



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



13th January 2020

Happy New Year

We'd like to wish everyone a warm welcome back to school and a very happy new year.

Anna Vine

We are very sorry to say that Anna Vine will be leaving us at half-term to take up a position working for CAMHS, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service. Anna has been a pivotal member of staff since joining us in 2016 and has supported both staff and families relentlessly. Her knowledge, experience and dedication will be greatly missed and we'd like to thank Anna for all that she has done.

Anna will be working to ensure that her workload and current cases are handed over to the school to ensure continuity of support for families so, in the meantime, myself, Dan Western and Frankie Finlay will be available and leading in this area until a suitable replacement is found. Please do contact us via the office contact details below if you require any support or information.

Tel: (01404) 812977, email: admin@ottery-primary.devon.sch.uk

The processes for recruiting a replacement Pastoral Support Coordinator to replace Anna are underway and I will keep you informed of their progress.

Diablos

May I reiterate that diablos are not permitted to be brought into school under any circumstances. This was mentioned in our end of term newsletter on 20th December. We appreciate the value to children of playing with diablos, and as such will be purchasing a school set which the children will be able to use under supervision. Thank you for

Drains

I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding on Friday as we had to cordon off part of the playground and change collection arrangements due to a blocked drain. I am pleased to say that the drain is now clear and we have washed and disinfected the playground thoroughly following the incident.

Late arrival to school

We are seeing an increase in the number of children who are arriving late for school in the morning. This places considerable pressure on staff in the office who need to organise getting the children down to class and sorting out their lunch arrangements at a very busy time in the day for them. It also increases workload for the teaching teams who have to settle the children and go over anything

they may have missed by being late. Most importantly it can lead to worry and anxiety for the children themselves.

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring children arrive at school on time and ready for the day. Many thanks.



Green Team

News from the Green Team!

The Green Team would like your help. Please could you search your wardrobes at home and pull out any old, long-sleeved shirts which are lying around. By up-cycling your clothes you can help protect the children's uniform from paint, glue and clay 😊. Please bring them to school for the attention of the Green Team. Thank you from the

Ottery St Mary Primary – Years 3-6



Multi-Sports Club



When? Every Thursday starting 23rd January until 16th March
Where? School Playground/School Field
Time? 3:30-4:30pm
Cost? £27 for 9 sessions – please make cheques payable to Mr Alex J Clements
Please remember to bring in your PE kit and a water bottle!



I give permission for _____ to take part in the Multi-Sports Club run by Alex Clements.
 I enclose payment of £27.00 cheque (made payable to Mr Alex J Clements) or cash (delete as applicable).
 Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Medical Information: _____

Dates for the diary

20 th & 21 st January 2020	EYFS Vision Screening
23 rd January 2020 3pm	EYFS Parents Maths Workshop
Tuesday 28 th January	EYFS/Y6 Height & Weight
Wednesday 29 th January pm	Year 1 walk to Church
w/c 17 th February 2020	Half-term
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Spring Term
Wednesday 15 th April	First day of Summer Term
w/c 20 th April 2020	Year 5 Warren Barn Residential
w/c 11 th May 2020	KS2 SATS Week
w/c 25 th May 2020	Half-term
17 th -19 th June 2020	Year 6 PGL Residential
Tuesday 21 st July 2020	Last day of Summer Term