



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The opportunity to have an INSET Day earlier this week provided staff the opportunity to take part in their own learning. Support staff were engaged in a range of training including the impact of language within the classroom whilst teachers spent time sharing important developments within their specific subjects and further improving their knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of a subject leader. We are constantly talking to the children about the importance of learning and I always think it's important to acknowledge that as a staff we are also constantly learning in order to make the school an even better place for the children.

There have been a range of curriculum enrichment opportunities for pupils this week which started with the Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about toys, both new and old, in a very different setting and they returned having fully made the most of the museum and workshop. With Mrs Stark still not in school, (and we hope she feels better soon), I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Mrs Wallace, Mrs Wilding and Mrs Elkins, together with Mrs Dallibar, for their resilience and teamwork in ensuring the pupils in Maple Class continue to have great learning experiences.

It was also great to have our first 'Class Assembly' of 2023-24 with Redwood Class on Thursday morning who shared their 'debating' skills with parents. With a range of songs, humour and interactive voting, together with their debating skills, it was wonderful to see the children understand that it is acceptable to see things from differing viewpoints and have respectful disagreements. However, I am glad the class voted in favour of keeping the teachers at our school rather than replacing them with robots, (although I believe it was a tight call)!!!

There was also the opportunity this week for a selection of pupils across Years 5&6 to take part in an indoor athletics event on Tuesday afternoon with all of them making the most of the opportunity. Well done to all those who took part and also to Mrs Shafto for attending the event with the pupils.

And finally, we have put up our 'Christmas Post-box' and children are encouraged to use it to send Christmas cards within school. Writing these provide a great purpose for writing but please remember to add the child's name and class on the envelope so that it gets to the right child.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December

Thursday 7th – YR Visit to St Barnabas Church am & Christmas Craft pm
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: Alice Lynes

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Maisie C	Albert C	98.73%
Maple	Cade L	Riley H	92.5%
Juniper	Theo V	Ollie L	95%
Aspen	Charlie E	Emily L	89.66%
Redwood	Leo A	Sienna T	95.56%
Bonsai	Charlie A	Lucy M	91.83%
Katsura	Alice L	Ruby H	93.98%
Rowan	Nichalo A	Summer M	92.79%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue – 84 Yellow - 150
Red – 195 Green – 105

Timestable Rockstars

Most Active – Redwood Class
Most Improved – Rowan Class

Santa Dash

Sent home with the children this week was further information about the PTA Santa Dash taking place in a few weeks on the last day of term. A similar event happened two years ago and the school community managed to raise a substantial amount of money which helped contribute to the upgrades in the School Hall. Please keep an eye out in your child's bag for the sponsor form and thank you in advance for your support with this event.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

These are the extra-curricular activities that are planned for each week.

We will endeavour to run extra-curricular activities whatever the weather. However, if any activities need to be cancelled, we will contact you by ParentMail.

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 – Drawing & Colouring Club
Miss Barton Oak classroom (20 pupils)

Years 1 & 2 – Storytelling Club
Mrs Stark Maple classroom (20 pupils)

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

Wednesday

Netball team
Mrs Bailey Playground

Bustagroove - (Street Dance in School Hall)
Years R-2 bustagroove.info@gmail.com

Thursday

Years 3 to 6 – French Club
Mrs Smith Aspen classroom (12 pupils)

Friday

Football team
Mr Farrer Frogmore CC Astro

Coats please!

With the onset of winter together with the lower temperatures, we have noticed that an increasing number of children are coming in to school without warm coats. If the weather conditions are dry enough, we aim to take children on to the playground at breaktime and lunchtime for some fresh air and exercise which could mean that they spend up to 1 ¼ hours outside each day so it is imperative that children are wearing a coat to school each and every day. This amount of time only increases if they attend Kidz R Us after school too! Also, we all know that the weather doesn't take long to change and whilst the morning itself could be mild, by the time the children come to walk home from school it could very well be incredibly wet, which isn't a great end to the day for them. In addition to this jumpers and cardigans are also encouraged to be worn this time of year, together with plain jogging bottoms for use in outdoor PE sessions but if you require further information about school uniform then please click [here](#) to see the policy.

Yateley's Christmas Light Trail

Would you like to decorate your house, school or business this Christmas and be part of Yateley's Christmas Light Trail?

You would need to do some kind of Christmas display. This could be on the outside of your house/building/garden (e.g. lights, trees, figures, garlands, scarecrows etc).

And/or you could create a festive window (or two!) with things like lights, snow scenes, stickers, pictures, nativity scene etc.

You will need to have the decorations up from **18th December - 1st January 2024**. Your location will be added to a map so people know where to go to find each display.

If you live in Yateley, Frogmore or Darby Green and would like to be part of the trail, please email jennycoleyateley@gmail.com

Run by Hope Mcguire and Jenny Cole

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	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 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 4 th Dec, 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	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