



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



18th March 2019

World Autism Awareness Week



As a school we are very keen to promote diversity and difference in a positive way. 'World Autism Awareness Week' is coming up on 1st – 7th April and as a school we would like to raise money for the National Autistic Society who support 140,000 children with Autism in the UK.

Alongside raising money we also want to celebrate how inclusive the children within Ottery St Mary Primary School are and want to develop their understanding of Autism. We will be helping all the children to gain a greater understanding of autism through meeting the Trummies and exploring how we are all different and we are all the same. An introductory poster is included in this newsletter.

On Wednesday 3rd April 2019 a representative from Southwest Autism Group will be holding an ASC Parent Workshop from 9am to 10.30am. The Workshop will focus on supporting parents that feel they would like to develop their knowledge of children on the Autism Spectrum and how to support them. Numbers are limited so please can you let Sarah Pearman if you would like to attend.

We will also be holding a 'Spectrum Cake Sale' and assembly on the same day. The assembly will focus on the message 'we are all the same, but we are all different and we need to be kind to everyone'. There will be follow up work for classes to do and children will be offered the opportunity to wear a 'different accessory' on Friday to support celebrating we are all the same (school uniform) but all different (hair band, wrist strap etc).

We would be very grateful if parents could contribute to the Cake Sale - please can you let Sarah Pearman know if you can (she has some easy recipes and label ideas taken from the autism.org.uk site).

Further information can be found at the National Autistic Society's website:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

Meet the Trummies

We are all different, we are all the same and we should all be nice to everyone.

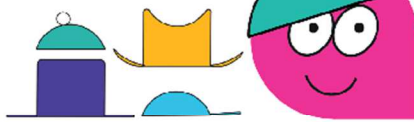
Purple

Likes: cats - big, small, cute or roaring
Dislikes: lots of people talking at once
Favourite colour: lilac
Favourite food: beetroot
Interesting fact:
Has a collection of 200 toy cats



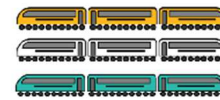
Pinky

Likes: hats
Dislikes: sitting still
Favourite colour: pink
Favourite food: pink marshmallows
Interesting fact:
Pinky even sleeps in a hat



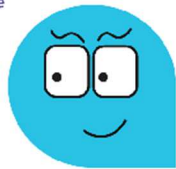
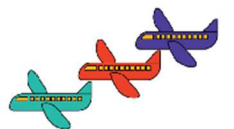
Custard

Likes: trains
Dislikes: bright lights
Favourite colour: mustard
Favourite food: custard
Interesting fact:
Custard can name all the stations on the London Underground



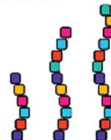
Bluey

Likes: planes
Dislikes: surprises and meeting new people
Favourite colour: navy
Favourite food: blueberries
Interesting fact:
Wants to be a pilot in the future



Minty

Likes: building towers
Dislikes: change
Favourite colour: green
Favourite food: mint ice cream
Interesting fact:
Knows the name and height of all towers in the UK



Rusty

Likes: flowers
Dislikes: noise
Favourite colour: red
Favourite food: tomatoes
Interesting fact:
Rusty wants to be a gardener in the future



Dates for the diary:

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
PGL (Year 6)	14 th -17 th June
Summer Fête	Saturday 20 th July
Last day of Summer Term	Thursday 25 th July