teams in schools to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children and young people attending, and beyond.

As a Governing Board, they help set the strategic vision for the school; hold head teachers to account for the performance of the pupils and staff; and ensure that the school resources are used efficiently and effectively to support pupils.

Attendance and lateness:

Our current attendance is 96.66%, our school target is 97.3%. If your child's attendance drops below 93%, we will contact you by letter to advise you of this. If your child is absent to attend an appointment, will request copies of appointment letters, so that we can record their absence as attendance at a medical appointment.

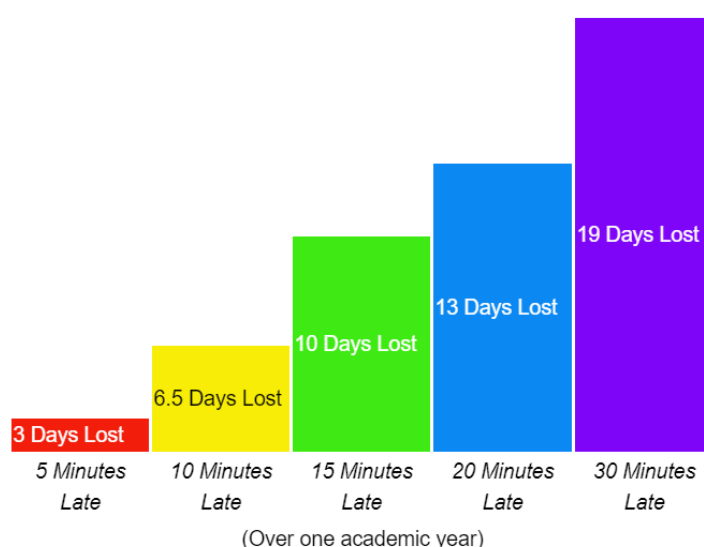
We are also seeing an increasing pattern of children arriving late for school each day. In September, 77 children arrived late for school, in December this figure jumped to 160! We would really value your help and support to reduce late arrivals as this is unsettling for children when they arrive after the school day has started and have to join lessons part-way through. Arriving after 9.15 will also affect a child's attendance as this is marked as unauthorised absence. Where children arrive late on 4 occasions within the term, a letter will be sent advising you that there is a concern about your child's punctuality.

Late arrival at school negatively affects a child academically, socially and emotionally, as well as being disruptive for the other children and adults in the class. If you are experiencing difficulties with lateness, please let us know and we will try to help!

The school day starts at 8.55 for KS2 and 9.00 for KS1. Please be advised that Class Teachers will ensure their classroom doors are shut securely after children have come into the classroom from playground at 8.55 (KS2) or 9.00 (KS1). If your child arrives after this time, please ensure they are escorted to the office by an adult to ensure they arrive safely as they will be unable to access the classroom from the playground and the gates are also not supervised from 8.55 (Springfield Gardens) or 9.00 (KS1 playground).

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday, your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Film Night – Friday 25th Jan

Film 1 – Incredibles 2, 3:45-5:45pm

Film 2 – The Greatest Showman, 6:00-8:00pm

Tickets on sale

Wed after school – KS2 playground

Thu before school – KS1 playground

Thu after school – KS2 playground

Cost £3 per film to cover light refreshments. If bringing extra snacks, definitely recommended if watching both films, then they must be nut free as we have several children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Quiz & curry night – Friday 1st March

An event for the grownups! Details on how to buy tickets will be coming home in book bags very soon.



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Gallery:

There are some great activities going on in school and some wonderful samples of work. Here are a few to celebrate this week...



Coding Club has proved to be very popular in Key Stage 2



Year 3 have produced some excellent volcano paintings as part of their topic work.

Dates for the diary:

PTA Film Night	Friday 25 th January
PTA Curry/Quiz Night	Friday 1 st February
Half-term	w/c 18 th February
Last day of Spring Term	Friday 5 th April
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 23 rd April
Festival of Music	Friday 26 th April (pm)
Warren Barn week (Year 5)	w/c 29 th April
Half-term	w/c 27 th May
Inset days – school closed to children	3 rd and 4 th June
Summer Fête	Saturday 20 th July
Last day of Summer Term	Thursday 25 th July