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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the wonderful sound of children singing carols, the smell of tinsel and sparkling of fairy lights, it can mean only one thing; the start of December and Christmas is fast approaching. Rehearsals are in full swing in readiness for the Christmas Performances and we look forward to welcoming you in to school to share these experiences with the children over the next two weeks. However, if you haven't already notified us via the ParentMail link of the performances you intend to watch then please do so, just so we have an idea of the audience numbers we are expecting.

With the onset of Christmas, Reception and Key Stage 1 have had a busy week writing letters to a 'certain someone who wears a red suit' and visiting the post box to post them and ensure their lists arrive in time. Also, Reception visited St. Barnabas Church this week, (with Years 1 and 2 also planning to go there over the next few weeks), in order to learn more about the Christmas Story and Christian traditions, and we are incredibly grateful to the volunteers at the church who give up their time to share this information.

Sporting opportunities have continued to be provided for children in Key Stage 2 with some Year 4 pupils having the opportunity to take part in a Dodgeball Festival at Alderwood on Wednesday, (where they won every game), and a mixture of Year 4&5 pupils demonstrated their superb running abilities at an Indoor Athletics event at Frogmore Community College yesterday. Well done to all.

And finally, I would like to say a big thankyou for all of your many donations, (ranging from sweets, bottles, cakes, and in the case of volunteers, their time too), for the PTA Christmas Fayre taking place at 5-7pm this evening. With all of the different events, dress-up days and fundraising that take place at school I appreciate it is difficult to keep on top of it all, but your support is always greatly appreciated and the money raised this evening will help towards filling the shelves of the newly renovated Library which is due to be fitted in the Spring Term. (The current IT suite is a 'work in progress' at the moment as the space is being changed in readiness for the Library installation, so I apologise that it isn't as well presented as the rest of the school if you visit this evening). But I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fayre and want to thank you in advance for your support.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December

Friday 2nd - PTA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 6th – YR Christmas Performance @ 9.15am

Tuesday 6th – Y1&2 Christmas Performance @ 2.15pm

Thursday 8th – Y1&2 Christmas Performance @ 9.15am

Thursday 8th – YR Christmas Performance @ 2.15pm

Monday 12th – Coffee Morning with Mrs Elkins

Tuesday 13th – Y4&5 Christmas Performance @ 9.15am

Tuesday 13th – Y3&Y6 Christmas Performance @ 2.15pm

Wednesday 14th – Y3&6 Christmas Performance @ 9.15am

Wednesday 14th – Y4&5 Christmas Performance @ 2.15pm

Thursday 15th – Y4&5 Christmas Performance @ 9.15am

Friday 16th – PHPS Christmas Day (Xmas Lunch, Xmas Jumpers & Xmas Parties)

Friday 16th – Last day of term

Celebration

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

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Butterfly	Mya-Rose D	Elliot P	90%
Flamingo	William S	Ellis M	94.20%
Penguin	Kaelyn T	Lawson W	96.55%
Turtle	Fatima K	Hugo T	100%
Dolphin	Izzy K	Amber C	88.89%
Panther	Evelyn C	Sophia B	96.30%
Leopard	Sienna G	Richard K	90.74%
Lion	Dylan B	Charlie B	94.49%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue - 89

Yellow - 88

Red - 141

Green - 109

Timetable Rockstars

Most Active & Improved – Turtle Class

New Library Design – aerial view



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

After all school-led activities, please collect your child from the gate near the gazebo.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Years 1 & 2 Mindfulness Colouring and Games Miss Barton - Butterfly Classroom (20 pupils)</p> <p>Years 2, 3 & 6 - Gardening Mrs Elkins & Mrs Watson (20 pupils)</p> <p>Years 4 - 6 - Choir Mr Ellis & Mrs S Wilson (30 pupils)</p> <p style="color: red;">Judo 4 Juniors - (External Provider) Lasha Lekishvili</p> <p>Click here for more information</p>	<p>Years 5 & 6 Hand Chimes Mrs Wilding – Music room (20 pupils)</p>	<p>Years 1 & 2 - Lego Miss Hook - Penguin Classroom (15 pupils)</p> <p>Years 1 & 2 - Choir Mrs Stark - Flamingo Classroom (20 pupils)</p> <p>Years 3 – 6 Art Attack Mrs T Wilson – Turtle classroom (20 pupils)</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Bustagroove (External Provider – Street Dance) Years R-2</p> <p>Please contact the email below for further information or speak to the School Office bustagroove.info@gmail.com</p>	<p>Year 5 & 6 – Cake decorating Miss Anstey – Food tech (10 pupils)</p> <p>Year 4 – 6 Football Training Mr Farrer – Frogmore CC Astro (24 pupils)</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Scrumys (External Provider – Tag Rugby) Years R-4</p> <p>Click here for more information</p>

