



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



20th May 2019

School Meals:



Apologies for the delay in getting the information on the new school meals systems out to you. The information took a little longer getting to us that we had hoped. Please do read through it all carefully when it comes home this week.

One question that has been asked concerned Tuck Shop. I am pleased to confirm that Tuck Shop will be continuing as usual.

Ottery Baby Bank:

A new venture is being set up in town called Ottery Baby Bank.

Zoe Legg is the founder of Ottery Baby Bank

“I founded the baby bank for a few reasons, but the main one was that I have been in the situation where I was a struggling single parent with very little and there was nowhere to turn to when I was in need. I felt this is the right time to set up the baby bank and help people who are in the same position I was in. Also having 6 children I have lots of supplies in great condition so why not give it to someone who will appreciate it rather than take it and sell it on just for money. Life is too short and so I want to help as many people as I can.

I'm a qualified football coach and children's hairdresser and I see a lot of children and families that just go without. I would like to make that situation a bit better and thought about how I could do it. There is nowhere like this in East Devon. We want to help everybody we can. There is no judgement. People who need it can come here and have a chat. All of the clothes and items have been donated. It's incredible what people will do for others.

It's about the children. People here are so generous – if you give them a cause they give to it. It's amazing, I had the idea about a week-and-a-half ago and it's turned around really quickly.”

Working alongside Zoe is Lorna Brice-Nye:

“I am a Mum of 1, a Scout leader and retired playwork professional and have known Zoe for many years. My life experiences lead me to form Magdalen Counsel as a service to empower women through advocacy and training opportunities. I volunteer for a number of organisations in Ottery St Mary including Messy Church, Abide (refugee community sponsorship) and community hub Ottery

Station. When Zoe approached me for some advice about the Baby Bank I thought it was a marvellous idea and offered my assistance straight away.

I am happy to give my advocacy services free of charge for clients of the baby bank. I believe we have a responsibility to help others in need and empower them to reach their potential.

Ottery Baby Bank can be contacted through their facebook page facebook.com/otterybabybank

You are cordially invited to the informal opening of Ottery Baby Bank

At The Silver Otter Café, 15 Silver St, Ottery St Mary EX11 1DA

On the 22nd of May at 6.30pm

Come along for drinks and nibbles and also to find out more about Zoe and Lorna and how the bank will operate.

Green Team – Unclaimed lost property:

As we mentioned last week, any unclaimed items of clothing from our Lost Property Boxes will be donated to the Ottery Baby Bank to support their work and families in the local community.

Please could you check the lost property boxes before the last day of half term (24th May). These will be placed on the KS2 playground at the end of the day.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Miss Sims and the Green Team

Staffing:

This week we are holding interviews to replace Mr Hughes. We have had a lot of interest in the role and received 34 applications. We have shortlisted 6 applicants to attend interview.

Dates for the diary:

Half-term	w/c 27 th May
Inset days – school closed to children	3 rd and 4 th June
Year 2 Eden Project Trip	Thursday 13 th June
PGL (Year 6)	14 th -17 th June
PTA Bag2School	Wednesday 19 th June
Celebration of Dance	Friday 28 th June
Year 6 Kings Project Week	w/c Monday 8 th July
KS1 Sports Day	Wednesday 10 th July (am)
Year 1 Axe Valley Wildlife Park Trip	Monday 15 th July
KS2 Sports Day	Thursday 18 th July (day)
PTA KS2 Disco	Thursday 18 th July (eve)
PTA Summer Fête	Saturday 20 th July 3-6pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Tuesday 23 rd July
Last day of Summer Term	Thursday 25 th July