



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



25th November 2019

Christmas performances

The children are all busy putting together and rehearsing for their Christmas performances. Shortly you will be receiving letters where you can order tickets for these performances. Please pay close attention to these letters as they set out the maximum number of tickets per family. As the school has grown in numbers over the last couple of years, we are limited on the numbers of places we can offer due to health and safety and fire regulations. The letters give the deadline for ticket requests and these will be sorted out on a first come, first served basis.

Ball games before and after school

Last week we asked for your support in not allowing your children to use the playground equipment before and after school. Thank you to those of you who have supported us with this.

Could we also ask that you do not allow your children to bring in their own basketballs or other balls to play with in school. This can lead to arguments in school over who owns the ball and who is or isn't allowed to play. It also poses a potential danger both before and after school due to the presence of toddlers and pushchairs in the playground.

The school provides basketballs and other balls for the children to use at breaktimes and lunchtimes and we will continue to do this. Many thanks.

Raise money for the PTA

Double our supporters today! Don't spend a penny until you've done this...

Shopping online for Black Friday? Don't spend a penny!!!... Unless you've signed up to support us. It's really simple and gives FREE funding for our school, from 4000 stores, in just a couple of clicks! <http://tiny.cc/ottery-pta>

Register now ready for the next time you need to shop. Whether it's a food shop, new mobile phone contract or taking advantage of Black Friday deals.

Once signed up you just shop as normal, simply go via the easyfundraising app or website. That's it. Easy.

Almost 40 of you have already signed up, we'd like to double that today! If you haven't done so already, quickly register now <http://tiny.cc/ottery-pta>

PTA Events

The PTA are pleased to provide the children with two opportunities to get their Christmas Jumpers out this week! The first is at Secret Shopping this Wednesday which is a non-uniform day.

- Tue 26th Nov: please send your child to school with an unwrapped gift or gifts to donate (max £5). A box will be waiting in their classroom to put them in. School uniform today please!
- Wed 27th Nov: please send your child to school with some money to shop with (max £5 in a named envelope). Non-uniform day today!

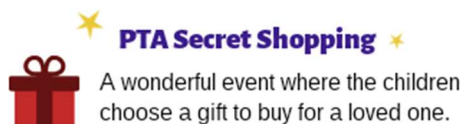
Then the whole family can dress festively at our Christmas Fayre this Saturday. We will be giving out prizes during the day to any child or adult who we think has a particularly good Christmas jumper or festive headgear!

We have 13 external stall holders attending the Fayre this year selling a wide variety of items including handmade gifts, books, jewellery, toiletries and make up.

The PTA have organised lots of additional great stalls including bacon butties, veggie sausage sandwiches, chocolate pancakes, teas/coffees, cakes, raffle, tombola, tattoos, Christmas Crafts, PTA Christmas Shop, sweet stall and lots of Christmas Games. The star of the show is of course Santa who'll be in his grotto throughout the Fayre.

We really want to be able to run all these stalls, but we currently do not have enough volunteers. If you are able to help run a stall from either 11:00-12:30 or 12:30-14:00 please could you get in touch asap either by emailing otteryprimarypta@gmail.com, leaving your details with the School Office or signing up on this doodle poll <https://doodle.com/poll/34grcpzypprpucr>

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.



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.



OTTERY ST MARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre

30th November 11am - 2pm

Visit Santa in his grotto!

Festive Gift Stalls

Cakes . Refreshments . Bacon sandwiches
Tombola . Raffle . Christmas games & crafts

Get your gift list cracked! All proceeds to the PTA

Honiton Rugby Club

The Honiton Rugby Club under 6s and under 7s are looking for new players.

If your child is in year 1 or 2 and interested in tag rugby, please contact Meg Vallender on 07787606018. Join us for a free taster session. The team train on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. Under 7s age group play matches most Sunday mornings, throughout the winter season.

Children in the under 6 age category (year 1) will be invited to join training sessions in the new year. Parents can get in touch now to register interest.

Parents Plus Adolescents Programme (PPAP)



An evidence-based parenting course promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16 years.

The Parents Plus Adolescents Programme considers how parents can connect with and build good relationships with their children (aged 11-16), while also being firm and influential in their lives.

Topics include:

- Getting to know and connecting with your child
- Communicating positively and effectively
- Building your adolescents self-esteem and confidence
- Negotiating rules and boundaries
- Teaching adolescents responsibility
- Positive discipline for adolescents
- Managing conflict
- Solving problems together

Who should attend

The course is free to attend and open to all parents and carers of children aged 11-16. Where possible we recommend that both parents attend the course as we have found this helps the child the most. If you are a single parent, please feel free to bring along another supportive family member. We will meet all parents for an individual introductory meeting prior to the group starting.

Course details

The course consists of eight two and half hour group sessions at **Cranbrook Education Campus**, starting on **Wednesday 29th January 2020** and finishing on **Wednesday March 2020**. Introductory appointments will be arranged with families prior to the beginning of the course. The course will run from **5.30pm to 8pm**.

Dates

Wednesday 29th January
Wednesday 5th February
Wednesday 12th February
Break – Half Term
Wednesday 26th February

Wednesday 4th March
Wednesday 11th March
Wednesday 18th March
Wednesday 25th March

Reply

If interested in attending the course please email earlyhelpmideastsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk for a referral form.

Exmouth Players

Following The Exmouth Players recent open auditions for our February production of "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" a courtroom drama by Jeffrey Archer, they are currently looking for a male in his 30's or early 40's to fill one of the role's in this play, namely Robert Pierson. All the other roles have been cast.

Character details: A medium part. He is Junior Counsel with Sir David Metcalfe. He appears in Act I (undertakes the questioning of Sir David for the Defence) and again in Act II attending a pre-trial dinner at the Metcalfes home along with Lionel Hamilton some 9 months before the events in question. This character has a pleasant manner and is competent and talented - on track to become a QC.

If you are, or know of anyone else who might be, interested in auditioning (which is quite informal) for this role, then please contact trevor.brice@blackmoretheatre.co.uk leaving your name and contact details. They will then get back to you.

The Exmouth Players (CIO)

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 26 th November	Bring in gift for Secret Shopping
Wednesday 27 th November	PTA Secret Shopping – mufti day
Saturday 30 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 4 th December	School Christmas Lunch
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)
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