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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The theme of Christmas has certainly been more obvious within school this week as preparation for the 'Christmas Performances' gather pace with the sound of carols and Christmas songs filling the air. I know the children are incredibly excited about sharing these performances with parents and grandparents, and dress rehearsals to siblings this week have provided the children with a flavour of what to expect for their 'live performances.' (we've even had a visit from the pre-school too)! Many schools limit the number of performances adults can attend and also the number of people too, but this is something I prefer not to do. However, I do ask that there is no filming of the performances because we do not have permission for all of the pupils to be filmed, but there will be an opportunity at the end to take a picture with your child. Thank you in advance for your support with this and we look forward to welcoming you all to school, (or church), to watch them next week.

In fact, it was great to see so many parents/grandparents from Oak Class in school yesterday supporting with the Christmas Crafts afternoon. Together with their trip to St Barnabas Church during the morning, the learning of pupils in Oak Class on Thursday was certainly enriched in a different way so thank you to everyone who made it happen, your support is appreciated.

Enriching learning is something that we look to do when we have the opportunity and this is one of the reasons why the Y3&4 Christmas Performance will take place this year at St Peter's Church in Yateley. The children from Y3&4 will walk to the church and we anticipate that the performance should be finished by 2.45pm, and parents can take children from the church, also allowing enough time for parents to get back to school to collect siblings. I am hoping that this event will become a regular fixture on our calendar so that all children throughout their time at school will have the opportunity to perform in a church.

Following all of these performances we will then end next week with our end of term assembly, the PTA Santa Dash, (thank you in advance for completing and returning the sponsor forms), and Christmas lunch. Children can wear Christmas clothes next Friday as we aim to make the last day of term as festive as possible but just a reminder that school finishes at 3.20pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December

Monday 11th – Y5&6 Christmas Event @ 9.15am
Monday 11th – YR Christmas Performance @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 12th – YR Christmas Performance @ 9.15am
Tuesday 12th – Y5&6 Christmas Event @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 13th – Y1&2 Christmas Performance @ 2.30pm
Thursday 14th – Y1&2 Christmas Performance @ 9.15am
Thursday 14th – Y3&4 Christmas Performance @ 2.00pm taking place at St Peter's Church, Yateley
Friday 15th – PHPS Christmas Day (Xmas Lunch, Xmas Jumpers & Santa Dash)
Friday 15th – Last day of term

January 2024

Tuesday 2nd – INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 3rd – Pupils return to school

Celebration

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

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Elliott H

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Evie L	Maddi B	96.96%
Maple	Thea W	Logan M	93.67%
Juniper	Rowan G	Poppy P	94.8%
Aspen	Elijus K	Max VB	94.83%
Redwood	Ollie C	Jack S	96.45%
Bonsai	Christina W	Jonah P	83.85%
Katsura	Annebella NB	Ava K	93.7%
Rowan	Evelyn D	Taylah M	91.92%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue - 282 Yellow - 236
Red - 284 Green - 201

Timetable Rockstars

Goodbye Mrs Smith

Earlier this year Mrs Smith went on maternity leave to have her second child and has spent the remainder of 2023 enjoying spending time with both of her daughters, and this is something she would like to continue doing. Sadly, this means that after being a member of the Potley Hill team for the past 7 years Mrs Smith will not be returning to our school but will be pursuing other opportunities to ensure she can spend as much time with her daughters as possible. She will however be popping in to school next week to say goodbye to the staff and children but I'm sure you will join me in thanking her for all of her hard work during her time with us and wishing her all the very best for the future.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Due to it being the last week of term the only club taking place next week is:

Monday

Years 4 to 6 – Young Voices
Mr Ellis & Mrs Wilding Music room (30 pupils)

Equality and Rights Activists Group

As a school we are committed to ensuring that there are equal opportunities for every child and that the curriculum we provide reflects the diversity within modern Britain, in terms of cultural diversity together with gender, race and disability equality. With this in mind we have signed up to a Hampshire initiative which creates an 'Equality and Rights Activists Group' within school which is led by pupils. This group in Potley Hill consists of; Robyn H, Cooper G, Zennon H, Annabelle M, Kayden L, Clara W, Eva P & Jack T. They are planning a range of initiatives and activities in the Spring Term to raise the profile of equality and children's rights within our school. and further information about these will be shared in future bulletins.



Olive Branch

25 Wellington Business Park
Crowthorne
RG45 6LS

OPEN Monday & Thursday 12:30-2pm
(except bank holidays)

Winter Support



Winter Extras
Hot water bottles, blankets, hats and gloves

Foodbank parcels
Non perishable foods, bread, butter, toiletries and cleaning products

Community Table
A free meal Mondays 6pm and a chance to meet others

Christmas Toy Bank
Sign up to come and choose a gift for your child/ren this Christmas – collect 11th and 14th Dec

Christmas Dinners
Fresh veg, turkey, pudding and extras delivered on the 22nd Dec Book by 5th Dec

Fresh Fruit and Veg
A voucher to go to Crowthorne Market – Friday and Sunday morning to select fresh fruit and veg

Referrals through your schools, social services, church, CAB the Hardship Helpline: 08082082138 or email

Email info@crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk for more details

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

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 11 th Dec, 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	Sweet potato and lentil curry with white and brown rice	Vegetable Wellington with roast potatoes, stuffing ball, sprouts, peas, carrots and gravy
	Spaghetti bolognaise	Italian style chicken goujons with diced potatoes	Chicken and oriental style vegetable rice	Baked fish fingers with chips	Roast turkey with cocktail pork sausage, roast potatoes, stuffing ball, sprouts, peas, carrots and gravy
	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	Christmas Iced Biscuit, Christmas Cracknell, Ice Cream, Fruit Salad
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 1 st & 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