



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst heavy snow comes with some clear downsides, the small flurries that we experienced earlier this week really did make our school a hive of excitement and activity as children hoped it would settle. Sadly, this was not the case, however it would have made it even more challenging for Year 6 who were taking part in 'Bikeability.' Learning to ride a bike is a key life skill and our Year 6 pupils should feel incredibly proud of their progress and achievements this week, (however I really didn't envy them going out in the arctic conditions). Together with the responsibility and resilience they showed, they should be equally proud of the feedback from the instructors who said **how wonderful our children are and they wished all schools had pupils like ours.** That really is praise indeed Year 6, well done.

With Road Safety being the theme of our assemblies this week it was also great to welcome PCSO Bannan into school on Wednesday as he spoke about living our school value of responsibility when walking near roads, especially the need to use the well know mantra 'stop, look, listen, think.' This message is even more vital for our pupils, (and parents), as we try to encourage more walking/cycling/scooting to school as part of the Walk to School initiatives but please do help reinforce this by saying 'stop, look, listen, think' as you cross roads with your children.

The football season got off to a mixed start for our boys team last week as they went down 3-1 to Heatherside Juniors in the cup. Despite taking an early lead due to a goal from Declan, they were behind by half-time and despite a spirited second-half display they couldn't quite get another goal to peg Heatherside back. However, the whole team gave 100% effort and as the season progresses, they will play worse than they did on Friday but end up winning the game so keep it up boys!

And finally, thank you to those of you who have passed on your congratulations to us for the outcomes of the recent [OFSTED Report](#); your kinds words and positivity has been greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis (Headteacher)

Diary Dates

November 2024

Thursday 28th – PHPS Community Orchard Planting
Friday 29th – Whole School Flu Immunisations
Friday 29th – Y3&4 Sleepover at School
Friday 29th – Darby Green Christmas Tree Lighting

December 2024

Monday 2nd – **INSET DAY (School Closed)**
Thursday 12th – Nile & Thames Class to Milestones Museum
Thursday 12th – Onyx Class to Winchester Science Museum
Monday 16th – YR, 1&2 Christmas Performance @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 17th – YR, 1&2 Christmas Performance @ 9.15am
Tuesday 17th – Y5&6 Christmas Performance @ 2.15pm
Wednesday 18th – Y5&6 Christmas Performance @ 9.15am
Wednesday 18th – Y3&4 Christmas Performance @ 2.00pm taking place at St Peter's Church, Yateley
Friday 20th – PHPS Christmas Day (Xmas Lunch, Xmas Dress-Up, Xmas Fundraising Dash & Xmas Parties)
Friday 20th – **Last day of term**

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.
Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Archie G

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Huey H	Ginny W	96.9%
Thames	Nyla M	Zachary A	98.3%
Amazon	Jasmine B	Dixie H	98%
Danube	Piper S	Edith S	99.1%
Yangtze	Max VB	Amelie S	96.8%
Onyx	Oscar E	Cooper N	98%
Orinoco	Aleena H	Penny L	90%
Zambezi	Jack D	Eva P	97.4%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 324 Williamson – 229

Peacock -242 Farah – 213

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Onyx Class

Most Improved – Yangtze Class

PHPS Community Orchard Planting – Thursday 28th November 2024 – Important Information

Following the information shared with you in last week's bulletin, throughout the past few days you will likely have seen that the work has started on the bottom field to create the Community Orchard. As the week has progressed the foundations for the human sundial are now clearly visible and the location of the various trees and hedgerows have also been marked out. The preparation work will continue early next week but on **Thursday 28th November** the whole campus community will play a role in the planting of the trees and hedgerows. With this in mind, **please can all pupils come in to school next Thursday wearing clothes and footwear appropriate for outdoor learning which you don't mind getting muddy, (e.g. old, warm, dry).** The plan is that for 15-30 minutes at some point during Thursday every child in our school, together with the children from the pre-school and some pupils from Frogmore Community College, will play a small role in creating the Community Orchard. They will be supported with this process by school staff, Hampshire Forest Partnership, the contractors carrying out the groundwork and some volunteers from Yateley Society, but by the end of next week we hope the 'Community Orchard' will have been planted in readiness for it to grow over the next few months in time for the launch in April 2025 for our 50th Anniversary.

