



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



9th October 2020

Parent Consultation Evenings

As a result of the impact of Covid-19 we are planning to hold virtual parent consultation evenings this term using a dedicated software package. We will be sending out further details on this shortly. The consultations will take place after half term.

Beginning/End of Day

We are noticing that an increasing number of cars' engines are left running at the start of the end of the day, whilst children are being dropped off/collected from school. This does pose significant health risks for our children with the constant running of engines, particularly for those children with asthma and similar conditions, so it would be greatly appreciated if engines could be turned off during these times. Thank you for your consideration.

Could we also remind everyone that, as part of our Risk Assessment, toys are **not** to be brought into school under any circumstances.

PTA

As things are looking somewhat different this year, our fund-raising efforts will inevitably take a bit of a hit. So, we are going to have to be more creative in how we raise valuable funds for our school.



One easy way is with our shopping ...

Did you know that we're registered with easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?



Since our fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for the school.

These donations are greatly needed and pay for things like new playground and classroom equipment.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an

enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself. Particularly as some of us begin to think about or Christmas shopping lists!

Whenever you need to shop online, go via the app or website, simple! <https://www.tiny.cc/ottery-pta>

Bag2School Collection

We have arranged to have another Bag2School collection from school, which is an easy way for us to raise some money for the school on behalf of the PTA. Collection day is **Wednesday 25th November**, so please start having a clear out and get ready to bring your bags in to school. We cannot take bags prior to the 25th as we are unfortunately unable to store due to current guidelines, but please can you bring your bags to school by 9am on that day, and help us to raise some much-needed funds. Thank you.

Year 2 Request

This half term we have been learning about the Great Fire of London after discovering a time capsule in the woodlands. To bring our learning to a close, we are going to undertake a design and technology project whereby the children create their own Tudor houses, which we will then set light to in the playground to replicate the events of the Great Fire of London. To support us with this, we ask that you send a cereal box in for your child to use as a basis for their house.

Please could we have this as soon as possible and ensure that your child's name is written clearly somewhere on it. Please **do not** drop the boxes off in the office, **please send them into the classroom with your child**. The boxes will be quarantined for 3 days after being brought in, before being used.

Show racism the red card

A reminder that next Friday we are asking the children to wear something red and bring in a donation of £1.00 in support of showing racism the red card.

Thank you for your continued support at this increasingly difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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