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# Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The week got off to an incredibly positive start with Redwood Class, (Year 4), taking part in their first swimming lesson. It is our commitment for every pupil to have the opportunity to learn to swim across two terms during their time with us and we wouldn't be able to do it without the support of St. Neots Prep School, (who provide the swimming pool), or Frogmore Community College, (who provide their minibuses), so a big thankyou to both of these schools and I know Redwood Class are already looking forward to going again on Monday.

Many of our Year 6 pupils also experienced something new on Tuesday as they took part in the 'Taster Day' at Frogmore Community College. It provided them with a flavour of what to look forward to from secondary school and Mr Vaudin, (FCC Headteacher), emailed me saying how our Year 6 pupils showed 'fantastic engagement, maturity and attitudes to learning,' so well done to all who took part. Also, many of the same pupils will be going to PGL Osmington Bay for the Y6 Residential on Monday so we hope they have a great, (and dry), time and look forward to hearing about all of their achievements on their return to school next Friday.

Miss Barton was also pleased to welcome so many of our new parents from Oak Class in to school on Wednesday for the Phonics Parents Workshop. As you will know, teaching a child to read can be incredibly rewarding and also challenging but with the support of our Little Wandle Phonics Scheme we aim to make it as easy as possible. If you were unable to attend, or are a parent of a pupil in Years 1 or 2, you might want to take a look at the video of the presentation, which can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#).

The week has drawn to a close with an art themed 'Take One Picture' day. This is a project run by the National Gallery, (and you can find more information [here](#)), but the work produced in school has been inspired by the painting 'Surprise' by Henri Rousseau and the best work from across the country will be displayed in the National Gallery, (keep those fingers crossed).

All of the above events took place despite a number of COVID cases amongst staff this week which has meant we have been a little stretched. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this and we have reminded pupils about the need for handwashing and if you could do the same at home that would be helpful.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

### September

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Residential to PGL

### October

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents Meeting @ 9.30am  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents Meeting @ 6.00pm  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 5&6 to Living Rainforest  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents Meeting @ 1.30pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Fraser Portraits (Individual)  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 4.30-7.00pm  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Half-term SCHOOL CLOSED**

## Celebration

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

### Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Jack T

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
<b>Oak</b>	Xander G	Evie S	96.89%
<b>Maple</b>	Dixie H	Dexter S	95.56%
<b>Juniper</b>	Abigail P	Tristan K	97.22%
<b>Aspen</b>	Elise P	Natalia C	98.33%
<b>Redwood</b>	Sienna T	Lewis G	95.97%
<b>Bonsai</b>	Elsa M	Amber W	91.99%
<b>Katsura</b>	Zennon H	James B	<b>98.77%</b>
<b>Rowan</b>	Jesse W	Oscar W	94.87%

\*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

### Potley Point Totals

Blue – 256      Yellow - 302  
Red – 362      Green – 213

### Timestable Rockstars

**Most Improved Class - Katsura**  
**Most Active Class – Aspen**

## Farewell Mrs. Bailey!

One of our Learning Support Assistants in Years 5&6, Mrs Bailey, will be leaving us on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October after being a member of staff at our school for over 13 years. She is heading off to try her hand at something completely different to education and I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on her new role. We will say goodbye to Mrs Bailey in our own way over the next few weeks but in order to fill the void she has left, three of our current lunchtime controllers, Mrs Helen Thornton, Mrs Bertha Tam and Mrs Shireen Tondelli have stepped up to fulfil the role of LSA for the coming year. They are already familiar with the school values and many of the children at our school but I would like to congratulate them on their new roles and look forward to working with them over the coming months.

## 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](mailto: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

SCRUMY's (Tag Rugby) Yr. R-3  
[gareth@scrumys.com](mailto:gareth@scrumys.com)

## Parent Communication Policy

Due to requirements set out by the Department for Education, all schools need to have a number of policies in place in order to be legally compliant. A copy of all these can be found on the '[policies section](#)' of the school website or a paper copy can be obtained from the School Office on request. However, Potley Hill Primary School also have a number of other policies that reflect the specific needs of our school. A recent addition to these has been a [Parent Communication Policy](#) which was approved by the Governors in July 2023, and a number of other local schools have also felt the need to adopt a similar policy. This policy aims to provide some expectations around what should be expected from school staff when dealing with concerns together with some guidelines to help manage parental expectations too. We appreciate there will always be times in school when situations don't go according to plan and parents may be unhappy, however, it is imperative that any issues are raised and dealt with in a respectful manner so that the situation can be appropriately resolved in a timely manner. As a school we pride ourselves on the excellent working relationship we have with parents and carers so thank you in advance for your support with this policy.

## Frogmore Cluster Home Link Worker

Together with Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Infant School and Hawley Primary School, we are engaging in an exciting project where we are looking to appoint a Home Link Worker that works across all four school to support pupils and parents. If this is something that might interest you then why not click [here](#) to find out more.

## The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza has launched a national campaign called 'The Big Ambition' to capture the voice of children and young people across the country in order to improve their lives. For further information and to complete the survey with your child please click [here](#).

## School Lunch Menu - £3.00

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Nacho bean bites with diced potato	Sweet potato and lentil curry with white and brown rice	Margherita pizza with diced potatoes	Quorn chicken pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Summer vegetable quiche with chips
	Pork sausages with mashed potato and gravy	Cheeseburger and crinkle cut wedges	Ham carbonara with penne pasta	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
	Ice cream or yoghurt with fruit salad	Shortbread biscuit	Trifle	Chocolate pudding	Banana flapjack
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 16 <sup>th</sup> 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