



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome over one hundred parent/carers/grandparents in to classrooms yesterday as part of our World Book Day celebrations. There were some incredible costumes and reference to a wide variety of books across the school and we do thank you for your support with this event, and thanks must also go to Miss Miles for organising it. We also look forward to the visit of the author and illustrator Elys Dolan on Tuesday 19th March, as her book 'Weasles' provided such a great stimulus for the whole school's learning for World Book Day this year. Raising the profile of reading is always important, and for those parents who attended yesterday I shared a graphic of how a child, who reads for 20 minutes a day, can be exposed to 1.8 million words a year. Daily reading has such an impact on children's learning and outcomes so please try to find space in our ever busy lives to listen to children read daily, and log this on [BoomReader](#).

Not only were parents invited in this week to share books with children, but with Katsura Class Assembly on Wednesday morning it provided another opportunity for parents to share the great learning taking place at Potley Hill. For those who attended they were treated to a choral retelling of a poem, together with seeing a range of artwork whilst also listening to a debate about the legacy of Ancient Greece. The assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we look forward to welcoming the parents and carers of Juniper Class in to school next Wednesday 13th March for a similar experience, (hopefully Juniper would have found their way back from their local walk to Yateley by then)!

And finally, whilst our football teams have had a break this week there have been two opportunities for some younger pupils to represent the school in sport. A group of Year 4 boys took part in a relentless (Mr Farrer's word) and high scoring handball festival on Tuesday whilst some Year 2 pupils tried a range of Multi-skills at Calthorpe Park School with Mrs Wetherill on Wednesday. A big well done to all involved!

Have a lovely weekend and Happy Mother's Day!

Mr B Ellis
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March 2024

Monday 11th – Year 6 to Think Safe Event
Wednesday 13th – Juniper Class Assembly
Friday 15th – Red Nose Day
w/c 18th – Living Eggs in YR
Thursday 21st – FCC Creative Cluster Event @ 5pm
Monday 25th – Y4 Runways End Parents Meeting @ 6pm
Thursday 28th – Last day of term

April 2024

Monday 15th – Pupils return to school

Celebration

The following pupils have been chosen to be celebrated this week by their class teacher.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Oliver L

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Nyla M	Louis S	96.66%
Maple	Robyn T	Teddy R	94.14%
Juniper	Poppy P	Mia T	96.15%
Aspen	Jamie G	Sophia S	96.31%
Redwood	Fatima K	Lewis G	96.77%
Bonsai	Lara M	Menashe N	100%
Katsura	Hannah D	Alice L	97.04%
Rowan	Evelyn C	Sophie G	98.08%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals:

Blue – 232 **Yellow – 166**
Red – 270 **Green – 232**

Timetable Rockstars:

Most Active & Improved – Rowan Class

Parent Survey Feedback

At the Parents Evenings that took place before half-term, parents had the opportunity to complete the second part of this year's Parent Survey and there were exactly 100 responses. It is always helpful to know from the perspective of parents what is going well and what we need to do better, but it is pleasing to report that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

100% of you feel that your child does well at school and there is a good range of subjects available for your child to learn, whilst 99% of parents would recommend our school to others which is wonderfully positive. The statement 'My child can take part in clubs and activities' only had 92% of parents agreeing with it and was the lowest outcome. We are constantly striving to provide as many wider opportunities beyond the school day as possible and this feedback, as well as your responses to the other questions, is always greatly appreciated.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (LTSA) to engage with our children at lunchtime in order to make them as enjoyable as possible. If this is a role you would be interested in then why not take a look [here](#) for further information. But you need to be quick, the deadline is Monday 11th March!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extra-curricular activities that are planned for each week are below.

We will endeavour to run extra-curricular activities whatever the weather. However, if any activities need to be cancelled, we will contact you via Arbor.

Please collect your child from the gate at the lower end of the top playground at 4.15pm from school-run clubs.

Monday

Years 1 & 2 – Yoga Club
Miss Barton Oak classroom (15 pupils)

Years 4 to 6 – Choir

Mr Ellis & Mrs Wilding Music room (30 pupils)

Additional members from Year 3 upwards are now welcome in preparation for 'Creative Cluster Event' at Frogmore CC on Thursday 21st March.

Year 6 Booster Clubs (invite only)

Miss Miles/Mrs Richards Katsura/Bonsai classrooms

Judo 4 Juniors – (Judo in School Hall) Years 1-6
[Click here](#) for more information

Tuesday

Years 1 to 6 Well-Being Club (invite only)
Mrs Elkins & Mrs Watson Oak classroom

Wednesday

Netball (Boys & Girls teams only)
Mrs Bailey Playground

Bustagroove - (Street Dance in Redwood Class)
Years R-2 bustagroove.info@gmail.com

Thursday

Years 3 to 6 – French Club
Mrs Smith Aspen classroom (12 pupils)

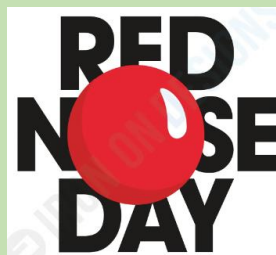
Friday

Football team (Boys & Girls teams only)
Mr Farrer Frogmore CC Astro

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March 2024

Next Friday 15th March, **Red Nose Day** will be taking place and this is just a reminder about the School Council joke competition! Each class will have the chance to vote for the funniest joke in their class and a 'Grand Final' will be held on **Red Nose Day** in Celebration Assembly to find the funniest joke in the whole school!

In addition to this, in order to raise money for Comic Relief, School Council have agreed with Mr Ellis that children, (and staff), can come in to school wearing one item or accessory that is **red** and donate a minimum of £1 to this worthwhile charity. School uniform will need to be worn but children might want to wear **red** shoes, or maybe a **red** baseball cap, **red** gloves, or **red** trousers, (these items may be worn as well as pupils wearing any 'red noses' they might have) This way the colour **red** is highlighted and raises the profile for **Red Nose Day**. Thank you for your support with this and we look forward to sharing with you how much money has been raised.



Potley Hill Primary School Menu October 2023 – March 2024 £3 per day

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 25 th March	Plant-based burger in a bap with diced potatoes	Tomato pasta	Margherita pizza with diced potatoes	Quorn chicken pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato and lentil curry with white and brown rice
	Spaghetti bolognese	Italian style chicken goujons with diced potatoes	Chicken and oriental style vegetable rice	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked fish fingers with chips
	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
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Chocolate brownie	Fruit and Jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge	Shortbread biscuit
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 11 th March	Meat free hotdog with diced potatoes	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Vegetable pastry crown, roast potatoes & gravy	Cheddar cheese and potato frittata
	Cottage pie	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Ham carbonara with penne pasta	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked battered fish and chips
	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
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Apple flapjack	Fruit and Jelly	Victoria Sponge	Jumble biscuit
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 18 th March	Cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes	Macaroni cheese	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Meat free sausage puff, roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetable and bean burrito
	Pork sausage roll with diced potatoes	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Bubble salmon with crinkle cut wedges	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Baked fish fingers and chips
	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
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Love cake	Fruit and Jelly	Chocolate orange sponge	Marble shortbread biscuit