



# Ottery Primary School Newsletter



18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Playground equipment

It has been a while since we sent out a reminder about the use of playground equipment before and after school but could we ask for your support in ensuring that the children are not making use of it at these times. This includes the playing of ball games on the KS2 playground. We are more than happy for the children to use the equipment during break-times and lunchtimes when it can be adequately supervised but, before and after school there are additional factors which make it much more difficult for this to happen. Although a duty teacher is out in the mornings and staff are available after school, the presence of parents who may wish to pass on a message or indeed the number of toddlers and pushchairs at these times mean that the potential for accidents is increased. Wet and windy conditions could also lead to avoidable accidents on and around the equipment.

Many thanks for your support with this

## Parking

The thorny issue of parking around the school continues to create dangerous situations for our neighbours and pedestrians making their way to school. Please can we implore those of you who are parking in a way that creates dangers or obstructions to consider the wider effects of this on all of the school community.

## Withycombe Raleigh Primary School information sessions

A number of useful information sessions are being organised and held at Withycombe Raleigh Primary School in Exmouth. Details of the remaining sessions that are taking place this term have been included alongside this week's newsletter.

## Christmas Lunch

If your child requires a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, please ensure this is **pre-ordered online by this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. It will not be possible to order after this date, so please supply a packed lunch on 4<sup>th</sup> December if you haven't pre-ordered a Christmas lunch, thank you.




## Lost Property

We continue to find items of clothing left around school which are unnamed. Please ensure any items that your child brings into school is clearly named. Any unnamed and unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.

## PTA Events

### **PTA Secret Shopping**



A wonderful event where the children choose a gift to buy for a loved one.

On Wednesday 27th November the children are invited to  come to school in non-uniform. They will have the opportunity during the school day to buy a gift and have it wrapped as a surprise for a family member or friend.

We ask that all children who want to shop donate an unwrapped gift (or gifts), up to a max value of £5, and bring it in to their classroom on Tuesday 26th November.

Gifts for family & friends could include toys, toiletries, candles, chocolates, books etc. Edibles should be in-date & nut free, please exclude hazardous items e.g. screwdrivers, razors, party poppers. Presents for pets should be clearly labelled please.

All participating children should be sent into school with some money in a named envelope (gifts from 50p-£5) so that they can choose one gift & have it wrapped in school on Wednesday 27th November.

 **Tue 26th Nov : bring unwrapped gift(s)**  
**Wed 27th Nov : non-uniform + money** 

Volunteers! Can you spare an hour or two on Wed. 27th Nov? This event relies on volunteers like you. Please send us a Facebook message or let Sarah Pearman in the office know if you can help.



The PTA have two fantastic events coming up to raise money which will benefit all the pupils at the school.

**Secret Shopping – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – mufti day**  
**(please bring donation in to school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November)**

**Christmas Fayre – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

The children love being able to buy a surprise gift at Secret Shopping during the school day and the Christmas Fayre is a lovely occasion for all the family. In order to run these events safely and successfully, we do need volunteers. If you are able to help with either event, please could you sign up on the doodle polls below and we'll get back to you with details.

Secret Shopping - <https://doodle.com/poll/t9649xwz5b3sbwxu>

Christmas Fayre - <https://doodle.com/poll/34grcpzypprucrc>

We are currently in discussions with the staff and the School Council about how the money raised will be spent and will let you all know once a decision is made.

Many thanks  
The PTA

## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Bring in gift for Secret Shopping
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Secret Shopping – mufti day
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – 10am	EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – 6pm	Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December – 10am	EYFS Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December – 2pm	Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December – 2pm	Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – 7pm	Y5/6 Christmas Performance (church)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	First day of Spring Term
w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Year 5 Warren Barn Residential
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Year 6 PGL Residential

## King's School

**The King's School  
Christmas Fayre**

**Friday 6th December 2019  
6.00pm to 8.00pm**

- Refreshments, including Mince Pies and Mulled Wine
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- Tombolas and Games
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- Chocolate Gifts, Toiletries and even presents for your pet!
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- Fantastic Raffle Prizes - First Prize £100
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- Come along and buy your unique Christmas gifts from our fabulous outside traders!

**See Santa in his Grotto!**