



# Ottery Primary School Newsletter



20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Merry Christmas

First and foremost, we'd like to wish all our children and their families a very happy Christmas. It's been a very busy term, with lots and lots going on, culminating in all of the Christmas performances and the Choir's trip to sing for all the shoppers at Sainsburys. As ever, the children have excelled themselves and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We're also really grateful for all the support that we have received from families and friends.

The collections at the EYFS and Key Stage 1 performances raised £271.90 which is wonderful. We will utilise this money to enhance our curriculum enrichment activities and resources.

Thank you to those of you who braved the weather for the Year 5 and 6 performance which raised an amazing £263.86 for the Beehive Charity in Kenya.

Enjoy the Christmas break and we look forward to the children returning in 2020! The first day of term for the children will be Tuesday 7th January.

## Winter Shop

Mrs Bull and the Forest School have been busy producing a whole range of wonderful items to sell at the Forest School Shop. All of the items were handmade by the children and have been on sale after school on a Tuesday and Thursday, raising over £290. The children have really enjoyed themselves and special thanks must go to Mrs Bull for all the time and effort she puts into the Forest School.



## Music Mark

We are delighted to have been awarded membership of Music Mark - a national organisation and Subject Association for Music Education. This recognises the value that we place on music and all the hard work that is done here to ensure that pupils are able to access and engage with high quality music education. Special thanks needs to go to Mrs Tindal for all of her work in promoting and delivering music in the school.



## Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a number of vacancies in school. Please check the [school website](#) or [Devon Jobs](#) for further details. The closing date for applications is Friday 10th January 2020.

## Christmas Tree Competition

Salston were the winning tree in the completion for voting for the favourite tree amongst the four house trees that have been taking pride of place in the foyer. Thank you to everyone who voted.

## Key Stage 2 toys in school

From the start of the spring term 2020 we will not allow children in Key Stage 2 to bring toys into school as they are proving such a distraction. Please support the school in this and do not send toys in with your children after Christmas. If any children do bring in toys, they will be stored away by staff until their parents can collect them. This extends to collectible toys and games such as Match Attax and Pokemon cards as well.

Many thanks for your support with this

## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	First day of Spring Term
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	EYFS Vision Screening
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020 3pm	EYFS Parents Maths Workshop
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Half-term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term
w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Year 5 Warren Barn Residential
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	KS2 SATS Week
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Half-term
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Year 6 PGL Residential
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	Last day of Summer Term