



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



4th November 2019

The mysterious door

You may have noticed an unusual arrival this Monday, as a mysterious door arrived on our playground. This has been the inspiration for a fantastic week of creative writing across the school. The door seemed to open up our children's imagination and we started the week with drama activities in every class. Children imagined they had been through the door and were 'hotseated' by their classmates to find out more. In other classes, children put together dramatic freeze frames to tell their creative stories.

Every child has had the chance to produce any piece of writing they would like in response to this mysterious event, and we have ended the week by sharing our writing with children from other classes. Some have written comic books, others newspaper reports, we have even seen some 'choose your own adventure' stories. Our door has even caught the attention of The Sidmouth Herald, who visited us to find out more!

The whole project was made possible because RIO (recycling in Ottery) donated us the door, "Smart Build Supplies" donated the timber for the doorframe and Warren Smith of PrimeBuild kindly constructed the door for us - we are very grateful to them all!



Hand Sanitisers

We are very grateful to the PTA for funding the purchase of 8 hand sanitiser units and replacement alcohol free hand sanitiser solution for the children to use. These have been placed around the school so that the children can maintain clean hands as they come in from the playground and when they come into the hall for lunch. They will also help to reduce the spread of germs and bacteria and will hopefully have a positive impact on the children's health as we head into the winter months.

Lateness

We have been seeing a rise this past fortnight of children arriving late to school and being dropped off in the playground in KS1 after the doors have closed. This could possibly leave the children unattended outside as the doors are not routinely monitored once they have been closed. Staff are asked to shut the doors promptly when the children have come in at 9.00am so please make every effort to arrive on time. All KS1 children should be accompanied by an adult to school and, if the doors have already closed, should be walked around to the office to be registered. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Unclaimed Lost Property

Please could you encourage your child to check the lost property boxes before in school. They are currently overflowing with unclaimed lost property. The Green Team try to reunite items with their owners if they are labelled but this is not always the case. Any unclaimed items in the lost property boxes will be disposed of at the end of term.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas dates for your information

The following dates have been confirmed for Christmas performances for this year. Please note that Year 3/4 will be performing at Easter, and hence are not holding a Christmas event for parents this year:

Tuesday 10 th December – 10am	EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday 10 th December – 6pm	Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 th December – 10am	EYFS Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 th December – 2pm	Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 th December – 2pm	Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 th December - 7pm	Y5/6 Christmas Performance (church)

PTA

We need your help! If you shop online, (whether it's the weekly shop, Christmas shop or holiday shop!) please could you sign up to easyfundraising to support the school?

It's a really easy way to raise money for us - you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 4,000 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, Sainsbury's and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.



We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at <http://tiny.cc/ottery-pta> and click 'support this cause'.

You can then either download the app, install the donation reminder to Google Chrome or head to the easyfundraising website when you want to do any online shopping, it's incredibly easy.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 5 th November	Tar Barrel relay
Thursday 14 th November	Year 3 SpaceLab
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Saturday 30 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 4 th December	School Christmas Lunch
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Wednesday 18 th December – 7pm	Y5/6 Christmas Performance (church)
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	First day of Spring Term
w/c 20 th April 2020	Year 5 Warren Barn Residential
17 th -19 th June 2020	Year 6 PGL Residential