



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the opportunity many of you had to come into school before half-term to attend Parents Evening, it has also been great to see so many parents from Reception – Year 2 attending workshops this week related to Mastering Number. Your support with the children's learning is absolutely vital and it was a great opportunity to learn a little more from Mrs Wallace about how we teach early number skills, and a practical workshop working with the children proved incredibly popular, so thank you to those who were able to attend.

Another area of learning where the support of parents is imperative is reading. Children are exposed to a range of stories within school, they read within book talk sessions and we also try to provide as many opportunities for children to read 1:1 with adults too but frequent practice at home is vital to ensure their reading skills are practised and refined. The BoomReader App is proving incredibly popular with children but please ensure your child reads at home at least 4 times a week and this could be sitting quietly on the sofa, or may be even less obvious times like in the car on the way to school or while you are cooking but every little bit helps, so thank you for your support.

It was the final opportunity on Thursday for 'Prospective Parents' to come in and take a look around the school and once again the children, (especially the School Council Tour Guides), were praised for their excellent behaviour and being great ambassadors for the school. These were also words said about our Year 6 pupils on their visit to the Bank of America in Camberley on Wednesday. It was a great opportunity for them to see a real-life bank in action and prompted many discussion points, especially during the trading game, and we would like to thank the bank and its staff for providing this opportunity to Year 6 and it is something the staff are already looking forward to taking part in next year!

In addition to the Weekly Bulletin, for the remainder of the school year a half-termly newsletter will be published on our website related to the MyHappyMind Programme which we have introduced to support pupils with their emotional health and wellbeing. To see the first publication linked to last half-term's learning called 'Meet the Brain' please click [here](#).

As mentioned, a few weeks ago, Mr Peacock will be leaving us today and despite only being with us a relatively short time he has had a positive impact on Potley Hill Primary School, both in his role as caretaker but also when working with children. I am sure you will all join me in thanking him for his hard work and we wish him all the best in his new role.

And finally, we have spent some time in assemblies this week talking about safety, especially linked to fireworks, so please enjoy the celebrations and have a safe weekend.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November

Monday 6th – Year R to Odds Farm Park
Sunday 12th – deadline for Fraser Portraits orders
w/c 13th – Kindness Week
w/c 13th – Bookfair in school
Friday 17th – Children in Need
Monday 20th – Y6 SATs Parents Information Evening
Friday 24th – St. Barnabas Carols on the Green @ 5.30
Monday 27th – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 28th – Y1 to Milestones Museum
Wednesday 29th – NHS Flu Immunisations

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*
Oak	Olive R	Nyla M	97.03%
Maple	Saskia VB	Alexis S	95%
Juniper	Mia T	Piper S	97.5%
Aspen	Sophia S	Elsie B	95.73%
Redwood	Lewis G	Lexi R	97.98%
Bonsai	Lucas R	Jonah P	92.79%
Katsura	Adam W	Richard K	98.61%
Rowan	Sophie G	Mason H	93.27%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue – 135 Yellow - 164
Red – 200 Green – 195

Timetable Rockstars

Most Active - Redwood Class
Most Improved – Aspen Class

Remembrance Day & Poppies

Next Friday (10th November) we will be commemorating Remembrance Day in our school assembly. Poppies and other items from the Royal British Legion will be available to purchase in school all of next week. Suggested donations for items are:
Snap bands £1.50
Rulers £1.00
Wristbands £1.00
Poppy reflectors 50p
Zip pulls 50p
Also, if your child attends beavers, cubs, rainbows, brownies or boys brigade then they are more than welcome to wear their uniform for the organisation to school on Friday 10th November.

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 near the gazebo 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

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)

Years 3 to 6 Multi-Sports Club (invite only)
Mr Farrer Playground

Drop In at Drop Off

When? Every Tuesday 8.40-9.00am starting on 7th November

Where? The Gazebo on the playground

Why? A great opportunity to come and seek support, be listened to and ask for advice with Mrs Elkins (Family Support) and Mrs Morris (SENCo).

Why not come along, say hello and have a chat, (we might even have some hot drinks and biscuits too)! We look forward to meeting you!



A big thankyou to the PTA, all of the parent volunteers, staff volunteers, (including DJ Farrer), and the *ghoulish* children who made the Halloween Discos a *frightening* success on Wednesday. If you want to learn more about what the PTA do then why not go along to the AGM this coming Thursday?

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

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 30 th Oct, 20 th Nov, 11 th Dec, 15 th Jan, 5 th Feb, 4 th & 25 th March	Plant-based burger in a bag 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 6 th & 27 th Nov, 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 13 th Nov, 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