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# Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas spending time with your children and wider family, or with whatever you might have got up to. With all staff spending time on Tuesday during the INSET Day further developing their knowledge around both local and national safeguarding issues, one of the areas highlighted was online safety. With many children receiving new devices over the festive period, it is not uncommon for them to start using unsuitable apps or games for their age. Just a reminder that Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram and WhatsApp, (amongst many others), should not be used by primary aged children, and for further information about how to effectively use parental controls on devices and any other online/gaming help please click [here](#) for more information.

Due to the routines and expectations that were established during the autumn term, the children have returned to school incredibly settled over the past three days and have made an incredibly positive start to the spring term. None more so than Years 5&6 who took part yesterday in an Ancient Greek Workshop, (led by Portals to the Past), where they engaged in a variety of learning activities they wouldn't normally be exposed to and many of them fully embraced it by dressing up as an Ancient Greek, which was great to see.

With the start to the new term, the big questions being investigated by classes across the wider curriculum will change. Examples of these are 'Where can we find the legacy of Ancient Greece? (Y5&6), What is the most important thing we need to survive? (Y2), and further information about these will be sent home to each class via Seesaw. All of these questions, project overviews, year group overviews, together with information about our whole curriculum can be found on the curriculum page of our website.

When we asked for your feedback via the Parents Survey during the autumn term, knowing more about what your children would learn in class throughout the year was an area that you wanted us to further develop so hopefully the information above and [here](#) will help. All feedback is used to make our school a better place but with 93% of parents saying our school makes sure its pupils are well behaved, 96% of you saying your child feels safe while they are here and 97% saying your child is happy at school **and** that it is led and managed effectively, it is testament to the hard work and dedication everyone plays in making sure Potley Hill is a pretty great place to be.

And on that positive start to the New Year, have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

### January 2024

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 @ Butser Farm (Stone age)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Swimming lessons start  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Romans 'Portals to the Past'  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 @ Marwell Zoo  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y2 and Y5&6 NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops  
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> – 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> – HALF-TERM (School Closed)

## Celebration

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

### Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Mason J

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
<b>Oak</b>	Zachary A	Maisie C	96.05%
<b>Maple</b>	Dexter S	Toby C	97.78%
<b>Juniper</b>	Genevieve L	Jason T	98%
<b>Aspen</b>	Rex T	Jenson H	96.55%
<b>Redwood</b>	Callum B	Hugo T	<b>100%</b>
<b>Bonsai</b>	Charlie A	Thomas E	93.59%
<b>Katsura</b>	Ava K	Cooper G	95.06%
<b>Rowan</b>	Taylah M	Evelyn C	97.44%

\*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

### Potley Point Totals:

Blue – 64      Yellow - 40

Red – 49      Green – 58

### Timetable Rockstars:

**Most Active & Improved – Aspen Class**



An exciting initiative will be starting at Potley Hill next week where we will be having access to a 'school dog,' called Indie, who will be visiting school every Tuesday. For further information please see the letter on Arbor sent out earlier today by Mrs Morris or click [here](#) to access the Canine Assisted Learning website.

## 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)  
**Starts Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Years 4 to 6 – Young Voices  
Mr Ellis & Mrs Wilding Music room (15 pupils)  
**Recommencing Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Year 6 Booster Clubs (invite only)  
Miss Miles/Mrs Richards Katsura/Bonsai classrooms  
**Recommencing Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan**

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 16<sup>th</sup> Jan**

### Wednesday

Netball (Boys & Girls teams only)  
Mrs Bailey Playground  
**Recommencing Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Bustagroove - (Street Dance in School Hall)  
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)  
**Starts Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan**

### Friday

Football team (Boys & Girls teams only)  
Mr Farrer Frogmore CC Astro  
**Recommencing Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan**

## Mrs. Elkins Retirement

After over 25 years service to Potley Hill Primary School, Mrs Elkins will be retiring at Easter and so will be leaving us at the end of this term. Throughout her time here she has developed some of the strongest relationships with members of the school community whether this is with children, staff and most definitely parents, and has had such a positive impact on the school. Whilst it will be difficult for us all to say goodbye in a few months time, it will also be bittersweet for her too because whilst she doesn't want to leave Potley Hill she will be moving in order to be nearer her grandchildren and other family members. Please be gentle with Mrs Elkins if you see her in and around school over the next few weeks because I am sure you will join me in expressing our sincerest thanks for all she has done and wish her all the very best with the exciting things that are to come.

With Mrs Elkins leaving we will have two exciting opportunities from Easter; one for a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant to lead Forest Schools and the other for a Family Support Worker. If you would be interested in fulfilling either of these roles at Potley Hill, (or know someone who might be), then click [here](#) to access the Hampshire Education Jobs website for further information.

## Hampshire Family Services Hub

Whilst we are able to support families in different ways, Hampshire County Council directly support children and families by providing a wide variety of services, e.g. parenting, money, housing. To find out more about services that might help you click [here](#).



Another exciting and important opportunity the children will be taking part in over the next few weeks will be the 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' initiative from the NSPCC. Please keep an eye out for further information that will be shared via Arbor next week.

## 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 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
	<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