



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

2023-24 No:100 Friday 1st March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I loaded up this week's bulletin, I couldn't quite believe that this was the 100th edition, (doesn't time fly), but this week has been very similar to my previous 99 at Potley Hill with our school being a hive of activity and learning. One of the particular highlights this past week was showing our Hampshire School Advisor around on Thursday as he came to visit us as part Hampshire's school-to-school support system which monitors the quality of education across schools in the county. Mr Dawson spent his time with us looking at the subjects we teach beyond English and Maths whilst also speaking with a number of pupils, school staff and members of the Governing Board. In a similar way to last year this process once again identified many positives about our school, including the high levels of engagement of pupils with their learning, which is due to the structure and content of the curriculum, together with the quality of learning in books. However, just like any monitoring process some next steps were identified, which will be focussed on in the coming months, but it was an informative experience which celebrated the excellent provision on offer to our pupils each and every day.

Part of this offer is the opportunity to represent the school at sporting events and a number of our Year 5 & 6 pupils have done exactly this over the past week including in a netball match against Dogmersfield, whilst others did so in a girls' football tournament at Calthorpe Park. Despite the results being mixed, the pupils involved should feel proud of their contributions when representing the school.

And finally, I would like your support when it comes to online safety because we all know that the use of technology by children comes with its pitfalls. The reason for this support is because we have seen an increase in the number of children saying they use age-inappropriate apps, e.g., Instagram, tik-tok, (both of which require them to be 13 to create an account), with some reporting that they have unintentionally seen things on Youtube because their access hasn't been restricted, (using Kidstube instead would help with this). For more information about particular apps/games and restrictions you can put in place in order to safeguard your children when online, please click [here](#) to visit the online safety section of our school website.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are actively recruiting both Parent Governors and Co-opted Governors for school. Please click [here](#) for further information about the role of a Governor and how to apply. If we have more than one Parent Governor application this will then go to a ballot. Parent Governor applications will close on Wednesday 6th March 2024.

Diary Dates

March 2024

Wednesday 6th – Katsura Class Assembly
Thursday 7th – World Book Day
Monday 11th – Year 6 to Think Safe
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: Nola W

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Wynter D	Costas Z	94.65%
Maple	Maddi B	Julius D	93.33%
Juniper	Erin A	Owen W	97.31%
Aspen	Elsie B	Elise P	98.97%
Redwood	Adam J	Blake S	99.35%
Bonsai	Davut Y	Amber C	93.85%
Katsura	Elliott H	Annebella NB	97.41%
Rowan	Issy R	Susie P	94.23%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals:

Blue – 293 **Yellow - 331**
Red – 255 **Green – 214**

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Aspen Class

Potley Hill Staffing Update

We are pleased to share that following the Easter break we are excited to be joined by two new members of staff. An experienced Key Stage 1 teacher, Mrs Samantha Leighton, will be joining us as the teacher of Maple Class. She will build on the good work by Mrs Wallace and team, who have covered the class in the absence of Mrs Stark, and due to the disruption to the class over the past few terms Mrs Leighton will remain with them as they move in to Year 2. In addition to this, Mrs Sally-anne Ward will take over from Mrs Elkins in terms of supporting pupils and families across the school as our Family Support Worker, which is a role she has fulfilled for a number of years at another school. We are sure you will join us in congratulating both of them on their new appointments and we look forward to welcoming them to Potley Hill!

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

World Book Day Reminder – Thursday 7th March 2024

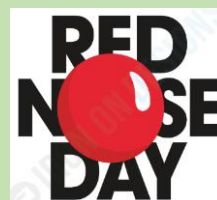
Just a reminder that on World Book Day children are invited to **dress up as heroes or villains**. We have the following suggestions;

- We encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume
- Just bring in a clue or prop to represent a hero or villain, for example, a Dalmatian soft toy for Cruella de Vil or a 'Snozcumber' for the BFG.
- Make and wear a badge or sticker, which gives a clue to who you are instead of a costume – for Harry Potter - I lived in a cupboard under the stairs and one of my best friends is an owl.

We'd love to include you in our celebrations by:

- Sending your child's chosen book in with them on the day, so they can share it with their friends.

Parents are invited to come in to share a story with your child/ children on World Book Day (7th March) so please come to the Main Hall for 2.55pm. You will be asked to sign in and then some Year 6 pupils will be available to share some helpful tips linked to Boomreader. before having the opportunity to go to classes and share stories at 3.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



For Red Nose Day, taking place on Friday 15th March, School Council have decided to hold a joke competition! Each class will be voting for the funniest joke in their class and we will then hold a 'Grand Final' on Red Nose Day to find the funniest joke in the whole school! So, start thinking about your best jokes and more information about this fundraising opportunity, and the opportunity to wear something red, will be shared in next week's bulletin!

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

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 4 th & 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