



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



14th February 2020

Anna Vine

We are very sorry to be bidding farewell to Anna Vine today. Anna has been a huge asset to the school and support to many children and families during her time with us. Her knowledge, compassion and expertise will be sorely missed and extremely difficult to replace. We'd naturally like to thank Anna for everything she has done for the school and its community and to wish her every success with her new role at CAMHS.

World Book day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. You may spot a few Mr Men and Little Misses amongst our staff, and everyone is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite story book character.

School Council news

The School Council cake sale raised a whopping £237.39 last month. Money raised will be used to purchase equipment for the children to use during wet plays. Thank you to all who contributed cakes, and to all who purchased and ate them! We will be holding another cake sale at Easter.

New Staff

We are delighted to have been able to appoint four new Teaching Assistants to the school to start after half-term. Michaela Daumann-Rattenbury, Karen Deacon, Kate Parsons and Natalie Taylor will be joining the team and will be utilised across different areas of the school.

Key Stage 2 playground

Could we politely ask parents to bear in mind that, while we do have a member of staff on duty in the playground and one by the Spring Gardens gate in the mornings before school, parents are responsible for supervising their children while on site. Many thanks.

Future Newsletters

It is not always possible to fill a weekly newsletter with relevant material so, after half-term, we will trial a more detailed monthly newsletter which will be sent out in the first week of each month.

PTA Events

We hope everyone enjoyed our KS2 Disco yesterday, and a huge thank you to Tim and his organising team for another fantastic evening.

Please look out for information about the following events that will be happening next half term:

Storytelling (Years EYFS to 3) – Friday 6th March 6pm

Film Night (all year groups) – Friday 20th March – details TBC

Kitchen Vacancy

Dolce are currently advertising for a vacancy in the Kitchen. Details below, which will also shortly be advertised on Indeed.co.uk. If you would like to find out more in the meantime, please contact the school office and ask to speak to the Kitchen, thank you.

School Chef Manager -Term Time Only

£10.00 per Hour Annualised pay.

Catering Experience 7061/2 or NVQ level 3.

Catering Management Experience required more than 3 years

Food safety & Health Safety certificate minimum level 2 (required to work towards level 3)

Enhanced DBS certificate will be required.

Online training in safeguarding to be completed within 1 week of starting date.

Yoga



Yoga Club Spring Term Booking

Bookings are now being taken for the second half of the spring term. Yoga club is for KS2 children and classes take place on a Wednesday between 3.30 and 4.30pm in the dance studio so that children can come straight from school at the end of the day.

Please drop me a line at hello@flourish-yoga.co.uk if you want a place for your child or you want to find out more. The cost per class is just £5.50 when paid in advance.



Bookings are now being taken for this half-term yoga session at the beautiful Chicken Shed Studio. £12.50 per child. Sibling discount available: £11 per child when two or more siblings book together. The session is open for children from 5 to 11 years of age. Yoga, craft, healthy food and lots of fun!

Coronavirus

In light of the coronavirus outbreak that has been widely reported in the news, there are a number of useful links to government and NHS advice that you may find helpful:

- [GOV.UK information on coronavirus and the situation in the UK](#)
- [GOV.UK foreign travel advice](#)
- [World Health Organization: coronavirus myth busters](#)

What's the risk of catching coronavirus in the UK?

The UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. But the risk to individuals remains low.

Health professionals are working to contact anyone who has been in close contact with people who have coronavirus.

How coronavirus is spread

Because it's a new illness, we do not know exactly how coronavirus spreads from person to person. Similar viruses spread in cough droplets. It's highly unlikely coronavirus can be spread through packages from affected countries or through food.

How to avoid catching or spreading germs

There's currently no vaccine for coronavirus. But there are things you can do to help stop germs like coronavirus spreading.

Do

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Dates for the diary

w/c 17 th February 2020	Half-term
w/c Monday 23 rd March	Year 3/4 Easter Performances
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
Thursday 21 st May	Celebration of Dance
w/c 25 th May 2020	Half-term
17 th -19 th June 2020	Year 6 PGL Residential
Tuesday 30 th June (pm)	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 2 nd July	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 16 th July	TBC Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Saturday 18 th July	PTA Summer Fête
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of Summer Term