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# Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing to you with the final bulletin of 2023-24 as the summer holidays have gone by in the blink of an eye, but I really do hope you managed to make some special memories with your children. As we enter a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents of our new Reception pupils, Nile Class, to the school together with their teacher Mrs Guillaume and our Year 4 teacher Miss Gregory.

All pupils have made an incredibly calm, settled and purposeful start to the year, with routines and expectations already clearly established within classrooms, and our School Values being fully embraced by all. The children should feel incredibly proud of this.

However, the same cannot be said for the building and premises! Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience caused by the closure of the Reception playground space for the past two days due to the blocked drains. Whilst we try to keep the drain as clear of leaves as possible, the issue is much deeper beneath the surface where the roots of current and previously removed trees continue to cause blockages along the drain system. We will continue to speak to Hampshire CC about how they can support us with solving this issue so that the playground doesn't repeatedly flood in extremely wet weather.

The other logistical challenge that has been presented is that Hampshire CC fitted a brand new fire alarm system in school over the summer. This system is more sophisticated than the previous one and is also directly linked to the fire service. This meant that when it was accidentally triggered this morning, (there was no fire), the children very sensibly evacuated the building but we were visited by a fire engine, with full siren and flashing blue lights. All the children saw this whilst evacuated on the playground, with many of them waving to the firefighters, (who also waved back), and I have been assured by many of the children this was the highlight of their first week back!!!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

## Diary Dates

### September 2024

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Swimming starts  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Frogmore Community College Taster Day  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – PTA Annual General Meeting @ 2.45pm  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – School Library Opens  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Potley Hill Help Out Event 10am – 1pm (see below)  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Y6 PGL Residential

### October 2024

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Prospective Parents Tour @ 9.30am  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amazon Class Assembly  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents Tour @ 2pm & 6pm

## Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

### Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Declan R

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Eloдие A	Oakley H	97.92%
Thames	Nyla M	Archie G	97.22%
Amazon	Brodie G	Isla C	99.43%
Danube	Abigail P	Miles H	<b>100%</b>
Yangtze	Natalia C	Jamie G	<b>100%</b>
Onyx	Fatima K	Emma B	<b>94.62%</b>
Orinoco	Sophie G	Cassius T	<b>100%</b>
Zambezi	Zade KL	Evelyn C	<b>100%</b>

\*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

The first set of Potley Points results for our newly elected house names will be published next week!!!

Peacock Williamson Raducanu Farah

**Timestable Rockstars:**  
Most Active – Onyx Class

## Homework and Policies Update

There have been some minor amendments made to our homework expectations, (which are just to the right), but if you would like to take a look at our Homework Policy in full then [click here](#). Together with this, a slightly updated Behaviour and Relationships Policy for this academic year has been added to our website which can be [found here](#). If you have a concern about your child [this link](#) will hopefully direct you to the right person at school who is best placed to help.

## Potley Hill Homework Expectations

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5	Year 6
At least 4 x weekly reading of Phonics Book	At least 4 x weekly reading of Phonics Book	At least 4 x weekly reading for 15 mins at a time	At least 4 x weekly reading for 15 mins at a time	At least 4 x weekly reading for 15 mins at a time	At least 4 x weekly reading for 15 mins at a time
Interactive activity focusing on basic number sense using Numbots	Interactive activity focusing on basic number sense using Numbots	Interactive activity focusing on basic number sense using Numbots and then moving to practising timetables on TT Rockstars when introduced.	TT Rockstars completing sessions set by teacher	TT Rockstars completing sessions set by teacher	TT Rockstars completing sessions set by teacher
Practising sounds and words from the week using Phonics packs	Practising sounds and words from the week using Phonics packs	Shared read between adult and child – picture book, chapter book or listening to an audio book together	CGP book to be completed by the deadline each week (alternate between grammar and maths each week)	CGP book to be completed by the deadline each week (alternate between grammar and maths each week)	CGP book to be completed by the deadline each week (alternate between grammar and maths each week)
Adult and child enjoying a picture/story book together (read by the adult to the child) or listening to an audio book together several times a week	Adult and child enjoying a picture/story book together (read by the adult to the child) or listening to an audio book together several times a week	Adult and child enjoying a picture/story book together (read by the adult to the child) or listening to an audio book together several times a week			Easter holidays revision booklets for Maths and grammar

