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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the first weekly bulletin you will receive via Arbor, (although I can't believe it's the 83rd edition), after the school moved across from ParentMail on Monday. Whilst we are aware there have been some teething problems with this transition, I would like to thank you for your patience and co-operation with this change. I would also like to thank Mrs Conroy, Mrs Shafto and Mrs Fellowes for ensuring the change has been as smooth as it possibly could be and being creative when trying to find the solution to the variety of problems they've encountered!

With our learning projects now in full swing, Juniper Class had the opportunity to meet a firefighter earlier today as they continue to explore the question 'does fire always destroy?' Bringing learning to life is something that can sometimes be challenging but with the help of visitors who are willing to give up their time and share their experiences, just like the firefighter, it means that the learning of pupils becomes more authentic and ultimately more engaging, so thank you for anyone that has shared their experiences with the pupils, (or intends to do so in the future)!

With the term only a few weeks old table tennis can be added to the list of sports our pupils have had an opportunity to take part in. This week it was the turn of some Year 5 pupils who visited Calthorpe Park with Mrs Horton and, as always, the pupils lived our school values and made the most of the opportunity, so well done to our table tennis stars.

And finally, hopefully you will have heard pupils coming home from school talking about MyHappy mind. More detailed information was shared with you earlier in the term but it is a program designed to teach children about how their brain works and supports them to regulate their emotions. If you want to learn more and access the wide number of parent resources available then please click [here](#).

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

October

Tuesday 10th – Prospective Parents Meeting @ 9.30am
Wednesday 11th – Prospective Parents Meeting @ 6.00pm
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

Celebration

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

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Mason H

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Oak	Lois	Dominic	97.97%
Maple	Luna	Izzy	96.33%
Juniper	Ollie	Genevieve	96.25%
Aspen	Beth	Mia	98.67%
Redwood	Fatima	Alfie	97.42%
Bonsai	Sophie	George	94.62%
Katsura	Penny	Angelo	97.78%
Rowan	Evie	Nichalo	99.23%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue – 161 Yellow - 209
Red – 204 Green – 143

Timetable Rockstars

Most Active Class – Redwood
Most Improved Class - Katsura

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs. Bailey

After sharing the news with you all a few weeks ago, it was Mrs Bailey's last day at Potley Hill Primary School today. After working with a range of pupils across the whole school for the past 13 years in her role as a Learning Support Assistant, she has bid us a fond farewell as her career takes a different road. As a school we wished her the very best of luck for the future during our assembly this morning and I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for the positive contribution she has made to the school during her time here with us. Goodbye and good luck Mrs. Bailey!

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

*Just a reminder that pupils are allowed to bring in a 'healthy snack' to eat during breaktimes. Everyone interprets the word 'healthy' differently but fresh fruit, fruit snacks, cereal bars and yoghurt would all be healthy. Crisps and chocolate bars definitely are not. And please remember **no nuts!** Thankyou.*

Harvest Donations

Thank you very much for all of your donations for our Harvest Assembly earlier this week. Both St. Barnabas and Wokingham Vineyard Churches, who are both members of the [Trussell Trust](#), greatly appreciate the generosity shown by members of the school community and your donations really will make a big difference to many members of the local community! Thank you.



School Council & Team Captains

After thinking about their pledges, preparing their speeches and speaking in front of their peers, the candidates for both School Council and playleaders put themselves forward for election. The pupils below will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills over the coming year. Well done to all pupils who stood for election and congratulations to those elected.

School Council

Oak - Nyla W
Maple - Thea W
Juniper - Ollie L
Aspen - Kaelyn T
Redwood - Miyah V
Rowan - Nichalo A and Sophia B
Katsura - Alex J and Kristen T
Bonsai - Christina W and George T

Team Captains

Green – Clara W & Summer M
Yellow – Sophia B & Isabelle K
Red – India-Lilly M & Lara M
Blue – Oliver T-M & Jessie W

School Lunch Menu - £3.00

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 9 th Oct	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Vegetable bean burrito	Margherita pizza with diced potatoes	Quorn and leek pastry crown, roast potatoes & gravy	Cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with chips
	Pork sausage roll with diced potatoes	Chicken nuggets with crinkle cut wedges	Bubble salmon with diced potatoes	Sliced pork 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
	Ice cream or yoghurt with fruit salad	Chocolate cookie	Orange and strawberry Jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge	Love cake
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