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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There are some days in school that are busier (and present more challenges) than others, and Tuesday morning definitely fell into that category. The traffic 'chaos' that many parents and staff found themselves in on the way to school meant it was a disrupted start to the day for many, although I am pleased to hear the majority of the roadworks that caused the disruption have thankfully been completed. However, once everyone had arrived at school they were greeted by the latest (and most popular) addition to the school - Indie the black Labrador, (and her handler Molly), from Canine Assisted Learning. All of the children were incredibly well behaved when they met Indie, (although the same can't be said for some staff who were more excited than the children!), and I know they are looking forward to seeing her again over the coming weeks.

The other impact of the travel chaos was a delayed start to the Y3 Butser Farm visit because the coach was stuck in the traffic too! Despite getting there a little later than planned it clearly didn't get in the way of the children having a great time because Mrs Smith reported a member of staff at the farm saying, 'They are the best group of pupils we have had here in a long time.' This is wonderful feedback to receive and Aspen Class should be incredibly proud of this.

And finally, sport has returned this week with some boys in Year 4 having the opportunity to represent the school with distinction in a kurling & archery event at Samuel Cody on Wednesday with Mr. Farrer and good luck to the boys football team who have their first football match of the season at home to Westfields Juniors later today.

Enjoy your weekend and just a reminder for your child to wear a warm coat to school next week as it is due to be cold once again!

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January 2024

Tuesday 16th - Year 4 Romans 'Portals to the Past'
Wednesday 17th - Year 2 @ Marwell Zoo
Thursday 18th - Y2 and Y5&6 NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops
Wednesday 31st January - Aspen Class Assembly
Wednesday 31st - Young Voices Concert @ the O2 Arena

February 2024

w/c 5th - Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th - Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6th - Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm
Thursday 8th - Parents Evening 4.30 - 7.00pm
Friday 9th - INSET DAY (School Closed)
Monday 12th - Friday 16th HALF-TERM (School Closed)

Celebration

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

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Jamie G

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Dominic E	Althea F	98.98%
Maple	Isla C	Ophelia T	98.67%
Juniper	Edith S	Ellis M	97.2%
Aspen	Brylee W	Tahlia W	97.93%
Redwood	Sneha P	Miyah V	96.13%
Bonsai	Lara M	Lilah P	94.62%
Katsura	Annabelle M	Alex J	94.44%
Rowan	Samuel W	Izzy R	95.77%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals:

Blue - 226 Yellow - 228

Red - 272 Green - 141

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active & Improved - Rowan Class

Car Park Closure - Friday 19th January 2024

Many of you will be aware of the significant deterioration of the condition of the tarmac in the 'bottom car park' and the fact it is in urgent need of repair. Whilst the car park is used by a range of people within the community, not just the parents of Potley Hill, it does in fact fall within our school boundaries and so the responsibility lies with us to repair it. In an ideal world we would like to resurface the whole area but this would come at significant cost to the school and

I am sure you will agree that this money needs to be spent on providing the best provision possible for pupils. However, there are now a number of pot holes that need to be repaired, therefore the bottom car park will need to be closed for this to take place on Friday 19th January. This will inevitably present less space for parents to park on that day on what is already an incredibly busy site at pick-up and drop-off. Therefore, if it possible for you to walk to school, or possibly park your car further away from the school site and walk the last part on that day, this would reduce the amount of traffic on site and would be greatly appreciated. This information has also been shared with the other organisations on the Frogmore Campus in order for them to share a similar message with their stakeholders. Thank you for your support with this.

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

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

Helpful Reading Links

We want all Potley Hill pupils to read as widely as possible and whilst we have access to a range of books within school there is a whole world of books they can access beyond the building. Below are a range of websites you might find helpful which signpost you and your children to different books they might enjoy so why not take a look.

[The Branching Out Booklists \(on Amazon\)](#) - designed to help children to match their favourite books by finding similar titles, grouped by favourite authors.

[Hampshire Libraries Kid's Zone](#) - access to a vast range of books through the Hampshire Library Service

[Read for Empathy Booklist 2023](#) - books to support children with building empathy and understanding emotions.

[BookTrust BookFinder](#) - simply choose an age range, pick as many themes as you want to search through thousands of book reviews, and get reading.



Cluster Home Link Worker

As a school we work closely with a range of different organisations, but none more so than our immediate cluster of schools. Through this partnership with Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Infants and Hawley Primary we identified that we wanted to provide support beyond our school buildings and be pro-active in more effectively meeting the needs of families across the wider Frogmore community. As a result of this, Nicky Matheson has been working across the Frogmore Cluster of four schools since the start of the Spring Term as a 'Cluster Home Link Worker.' During her one day a week with us, (currently a Wednesday), she will be focussed on building effective working relationships with families in our school but also across the wider Frogmore community and I am sure you will join us in welcoming her to the school.

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

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 15 th Jan, 5 th Feb, 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 22 nd Jan, 19 th Feb, 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 8 th & 29 th Jan, 26 th Feb, 18 th 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
	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