Farewell Miss Hook

The parents of Penguin Class were informed yesterday that after 8 ½ years of being part of the Potley Hill Community Miss Hook will be taking up a new post after Christmas as a Nursery teacher at Ash Grange Primary School. We will all be saying our goodbyes to her as a school before the end of term but I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work and efforts with the many children she has worked with across the school over the years. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Miss Hook on her new role and wishing her all the very best on her future endeavours.

Social Media and Mental Health

Whilst there are advantages to the many 'things' children can access and do online, we are all too aware of the challenges presented to make their online experience as safe as possible. In particular, when using social media, this can also have a detrimental impact on their mental health too. For further information about strategies and ideas to combat this negative impact, then please click [here](#) for a link to our website for further information.

Christmas Coffee Morning



Mrs Elkins warmly invites parents and carers to join her for a coffee and a mince pie and grab that chance to relax and recover from the school run!



Date : Monday 12th December 2022 @ 9am
Place : School Hall

This is a great chance to meet other parents in an informal environment. There will also be reindeer biscuits for you to decorate and to take home for your children!



Please let the school office know if you wish to attend!

SCHOOL MEALS - £2.85

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 31 st Oct, 21 st Nov, 12 th Dec, 16 th Jan, 6 th Feb, 1 st & 27 th March	Nacho bites and diced potato and sweetcorn	Roasted vegetable pasta and peas	Margherita pizza, crinkle cut wedges, sweetcorn and green beans	Quorn chicken and gravy in a Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and vegetables	Macaroni cheese and peas
	Pork sausages and mashed potato, gravy and carrots	Chicken katsu curry with rice and peas	Bubble salmon, crinkle cut wedges, sweetcorn and green beans	Roast chicken and gravy, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and vegetables	Baked fish fingers, tomato ketchup, chips and baked beans
	Ice cream with fruit selection	Lemon drizzle cake	Shortbread	Brownie	Mixed desserts
W/c 7 th & 28 th Nov, 2 nd & 23 rd Jan, 20 th Feb, 13 th March	Vegetarian bolognese, carrots and green beans	Mexican bean burrito and sweetcorn	Margherita pizza, diced potato and peas	Quorn chicken and mushroom pasty, roast potatoes, gravy and vegetables	Baked bean and cheese quesadilla with chips and peas
	Sausage roll, diced potato, carrots and green beans	Chicken nuggets, crinkle cut wedges and baked beans	Italian pork meatball, marinara pasta and peas	Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy and vegetables	Baked battered fish, chips and peas
	Ice cream with fruit selection	Victoria sponge	Shortbread	Apple sponge and custard	Mixed desserts
W/c 14 th Nov, 5 th Dec, 9 th & 30 th Jan, 27 th Feb, 20 th March	Cheese and onion slice with crinkle cut wedges and peas	Tomato pasta with green beans	Margherita pizza, crinkle cut wedges and green beans	Vegetable goujons	Sweet potato and lentil curry, white and brown rice and peas
	Beef burger in a bun, crinkle cut wedges and peas	BBQ chicken meatballs with diced potatoes, broccoli and sweetcorn	Salmon fishcake and sweet potato wedges and green beans	Roast pork, Yorkshire pudding, mash potato, gravy and vegetables	Baked fish fingers, tomato ketchup, chips and baked beans
	Ice cream with fruit selection	Iced vanilla sponge	Shortbread	Fruit crumble and custard	Mixed desserts