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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a real pleasure earlier this week to welcome so many prospective parents in to school and show them the many great things that happen each and every day. With over 45 parents being taken on a tour over two sessions, (with another two still to come), it really does demonstrate the high regard with which we are held within the local community. The positive feedback about the behaviour of pupils would have certainly added to this, together with the fact our School Councillors from Years 5 & 6 conducted the tours brilliantly, so well done to everyone!

The fantastic behaviour of pupils was also evident during a practice fire drill on Wednesday morning. Pupils left the building calmly, gathering at the meeting point to be registered which once again demonstrates how responsible and respectful our pupils are.

This responsibility, together with resilience has also been seen at two sporting events this week with some of our Y5 pupils taking part in a Basketball event at St Joseph's Catholic Primary after school on Tuesday and a mixture of Y5&6 pupils completing a fun run at Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College yesterday. These are yet two further opportunities for pupils to represent the school so well done to those involved and thankyou to Mrs Wilding and Mrs Wallace for chaperoning the pupils at the events.

Living all of our School Values is celebrated in many ways at Potley Hill and one of these is through the Star of Week. Each week these pupils come to my office on a Friday afternoon for a treat but also to share the piece of work of which they are most proud. It is always great to look in their books to see the great learning that is happening and you will get the same opportunity next week for Parents Evening. We look forward to welcoming many of you in to school for this and there will also be chance to complete a Parent Survey together with see the 'Take One Picture' gallery. All of the lost property will be available for parents to have a look through too!

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October

Monday 16th – Year 5&6 to Living Rainforest
Monday 16th – Prospective Parents Meeting @ 1.30pm
Tuesday 17th – Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 18th – Fraser Portraits (Individual)
Thursday 19th – Parents Evening 4.30-7.00pm
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

Celebration

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

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Jenson H

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Bruce S	Sadie R	98.31%
Maple	Elliot P	Robyn T	96.33%
Juniper	Sienna M	Anaya C	96.25%
Aspen	Deeks C	Max W	99.33%
Redwood	Elsie-Lou D	Freddy G	99.03%
Bonsai	Poppy C	Elouise D	94.62%
Katsura	Cooper G	Devan C	98.15%
Rowan	Aaman C	Eva P	94.62%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue – 152 Yellow - 149
Red – 198 Green – 151

Timetable Rockstars

Most Active – Redwood Class

Most Improved - Rowan Class

Attendance

The attendance of pupils since the start of the academic year has been absolutely fantastic! It has been higher than 95% every day, (apart from two), and we are exceeding our target of 97%. However, we know there will be times when children are unable to attend school due to illness so please make sure you make contact with the School Office to inform them of this and if you have any questions or queries related to attendance then you can find our current Attendance Policy by clicking [here](#). Thank you for your continued support with these great levels of attendance because every day in school really does count!

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

Caretaker Required

From 6th November Potley Hill Primary School will be looking for a new Caretaker as Mr Peacock will be leaving us to take up a similar position in a larger school. We would like to congratulate him on his new job and wish him well in the post, and we will say a 'proper goodbye' after half-term. However, in the meantime if you feel you have the skills and attributes to further develop the school site and make a positive contribution to our school then please take a look at the [job advert](#).



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Hampshire County Council

Runway's End, Aldershot, GU11 2RE

FREE Family Fun Activity

Monday, 23rd October 2023 10.00-13.00hrs

FREE family fun during half term including a range of different activities as shown:

- Spooky code cracker trail.
- Halloween patterns using symmetry and ratios.
- Halloween coordinates.
- Trees, trundles and tape measures.

Families must meet the eligibility criteria to receive a free family ticket
At least one adult in the party must NOT have a level 2 maths qualification. (e.g. Math GCSE at grade 4/C and above, or a Functional Skills Level 2 in maths).
For more guidance, contact the Multiply team multiply@hants.gov.uk

Refreshments are provided and a Top Trumps free gift per family.

BOOK NOW using the link below or the QR code:
[Runway's End Outdoor Centre - FREE Family Fun Activity \(23rd October 2023\) Tickets, Mon 23 Oct 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)



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LOOKING FOR A FUN HALF TERM ACTIVITY FOR THE KIDS?

PRIZES COME TO OUR BEETLE DRIVE GAMES

FUN GAMES FOR ALL THE FAMILY WITH PRIZES!

10.30AM - 12.30PM
THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER

YATELEY INDUSTRIES, MILL LANE, GU46 7TF.

PRICES*

- ★ Adults free
- ★ Children £4 each
- ★ Under 3 years free

BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE

*Tickets include tea, coffee or squash and biscuits and MUST be purchased in advance.

Visit Eventbrite "Family Beetle Drive Yateley" for tickets
For more info email mariam@yateleyindustries.net

School Lunch Menu - £3.00

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 16 th Oct	Five bean chilli with brown and white rice	Tomato pasta	Margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges	Vegetable wellington, roast potatoes & gravy	Macaroni cheese with chips
	Chicken meatball sub with BBQ sauce & diced potatoes	Chicken katsu curry with brown and white rice	Fishcake with crinkle cut wedges	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	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
	Ice cream or yoghurt with fruit salad	Oat and sultana cookie	Orange jelly topped with chocolate whip	Victoria Sponge	Chocolate brownie