



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



1st April 2019

Wellbeing Week:

The Health and Wellbeing of the children at our school is of paramount importance. Last year we held a Wellbeing Week as part of our continued focus to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for all. Following the success and enjoyment of this week, we plan to hold another Wellbeing Week between 20th and 24th May next term. There will be opportunities for the children to participate in a wide variety of activities and we are working hard to ensure parents can get involved too. With this in mind, we would love to hear from parents/carers who may be able to come in during the week and share their skills/times if they are interested in this area. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact the office.

School meals:

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, Kimberley Astley-Jones will be leaving her role as Kitchen Manager. She will now be able to remain in post for the first half of the summer term. We have taken this opportunity to look at our school catering and have been exploring other options through a tendering process to deliver our school meals moving forward. I expect a decision to be made on any new provider very soon and will communicate this to you once it has been confirmed.

Mobile phones, videos and safeguarding our children:

As many of you will be aware, we allow parents to take photographs and videos at all of our school events on the understanding that this is for people's own personal use. We always ask that no videos or photographs of other people's children are shared on social media without their express permission or consent.

We have recently been made aware of incidents of some of the older children using their mobile phones to record videos at the very beginning of the day when they arrive at school. The teachers of the children involved have been informed but could we ask that, if your child brings a mobile phone to school, you reiterate to them that they should not use it on the school grounds at any time. It should be handed into their teacher at the beginning of the day and will be returned when they go home. There is no need for any child to use their phone in school and, any phones or other valuable items are brought into school at the owner's risk.

Happy World Autism Awareness week

This week we are joining in to help raise awareness of autism. Tomorrow we are hosting a Spectrum Bake sale afterschool to raise money for National Autistic Society, don't forget your 50p! On Wednesday 1st May, South West Autism will be hosting a workshop for parents and carers at School 9.00-10.30, if you would like to attend please contact the office to book a place.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our School attendance to date is 96.39%, this is lower than the same period last year. The school target for attendance is 97.3%. We have noticed that there continues to be a high number of children arriving late after the register at 8.55 (KS2) and 9.00 (KS1) and after the registers close at 9.15. In January there was an average of 6 children per day arriving late, in February there was an average of 9 children per day. These children are arriving after their class have started their morning activities and missing valuable learning time.

If children arrive after the bell, they will need to be accompanied by an adult to the School Office to sign in late.

Nut Free School

Please ensure packed lunches and snacks are nut free as we have a number of children with life threatening nut allergies, we appreciate your support with this. If children bring in food items to share with the class to celebrate their birthdays, please ensure these are completely nut free; we are not able to give out food that may contain traces of nuts.

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how to
drugproof
your kids



Steering children away from the harmful use of drugs

6-week course for parents and carers of 8 – 14 year olds

Starts Wednesday 1st May

7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

At The Station, Mill Street, Ottery St Mary

Just £15

For more information or to book your place contact Graham on
07427 108734 or graham.youthpastor@gmail.com

www.dpyk.org.uk

Please note: This course is organised by a local facilitator, not by Care for the Family.

How to Drug Proof Your Child is a programme from Care for the Family - a registered charity.

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Yoga:



Yoga Club Summer Term Booking!

Bookings are now being taken for the Summer term. Yoga club is for KS2 children and classes take place on a Wednesday between 3.30 and 4.30pm in the dance studio so that children can come straight from school at the end of the day.

Please drop me a line at hello@flourish-yoga.co.uk if you want a place for your child or you want to find out more. The cost for the block of five sessions is just £27.50 when paid in advance.

Classes Update

The children continue to amaze me! This term we've looked at our skeletal system, learned through lego, retold the story of The Hobbit, linked poses to Disney films and played yoga games on the theme of Spring. The children have grown in confidence to the point where they taught a pose and its benefits to the class and are tackling more challenging poses like crow, handstands and double dog! Feedback from the children shows that they recognise how it is helping them:

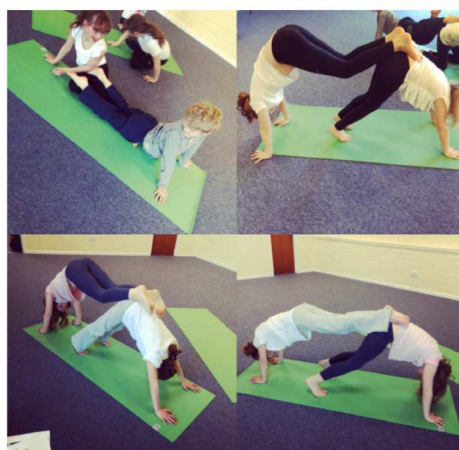
"I like yoga because it helps me to unwind and relax." - Will

"I like that we have different themes each week because it's always a surprise." - Maisie

"I like yoga club because it calms me down and helps me to go to sleep." - Freddie



LEARNING ABOUT OUR BONES



CHALLENGING OURSELVES!

Places at Yoga Club are limited to ensure that classes remain small so please do contact me as soon as possible if you would like to book a place for your child.

www.flourish-yoga.co.uk

I am passionate about the benefits of yoga for children. I am a trained Primary School Teacher and have advanced children's yoga training accredited by Yoga Alliance International. I also hold Public Liability Insurance, First Aid and Safeguarding certificates and I am DBS checked.

Namaste
Claire Gunningham

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
Celebration of Dance	Friday 24 th May
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