



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Writing this before the start of the last school day of the year has provided me with an opportunity to reflect on what has been an action-packed year at Potley Hill Primary School and the many successes there have been to celebrate. However, at the centre of everything and all of these successes are your children who live the School Values each and every day, and they are a credit to you all. They should all be proud of their achievements this year and we look forward to building on these next year.

However, one year group who will not have the opportunity to enjoy further successes with us are Year 6 as they will be moving on to secondary school. But over the last few weeks they have certainly had some truly wonderful experiences which we hope they have enjoyed, (some of which have been shared with their parents too), including the Year 6 Leavers Assembly on Wednesday. The evening provided staff and pupils the opportunity to share some of their favourite moments during their time at Potley Hill, whilst also allowing them to look forward to what lies ahead. But I'm sure whatever might come next for them, you will join me in wishing each and every one of our Year 6 pupils all the very best in the next stage of their educational journey.

Just like any other school year, 2022-23 has come with its challenges but as a school we have aimed to continue to provide a wide range of engaging, educational and memorable experiences for pupils, from residential to performances to 'Our School in Our World Week' to class assemblies to Sports Day. All of these experiences wouldn't be possible, together with everything else that happens on a day-to-day basis in school, without the dedication, kindness and resilience of all the staff. Therefore, I would like to thank them all for everything they have done throughout the year for their colleagues and pupils, and they all deserve a chance to relax and recharge over the next few weeks.

And finally, I would also like to thank parents, carers and other members of the school community for your support throughout this year, especially your patience during the NEU Strike Action. I hope you enjoy spending time with your children over the summer with whatever you might have planned but let's hope the sun shines and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school when we re-open for pupils on Monday 5th September and please remember the doors will be closing 5 minutes earlier at 8.50am!

Kind regards

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

July

Friday 21st – Last day of term – School Finishes at 3.15/3.20

September

Friday 1st – INSET DAY – School Closed

Monday 4th - Autumn Term starts at **8.50am** (Pupils return to school)

Monday 25th – Friday 29th – Year 6 Residential to PGL

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*
<i>Butterfly</i>	Alec W	Saskia VB	91%
<i>Flamingo</i>	Abigail P	Evander D	93.46%
<i>Penguin</i>	Jamie G	Isaac R	93%
<i>Turtle</i>	Emma B	Hugo T	97.1%
<i>Dolphin</i>	Seth W	Lucy M	92.96%
<i>Panther</i>	Evelyn D	Sam W	90.37%
<i>Leopard</i>	Indie-Ana E	India Lily M	90.74%
<i>Lion</i>	Sophie C	Phoebe Wils	98.82%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

Potley Point Termly Totals

Blue - 2159

Yellow - 2209

Red - 2246

Green - 2097

The Champions this term are red team (again)!!!

Timestable Rockstars

Most Active Class – Leopard

Goodbye and Good Luck!

At the end of any academic year, schools sadly say goodbye and good luck to staff members who will be moving on to explore new opportunities. This year is no different and in our end of year assembly we said goodbye to three members of staff who will not be returning in September. Whilst they might have all fulfilled different roles within the school for different periods of time, their contributions have been greatly appreciated and I would like to thank them on behalf of everyone at Potley Hill Primary School, (both present and past), and I'm sure you will join me in providing best wishes for the future to;

Miss Anstey - Teacher

Miss Chennells - Teacher

Mrs. Wood – LSA

Termly Awards

Below are the names and awards given out in our end of term assembly to pupils throughout the school.
Each and every child should feel incredibly proud for being chosen for these awards by staff.

Termly Trophies	STEP Badges	Handwriting Heroes	Termly Headteacher Awards
Barrett (progress) – Tristan K (Flamingo)	Alexis S - Reception	Theo S - Reception	Katya M – Butterfly
Kaufmann (citizenship) – Charlie S (Turtle)	Rowan G - Year 1	Bleu J - Year 1	Genevieve L – Flamingo
Bailey (reasoning) – James B (Leopard)	Ellie C-C - Year 2	Harley W - Year 2	Max vB – Penguin
Fletcher Boys Writing – Brodie G (Butterfly)	Miyah V - Year 3	Kaelin C - Year 3	Alfie M – Turtle
Fletcher Girls Maths – Bhavya S (Flamingo)	Lucy M – Year 4	Nichalo A – Year 4	Scarlett M – Leopard
Roedellington (100% effort) – Josiyah V (Dolphin)	Devan C -Year 5	Isabelle K -Year 5	Eva P – Panther
Clarke (environment) – Henry F (Lion)	Milo J – Year 6	Louisa H – Year 6	Toby S – Dolphin
Wilson (kindness) – Sophia B (Panther)			Hollie H – Lion

The Water Safety Code

With many families and children visiting the coastline over the summer holidays here are some safety reminders and helpful websites from Hampshire County Council.

STOP & THINK - Look for the dangers. Always read the signs and understand what they mean.

STAY TOGETHER - Never go near water on your own. Always have an adult with you.

FLOAT - If you fall in, float or swim on your back and stay calm. Throw something that floats to someone who has fallen in.

CALL 999 or 112 - In an emergency call 999 or 112 (coastguard)

[Float to Live Toolkit: resources for download \(rnli.org\)](#)

[Teach your children the Water Safety Code - Hampshire SCP](#)

[The Water Safety Code | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#)

[Get to know your Water Safety Code with RLSS UK - YouTube](#)



Term Dates 2023-2024

INSET Day: Friday 1st September 2023

Autumn Term 2023: Monday 4th September - Friday 15th December 2023

Autumn Half Term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023

INSET Day: Monday 27th November 2023

Christmas Holiday: Monday 18th December 2023 - Monday 1st January 2024

INSET Day: Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Spring Term 2024: Wednesday 3rd January - Thursday 28th March 2024

INSET Day: Friday 9th February 2024

Spring Half Term: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holiday: Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024: Monday 15th April - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024 (school closed)

INSET Day: Friday 21st June 2024

Summer Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

These dates can also be found on the school website by clicking [here](#).

Stolen Scooter

Sadly, for the first time during my time here I need to provide a warning to parents to be vigilant around the property of pupils. I know a number of pupils cycle or scooter to school and leave their bikes or scooters in either the bike shed or the scooter stands near the gazebo, but earlier this week a scooter was stolen after being left for a few hours after school near the gazebo. It appears that someone has walked past the fence and lifted the scooter over so please be mindful that this has happened if you use the bike stands or shed without using a lock.