



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the clocks going back at the start of half-term and the return of dark afternoons, it does seem that Autumn is truly upon us and the countdown to Christmas will soon be underway, (the dates and times of the various Christmas Performances will be included in the Bulletin next week). But before this starts, last night the children enjoyed the 'PTA Halloween Discos' which helped raise money for the school, School Council have been eagerly wrapping the 'Christmas Boxes' ready for their collection, the Bookfair has been delivered and as the week has progressed there has been an increasing range of 'poppy' memorabilia being worn by children in readiness for Remembrance Day on Monday so Potley Hill really has been a hive of activity, (as always).

In addition to this, a group of Year 3&4 girls took part in a Handball Competition at Calthorpe Park School on Wednesday afternoon. After a little trepidation about this 'new' sport at the start, they represented the school fantastically well and made a lot of progress throughout the event with their handball skills and should feel proud of their achievements.

And finally, with Remembrance Day falling on Monday, we will then be moving into our very own Kindness Week. Assemblies together with a range of learning and circle times in class will explore our school value of kindness throughout the week, (which coincides with national Anti-Bullying Week), and it will culminate with children, (and staff), being encouraged to wear 'odd-socks' on Friday 15th November. Due to the amount of recent fundraising we won't be supporting Children in Need this year, but by wearing 'odd socks' next Friday it's a great way for everyone to celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique as Kindness Week comes to an end.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis
Headteacher

Diary Dates

November 2024

w/c 11th – Book Fair in school
w/c 11th – Kindness Week
Friday 15th – Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st – Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 28th – Community Orchard Planting
Friday 29th – Whole School Flu Immunisations
Friday 29th – Y3&4 Sleepover at School
Friday 29th – Darby Green Christmas Tree Lighting

December 2024

Monday 2nd – INSET DAY (School Closed)
Thursday 12th – Nile & Thames Class to Milestones Museum
Thursday 12th – Onyx Class to Winchester Science Museum

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.
Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Reyon

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Andreea C	Anopa B	88.57%
Thames	Zachary A	Mason J	98.33%
Amazon	Ella B	Max T	96.67%
Danube	Maverick R	Owen W	94.17%
Yangtze	Scarlet H	Jenson H	98.7%
Onyx	Sienna T	Lewis G	97.67%
Orinoco	Inaaya H	Seth W	88.57%
Zambezi	Hannah D	Nichalo A	99.47%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 220 **Williamson – 181**
Peacock -145 **Farah – 222**

Timetable Rockstars:

Most Active & Improved – Onyx Class

Coffee and Connection Morning with Ms Ward

Our first 'Coffee and Connection Morning' took place yesterday where the theme of 'dealing with separation at drop off,' was explored. Why not join us next Thursday at 9am when we will be discussing practical ideas on how best to help your child deal with change?

A big thankyou to the PTA, all of the many parent and staff volunteers, (including the much anticipated return of DJ Farrer), and finally to the very excited children who made the Halloween Discos an overwhelming success last night. Due to your contributions, £592 was raised and will be added to the PTA Totaliser in the School Office. Thank you for your continued support.

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Think Pharmacy First!



Did you know that you can take your child to your local pharmacy and get treatment for five medical conditions?

These are:

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 and over)

If your child is poorly with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist and receive advice and even medication (if appropriate) and your child can get back to school sooner.

Visit our Pharmacy First website to find out more.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please collect from the gate halfway up the playground at 4.15pm for:

Art Club Recorders
Board Games Space Club

Please collect from outside the school office at 4.15pm for:

Cooking Club

Please collect from outside the school office at 4pm for:

Picture Book Club

Please collect from Zambezi class door at 4.15pm for:

Year 6 Girls Booster Club

MONDAY

Year 1 & 2 Art Club (max 12)
Mrs Wilson & Mrs Watson - Amazon

Year 6 Girls Booster (invite only)
Miss Miles/Mrs Richards -Zambezi/Orinoco

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School Hall Years 1 - 6

[Click here](#) for more information

Tuesday

Year 5 Cooking Club (max 8)
Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech
First Half-term only

WEDNESDAY

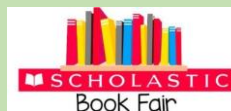
Year 1 & 2 Board Games (max 12)
Mrs Leighton - Amazon class

KS2 Recorder Club (max 20)
Mrs Wilding - Music room

THURSDAY

Years 1 & 2 Picture Book Club
Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles (invite only) -
Zambezi/Amazon

KS2 Space Club (max 12)
Mrs Smith - Danube



The ever-popular Book Fair is in school next week from Monday 11th – Thursday 14th November. Whilst every class will have the opportunity to visit during the week, parents/carers are also able to come along and see what's on offer in the School Office from 8.30-8.50am and 3.20-3.50pm on those days. As well as the books there will also be a wide range of stationery on offer together with the opportunity to see the winning entries of those pupils who entered our competition to design a new front cover for their favourite book. Well done to all those who took part and the winning entries were; Zara H, Jason T, Rex T, Fatima K & Evelyn C, and they each receive received a £5 gift voucher to spend at the Book Fair too. And please remember that we receive a quantity of free books for the school based on the amount you kindly spend on books for your children!

St Barnabas
THE ENCOURAGER

Please join us for our
Remembrance Service
Sunday 10th November, 10am
at St. Barnabas Church, GU17 0BT

The service will conclude with a two minute silence at 11am where local groups and individuals will have the opportunity to lay a wreath.

Coffee and tea will be served in the church afterwards.

Lest we Forget

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion this week by purchasing a range of the items available in school. In addition to our school laying wreaths at local Remembrance Events over the coming weekend, including at St Barnabas Church, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day at our school next Monday, 11th November. If your child attends beavers, cubs, rainbows, brownies or boys brigade then they are more than welcome to wear their uniform for the organisation to school on that day.

Potley Hill Primary School menu October 2024 to April 2025 - £3.20 per meal

Daily Jacket Potato with choice of cheese/baked beans/tuna mayo filling and hot tomato pasta will also be on offer each day. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 4 th & 25 th Nov, 16 th Dec, 20 th Jan, 10 th Feb, 10 th Mar	Veggie Bolognese pasta	Vegetarian sausage roll with crinkle cut wedges	Homemade Margherita pizza	Plant based sausage and Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Somerset cheddar cheese and onion quiche
	Chicken katsu curry with brown & white rice	Ham carbonara with pasta	Sticky honey glazed chicken with brown & white rice	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Shortbread	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Ginger sponge
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 11 th Nov, 2 nd Dec 6 th & 27 th Jan 24 th Feb, 17 th Mar	Plant based hotdog with half portion of diced potatoes	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato and lentil curry with brown and white rice
	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Pork sausages with mashed potatoes & gravy	Bubble salmon and crinkle cut wedges	Sliced chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Chocolate Pudding	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Honey biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 18 th Nov, 9 th Dec 13 th Jan, 3 rd Feb, 3 rd & 24 th Mar	Macaroni cheese	Veggie cottage pie	Vegetable and bean burrito	Quorn and pastry crown	Cheese and potato frittata
	Beef chilli con carne with brown and white rice and tortilla chip	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Handmade BBQ pizza topped with chicken	Sliced pork with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and baked beans
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Chocolate brownie	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Jammy shortbread biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Toffee apple sponge