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# Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This time last week I had been slightly fearful of the impact the closure of the bottom car park would cause but I wanted to thank you all for making alternative arrangements on that day, (together with many parents from FCC too), so the campus didn't grind to a halt. Whilst the bottom car park resembles something of a patchwork quilt, (with the cost of resurfacing the whole area being similar to the cost of a teacher for a whole year which simply makes it unaffordable), the repairs have certainly helped to make it safer to use for the time being, (because unfortunately I am sure it will once again deteriorate in the future).

The children showed their dedication to safety this week too as they showed real responsibility when responding to the lockdown drill that took place yesterday afternoon. Whilst we hope we never have to lock the school down for real, if we do then at least we will all be prepared.

There is also sporting success to celebrate once again as our Boys Football Team continued their strong start to the season with a 3-1 away win in the cup at St Michael's Junior School, Aldershot. With Declan R scoring a hat-trick, (including a screamer of a free-kick), it means they have secured a quarter final place which we wish them all the very best with.

Showing people around our school is always a privilege and this week was no different with a range of people speaking positively about the pupils and learning taking place. On Tuesday morning a Hampshire Maths advisor carried out a learning walk with Mrs Wallace and spoke incredibly positively about the Maths taking place, and this was also the case following a visit from members of the Governing Body during the afternoon who were looking at the impact MyHappyMind has had on the emotional wellbeing of pupils, together with the wider pastoral support in place.

Due to Mrs Stark still being too unwell to be in school and the need for our own staff to work within Maple Class, this has led to our school calling on the skills of supply teachers on a more regular basis. With this in mind I would like to leave you with the contents of a note written by one supply teacher earlier this week to Mrs Richards and Bonsai Class which sums up the views of many of the visitors to our school;

*'What a lovely class – in fact, what a lovely school. I have been here before, at least 5 years ago. In that time, sadly, standards have slipped elsewhere, but not here!'*

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis  
Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

### January 2024

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Aspen Class Assembly  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> – Young Voices Concert @ the O2 Arena

### February 2024

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> – Children's Mental Health Week  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year R Library visit (am)  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.00pm  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY (School Closed)  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> HALF-TERM (School Closed)  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Discos  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Reception Height & Weight Checks

## Celebration

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

### Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination:

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
<b>Oak</b>	Nola W	Wynter D	94.65%
<b>Maple</b>	Ophelia T	Phoebe D	93.67%
<b>Juniper</b>	Anaya C	Abigail P	96%
<b>Aspen</b>	Amelie S	Ellie CC	97.59%
<b>Redwood</b>	Robbie B	Kaelin C	<b>98.06%</b>
<b>Bonsai</b>	Izzy K	Robyn H	95%
<b>Katsura</b>	Ruby H	Zade KL	92.59%
<b>Rowan</b>	Summer Mc	Oliver TM	96.54%

\*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

### Potley Point Totals:

Blue – 316      Yellow - 325  
Red – 224      Green – 203

### Timetable Rockstars:

**Most Active & Improved – Aspen Class**

## Helpful Reminders!

**Please ensure children wait patiently with adults on the school playground at the start of the school day. All play equipment and activity areas, (including those on the Reception/Year 1 playground), are not to be used at this time in order to ensure there is a calm start to the day.**

**Information about the booking of Parents Evening appointments on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February will be sent out via Arbor later today so please keep an eye out.**

## 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 – Young Voices  
Mr Ellis & Mrs Wilding Music room (15 pupils)

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  
**Recommencing Tues 16th Jan**

### Wednesday

Netball (Boys & Girls teams only)  
Mrs Bailey Playground

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

## School Religious Celebration Book

We would like to give the children at school the opportunity to share with us ways in which they may celebrate certain festivals within their homes throughout the year. This could be festivals such as Chinese New Year, Eid, Diwali, Christmas a christening or wedding etc. A 'School Celebration Book' will be held in the School Office and available for you to 'book out' and take home for a short period of time. Your child can then fill 1-2 pages of the book with photos, sentences, drawings etc to share with us how they have celebrated. When they bring it back to school, there will then be opportunities to share this with the wider school to allow everyone to learn and appreciate the cultures and diversity at our school. We look forward to your support with this new initiative.

## Hampshire Health Guidance

We have received a number of recent communications from Hampshire which they have requested we signpost you to. The information contained within the links below aim to provide a wide variety of different support to parents in a variety of different ways and for a range of different reasons so please click on the links below to find out more, (some of the links direct you to documents on our website and others direct you to external sites).

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school.](#)

[Tips on staying well this winter](#)

[Aldershot Urgent Care Centre](#)

[Self-harm Peer Support for Parents and Carers - Spring 24](#)

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

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 4 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 bolognaise	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
	<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>
	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 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan, 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 11 <sup>th</sup> 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
	<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>
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Apple flapjack	Fruit and Jelly	Victoria Sponge	Jumble biscuit
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 8 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes	Macaroni cheese	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Cheese and tomato puff	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
	<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>
	Yoghurt, fruit and mini shortbread biscuit	Love cake	Fruit and Jelly	Chocolate orange sponge	Marble shortbread biscuit