



Dream Big, Aim High
& Make a Difference

Weekly Bulletin

2023-24 No:85 Friday 20th October 2023

Potley Hill Primary School
Potley Hill Road,
Yateley,
Hampshire
GU46 6AG
Tel: 01252 876106
Email: adminoffice@potleyhill.hants.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week started with years 5&6 visiting the 'Living Rainforest' where pupils enjoyed seeing all of the animals, even if it was a little humid, and are now a little closer to answering their project question 'What's the fascination with rainforests?' Fraser Portraits then paid a visit to school on Wednesday to take individual photos and all of the children looked incredibly smart in school uniform, (long may that continue).

With the winter months fast approaching we will still aim to take the children outside at break and lunchtime to get some exercise and burn energy. Whilst we won't go out intentionally in the rain there will be occasions when it will be drizzling and we remain outside so please ensure children have coats with them on days when the weather forecast says it might be wet.

Also, whilst I don't expect children to stand like statues in the morning waiting for the doors to open, in recent weeks children have started to play games, run on the grass, (even in to the trees), and also use the Reception playground too. When we return after half-term, please could I ask for your support with a calm start to the day as children mix appropriately with their friends on the playground but do so without running around and using the equipment? Thank you for your support with this and I will also speak to them about this in our 'staying safe' assembly when we return to school.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers this week for Parents Evening and share the fantastic learning that has taken place over the past half-term. The conversations that take place are always valuable because it provides an opportunity for parents to share their knowledge about their child too. Sadly, the catering team were unable to provide 'food tasters' for everyone as our cook has been unwell this week but those of you who attended the event were asked to take part in a Parent Survey. Thank you very much for your support with this and once everything is counted the results will be shared with you.

One set of parents who weren't at Parents Evening were of the pupils in Maple Class due it being postponed as a result of Mrs Stark's absence from school. In order to ensure a level of consistency in Maple Class throughout the last few weeks it has been necessary to use a range of Potley Hill staff including Mrs Wallace, Mrs Elkins and Mrs Wilding, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hardwork, together with Mrs Dallibar and Miss Barton. Not only that, the teamwork and resilience of the wider staff team in coming together to ensure it is 'business as normal' for all pupils at school has been greatly appreciated, but I am sure you join me in wishing Mrs Stark a speedy recovery and we look forward to welcoming her back to school soon. Enjoy half-term and we'll see you all on Monday 30th October!

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th – Half-term **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 30th – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 31st – YR Mastering Number at Home Workshop @ 2.15pm

November

Wednesday 1st – Y6 Bank of America Event

Wednesday 1st – Y1 Mastering Number at Home Workshop @ 2.15pm

Wednesday 1st – PTA Halloween Discos

Thursday 2nd – Y2 Mastering Number at Home Workshop @ 2.15pm

Monday 6th – Year R to Odds Farm Park

w/c 13th – Kindness Week

w/c 13th - Bookfair in school

Friday 17th – Children in Need

Monday 20th – Y6 SATs Parents Information Evening

Celebration

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

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Poppy C

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Albert C	Olive R	97.97%
Maple	Charlotte D	Maddie B	97%
Juniper	Molly B	Miles H	93.55%
Aspen	Ellie C-C	Finley S	97.67%
Redwood	Eyla R	Leo A	98.06%
Bonsai	Thomas E	Jonah P	93.08%
Katsura	Indi-Ana E	Alex J	97.04%
Rowan	Aleena H	Reyon S	100%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue – 128 Yellow - 190
Red – 177 Green – 134

Timestable Rockstars

Most Active – Redwood Class
Most Improved – Katsura Class

Caretaker Required

As shared in last week's bulletin, Mr Peacock will be leaving us in early November, so if you fancy a new challenge and believe you have the skills to be a caretaker then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us for further information or take a look at the job advert which can be found [here](#).

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

Wider Family Support

Providing support for families is something that happens on a daily basis at Potley Hill Primary School. This is done in a number of ways, but signposting parents to other organisations that might be able to provide further help is certainly one strand of it. With that in mind, why not visit the [Family Support](#) section of our website which includes a number of documents, (just like the one below), that feature activities on offer in the local community during half-term?

Warm & Welcome Event

Fleet Library
Monday 23 October
10am - 12pm

Struggling with energy bills and the cost of living?
Please drop-in to speak to some local organisations and partners who offer help and advice. Includes Hitting the Cold Spots, Fleet Pantry, Citizens Advice and others.
No appointment needed and refreshments will be available.

Our libraries are:
Free Warm Welcoming Safe

Hampshire County Council
Production of this poster has been funded by the Department for Work & Pensions Foodbank Support Fund
hants.gov.uk/library

In addition to this, we also react to the needs of the school community and an area that has been shared with us frequently in the last few weeks is challenges around bedtime routines. This [NHS Article](#) outlines good habits related to bedtime and focuses on the importance of children sleeping in their own bed, both for the child and for parents too! Why not take a look at the article and there are other helpful articles related to sleep on our website together with an NHS handbook for parents called [The Good Mental Health Handbook](#).

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