Thank you for your support with this environmental initiative.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please collect from the gate halfway up the playground at 4.15pm for:

Art Club Recorders
Board Games Space Club

Please collect from outside the school office at 4.15pm for:

Cooking Club

Please collect from outside the school office at 4pm for:

Picture Book Club

Please collect from Zambezi class door at 4.15pm for:

Year 6 Girls Booster Club

MONDAY

Year 1 & 2 Art Club (max 12)
Mrs Wilson & Mrs Watson - Amazon

Year 6 Girls Booster (invite only)
Miss Miles/Mrs Richards -Zambezi/Orinoco

Judo 4 Juniors
School Hall Years 1 - 6
[Click here](#) for more information

Tuesday

Year 5 Cooking Club (max 8)
Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech
Second Half-term only

WEDNESDAY

Year 1 & 2 Board Games (max 16)
Mrs Leighton - Amazon class

KS2 Recorder Club (max 20)
Mrs Wilding - Music room

THURSDAY

Years 1 & 2 Picture Book Club
Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles (invite only) -
Zambezi/Amazon

KS2 Space Club (max 21)
Mrs Smith - Danube

Support for, and from Ms Ward

The Community Nurse and I continue to support parents in our 'Coffe and Connection Mornings' with sleep being the topic of discussion yesterday, whereas next Thursday the focus will be on identifying my child's 'wants and needs. So why not come along to the School Hall at 9am on Thursday and join in the conversation.

I'm also looking for help with two different things at the moment and would welcome any donations as you start to sort and prepare for Christmas. The first is if you have any spare decorations that could be used in outdoor learning as we will be decorating a tree outside in order to make the area feel more festive, (due to the weather I won't be able to return these items to you). The second request is for any board / tabletop games that you may have stopped playing with. I use them in my Family Support Work with pupils and would also like to develop a lending library in school.

School Uniform Consultation

A 'school uniform' plays a vital role in developing a sense of belonging amongst pupils, but it is only effective if the Uniform Policy is adhered to by everyone whilst also being accessible and affordable for parents and carers. With this in mind we would like to consult parents on the school uniform we currently have in place and where we can make any improvements. If you would like to share your views then please complete the following [survey](#), (and it should take no more than 2 minutes), before the end of the day on Thursday 28th November. Alternatively, if you want to find out more about our current uniform arrangements then visit our website by clicking [here](#).



Our wrap around care provider Kidz R Us have received the outcome of their OFSTED visit last week and they are pleased to share that they have met all of the relevant criteria. Unlike school OFSTED reports there are no 'judgements' made for school clubs but having met the required standards it is a positive endorsement of the hard work Carly and the wider team have put in place since opening the club in September 2022 and you can access the report on our website by clicking [here](#).

Potley Hill Primary School menu October 2024 to April 2025 - £3.20 per meal

Daily Jacket Potato with choice of cheese/baked beans/tuna mayo filling and hot tomato pasta will also be on offer each day. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 25 th Nov, 16 th Dec, 20 th Jan, 10 th Feb, 10 th Mar	Veggie Bolognese pasta	Vegetarian sausage roll with crinkle cut wedges	Homemade Margherita pizza	Plant based sausage and Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Somerset cheddar cheese and onion quiche
	Chicken katsu curry with brown & white rice	Ham carbonara with pasta	Sticky honey glazed chicken with brown & white rice	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	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
	Shortbread	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Ginger sponge
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 2 nd Dec 6 th & 27 th Jan 24 th Feb, 17 th Mar	Plant based hotdog with half portion of diced potatoes	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato and lentil curry with brown and white rice
	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Pork sausages with mashed potatoes & gravy	Bubble salmon and crinkle cut wedges	Sliced chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	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
	Chocolate Pudding	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Honey biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 9 th Dec 13 th Jan, 3 rd Feb, 3 rd & 24 th Mar	Macaroni cheese	Veggie cottage pie	Vegetable and bean burrito	Quorn and pastry crown	Cheese and potato frittata
	Beef chilli con carne with brown and white rice and tortilla chip	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Handmade BBQ pizza topped with chicken	Sliced pork with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and baked beans
	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
	Chocolate brownie	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Jammy shortbread biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Toffee apple sponge