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each week in the bulletin you will find details about the wide range of after school clubs offered at Potley Hill. A small number of our clubs are provided by external companies who charge pupils to attend, however all our clubs run by staff are done so free of charge. This 'free' offer of after school clubs is something which we are proud of and will look to continue this year, so please keep a look out next week on Arbor for further information about the clubs on offer this term. Whilst there might not be something for everyone during the autumn, we hope every child is able to participate in one club at some point throughout the year.

### Vacancies for Play Workers at Potley Hill Primary School, Yateley.



Breakfast Club 7.20am-8.50am • After School Club 3pm-6pm  
Mon-Fri - term time only.

Experience in childcare is preferable however paid training can be given.

- ✓ Competitive rates of pay
  - ✓ free child place
  - ✓ uniform
- ✓ holiday pay and pension offered (if criteria met)
- ✓ plus optional extra hours available at our holiday club during school holidays.

Candidates can apply for both roles or separately.

**For further information or an application pack,  
please email: [theafterschoolclub2011@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:theafterschoolclub2011@yahoo.co.uk)**

**An Enhanced DBS check is required**



### Summer Redevelopment

During the summer holidays some significant redevelopments took place within school including the installation of a new fire alarm (more on that above), the installation of a new IT server, the painting of pupil toilets and also the external decoration of the bus which will soon be in operation as our 'Nurture Nook.' I am sure you will agree that this is far more pleasing on the eye for all visitors to the school site.



We would like to make even further improvements to the school site, including painting the school fence blue, so if you are able to be part of our second 'Potley Hill Help Out Event on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10am – 1pm then please let the School Office know. Many hands will make light work of these manual jobs. Hopefully it will be the first of a number of these events to come together to help freshen the school up!

## Potley Hill Primary School Menu April – October 2024 £3.20

**Daily sandwich choice (Mon/Thurs: Cheese, Tues/Fri: Ham, Wed: Tuna) and cold tomato pasta on offer each day. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.**

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 30th <sup>th</sup> Sept, 21st <sup>d</sup> Oct	Tomato pasta	Sweet potato and lentil curry with white and brown rice	Margherita pizza	Vegetable wellington, roast potatoes & gravy	Roasted vegetable lasagne
	Chicken fajita with brown and white rice	Pork Sausages with mashed potato & gravy	Bubble salmon with crinkle cut wedges	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked fish fingers with chips
	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>
	Chocolate shortbread biscuit	Fruit & Jelly	Toffee apple cake	Chocolate sponge pudding	Jam and coconut sponge cake
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Vegetarian sausage roll with mashed potato	Cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes	Margherita pizza	Quorn and leek pastry crown, roast potatoes & gravy	Plant based burger in bap with cheese and chips
	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken katsu curry with brown and white rice	Ham carbonara with penne pasta	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast pot. & gravy	Baked fish fingers with chips
	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>
	Shortbread biscuit	Fresh fruit wedges	Apple sponge cake	Marble sponge cake	Chocolate brownie
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 23 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cheddar cheese, onion and potato pasty	Plant based sausage hotdog with diced potatoes	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes & gravy	Cheddar cheese and potato frittata
	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Beef bolognaise pasta bake	Sliced gammon with Yorkshire pudding, roast pot. & gravy	Baked Fish fingers with chips
	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>	<b>All served with Vegetable of the day or salad</b>
	Marble shortbread biscuit	Apple crumble	Honey cookie	Lemon drizzle cake	Flapjack