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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The return to school after half-term has been as action packed as ever and it started with the transfer of all of the books in to our new Library by the Hampshire Library Service. With World Book Day taking place next Thursday, (further information about pupils coming in to school in pyjamas and other details have been sent in a separate ParentMail), this will also be the 'grand opening' of the Library with all pupils paying their first visit, seeing what is on offer and taking out a book to read at home.

It was also lovely to welcome so many parents and carers of pupils in Leopard Class in to school on Wednesday for their Class Assembly. The pupils shared a huge range of knowledge linked to the topic of 'Anglo-Saxons' but the incredibly creative way in which they did this included wonderful storytelling, high quality acting and even through a song! The pupils clearly enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning with everyone so well done Leopards and thank you to everyone who attended!

The sporting fixtures are coming thick and fast, and our girls football team played in a league match on Wednesday afternoon away at Greenfields Junior School. Despite showing real resilience in a very competitive game they lost 2-1, but it was a very creditable performance and let's hope the boys team put the record straight when they play away at Greenfields next week!

And finally, as I write this, Flamingo Class are on their way to Windsor Castle for a fun filled day linked to their learning as they try to answer the question, 'Would you like to be King or Queen for the day?' Even if they decide this is too challenging a job, I'm sure they will make the most of the opportunity to visit the castle.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

March

Wednesday 1st – PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd – Possible NEU Industrial Action

Thursday 2nd – World Book Day

Wednesday 15th – Flamingo Class Assembly

Tues 20th – Friday 31st – Living Eggs visiting Year R

Thursday 23rd – World Maths Day

Tuesday 28th – Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm

Friday 31st – 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	Brodie G	Phoebe D	94.87%
Flamingo	Ollie L	Molly B	98.6%
Penguin	Jamie G	Finley S	98.33%
Turtle	Robbie b	Freddy G	95.81%
Dolphin	Jonah P	Seth W	95.79%
Panther	Mason H	Evelyn c	98.6%
Leopard	James B	Declan R	99.04%
Lion	Jessica O	Robin W	98.16%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Totals

Blue - 256

Yellow - 207

Red - 301

Green - 145

Timestable Rockstars

Most Active Class – Panthers

Most Improved - Turtles

Baby Joy

Despite only going on maternity leave just before half-term, Mrs. Smith welcomed the arrival of a healthy baby girl early on Thursday morning. Both mother and daughter are doing well, and are safely back at home enjoying time with the whole Smith family. I'm sure you will all join me in passing on our congratulations and best wishes.



Possible NEU Strike Disruption

A few weeks ago on Wednesday 1st February the difficult decision was made to close the school as a result of the industrial action taken by NEU members at Potley Hill. However, I was able to make this decision and share it with parents as early as possible due to teachers informing me of their intention to strike, which they are not obliged to do. The next scheduled strike date is this coming Thursday 2nd March and whilst teachers are under no obligation to inform me of their intention to strike, I have yet to receive notification from any teacher informing me that they intend to strike therefore the intention is for the school to open as normal. If however these circumstances change, I will aim to inform parents as soon as possible of any whole school or partial school closure.

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 (External Providers in red)

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Years 1 & 2 - Board Games Miss Barton Butterfly Classroom (20 pupils)</p> <p>Years 1-6 – Lego Club Mrs Elkins & Mrs Watson Nurture Room (20 pupils)</p> <p style="color: red;">Judo 4 Juniors – (Judo in School Hall) Years 1-6 Click here for more information</p>	<p>Years 1 & 2 – Fine Art Mrs Stark - Flamingo Classroom (10 pupils)</p> <p>Years 3 – 6 Art Attack Mrs T Wilson – Turtle classroom (20 pupils)</p> <p style="color: red;">Bustagroove (Street Dance in School Hall) Years R-2 bustagroove.info@gmail.com</p>	<p>Year 4 (until 4.00pm) – TT Rockstars (15 pupils) Mrs. Bailey & Mrs Wheeler</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 – Netball Team Miss Anstey – Playground (15 pupils)</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Football Training (teams only) Mr Farrer – Frogmore CC Astro (24 pupils)</p> <p style="color: red;">Scrumys - (Tag Rugby on School Field) - Years R-4 Click here for more information</p> <p style="color: red;">Bustagroove - (Theatre School in School Hall) - Years R-3 bustagroove.info@gmail.com</p>

Frogmore Cluster Performance

Potley Hill took part in the Frogmore Schools Cluster Performance earlier this week by singing both as a school but also as part of a combined choir with other schools from across Frogmore. Well done to the pupils who took part (and the staff who made it happen, especially Mrs Stark) and their responsibility and excellent behaviour was also commented on by other schools too!



How safe is Spotify?

At home and in the car many of you, and your children, will be regular users of Spotify, but how safe is it? Just like any online resource it comes with advantages but also some things to be wary of, maybe even things you wouldn't expect! Why not take a look [here](#) at some guidance which highlights the potential risks and how you can more effectively safeguard children when using Spotify.

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
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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