



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you for your flexibility and co-operation with the changes that have been in place at the start and end of the school day due to the installation of the new windows and doors. With Turtles, Seahorses, Dolphins and Penguins having already been completed hopefully you will agree that they are a significant improvement and the short-term disruption is worthwhile for the long-term gain.

I am sure you are all keeping up-to-date with everything in the media related to COVID-19 and the current guidance that has needed to be put in place due to the new Omicron variant. Due to the local picture when it comes to COVID-19 and the safety measures that we are able to put in place, we are aiming for the Christmas Performances scheduled to take place over the next few weeks to continue as planned. However, the following guidance needs to be followed in order to attend the events:

-All parents/carers with places for the performances to arrive at school via the School Hall doors where staff will have a list of those attending and the doors will open 10 minutes before the event is due to start.

-Only 2 parents/carers are able to attend the event per child, (these seats have already been booked via ParentMail), and the chairs are organised in pairs around the hall, with some distance between them.

-All parents/carers attending the performance will be expected to wear a facemask and hand sanitiser will be available on entry.

-All parents/carers attending the event to take a Lateral Flow Test within 48 hours of coming on to school site, if positive do not attend, also do not attend if showing any symptoms of COVID-19, (new cough, high temperature or loss of tastes/smell).

-Windows and doors that open externally in the hall will be open to ensure better ventilation, so please dress appropriately for the weather

If there is any change to these performance plans then we will let you know as soon as possible and communicate what alternative arrangements will be in place. Also, in order to prepare for the performances to parents, the classes will also perform to pupils across the school so that all pupils get to experience the performances of others.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December

Thursday 9th @ 9.15am – Reception Nativity
Thursday 9th @ 2.30pm – Year 1 Nativity
Friday 10th @ 9.15am – Year 1 Nativity
Friday 10th @ 2.30pm – Reception Nativity
Monday 13th @ 2.30pm – Year 2 Performance
Tuesday 14th @ 9.15am – Year 2 Performance
Tuesday 14th @ 1.45pm – KS2 Festive Extravaganza (on playground)
Wednesday 15th – PHS Christmas Day (Santa Dash, Xmas jumpers, Xmas lunch, Xmas parties)
Thursday 16th @ 1.45pm – KS2 Performance (on playground reserve date)
Friday 17th – Last Day of Term (School finishes at normal time)

Celebration

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

Class	Lead Learner	Bee Award
Butterfly	Theo V	Miles H
Flamingo	Elijus K	Rex T
Penguin	Blake S	Jack S
Dolphin	Susie P	Cassius T
Turtle	Isabelle S	Thomas E
Stingray	Annabella M	Cooper G
Panther	Robin W	Brianna Sage S
Lion	Lucas B	Lilly M
Leopard	Salwa T	Lucy M

Team Point Totals

Blue - 66

Yellow - 63

Red - 94

Green - 80

Class with the highest attendance

Leopard – 98.7%

Author visit – Bonnie Bridgman

As part of the Potley Guarantee, we offer children the opportunity to work with a real author. On Tuesday 7th December, this is exactly what Years 2, 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to do as Bonnie Bridgman, local resident and author of 'Clara Claus saves Christmas', visits the school to work with the children. During the workshop, Bonnie will speak to the children about how she became an author and share her new book with the children. They will even be naming a reindeer together! Her books will also be available to be purchased in the gazebo after school on Tuesday too!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

Years 3 & 4 Netball Club
Mrs. Smith – School Playground (25 pupils)

Years 1 & 2 Gardening Club Miss Barton School Grounds (20 pupils)

Thursday

Years 5&6 Hockey Club Miss Anstey – 3G (25 pupils)

Years 3&4 Football Club Mr Farrer – 3G (25 pupils)

Caretaker/Lunchtime Activities co-ordinator Advert

Sadly, Mr Gurney our lovely Site Manager has decided it is time to hang up his leaf blower and retire in Spring next year.

We are currently advertising for his replacement with a slight change to the role. We would like the next person who looks after the buildings etc to also become a truly ensconced member of the Potley Hill family by working mornings during term time undertaking daily 'building' duties and then co-ordinating lunchtime activities for the various years groups and delivering/supervising these across the week with the pupils during the lunch break.

<https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/>

Parent Survey Feedback

A few weeks ago, a Parent Survey was sent out and we would like to say a huge thankyou to those of you who completed it. There were 164 responses in total and of these responses over 97% said their child felt safe and happy at school, and that their child does well, which is extremely positive. For many of the other questions the responses largely fell in to either agree or strongly agree which reflects the fact that most parents are happy with the provision in place for their child at Potley Hill Primary School which is pleasing to hear.

As with any feedback there were also areas identified that we need to further improve, and these relate to whether parents believe the school has high expectations for their child or that the school supports the wider development of my child. Whilst these responses were still positive there was a significant minority, (approximately 10%), who answered 'don't know' which suggests this is an area to improve both in terms of the provision in place but also how it is communicated to parents. The fact that pupils aren't able to take part in as wide a range of clubs or activities that we would like was also identified but we will be working hard over the coming months to make the necessary improvements needed.

PTA

The PTA have asked that we remind you about the 'Easy Fund-Raising link' associated with them.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/potleyhillprimaryschool/>

SCHOOL MEALS Nov/December - Meals are £2.50 per day

Potley Hill Primary School Menu 1st November – 17th December 2021

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/B 1 st Nov, 22 nd Nov, 13 th Dec	Vegan spaghetti bolognaise	Vegetarian sausages, mashed potato and gravy	Pizza Potato crispers	Vegan mince and potato Pastry parcel	Somerset cheddar cheese and tomato Quesadilla (no beans)
	Sausage roll, diced potatoes	Creamy chicken pasta	Chicken curry with rice	Sliced beef, Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers, chips, tomato ketchup
	Veg of the day	Veg of the day	Veg of the day	Veg of the day with roast potatoes, gravy	Veg of the day
	Vanilla ice-cream and fruit salad	Chocolate pudding	Oat and raisin cookie	Rice pudding and fruit compote	Cold desserts
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/B 8 th Nov, 29 th Nov	Sweet potato and lentil curry	Macaroni cheese	Pizza	Vegetarian cottage pie with gravy	Free range omelette with cheese and tomato
	Pork sausages, mashed potato, gravy	Lemon and herb chicken and cous cous	Vegetarian goujons	Turkey meatloaf, mashed potato, gravy	Battered fish, chips, tomato ketchup
	Veg of the day	Veg of the day	Potato crispers, veg of the day	Veg of the day	Veg of the day
	Vanilla ice-cream and fruit salad	Fruit crumble and custard	Gingerbread	Coconut and jam sponge	Cold desserts
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/B 15 th Nov, 6 th Dec	Cheese and onion pasty with potato wedges	Tomato pasta	Pizza Potato crispers	Homemade vegetarian toad in the hole	Vegetable and bean burrito
	Spaghetti and turkey meatballs	Bubble salmon and diced potatoes	Chicken and vegetarian fried rice, curry sauce	Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding	Fish fingers, chips, tomato ketchup
	Veg of the day	Veg of the day	Veg of the day	Veg of the day with roast potatoes, gravy	Veg of the day
	Vanilla ice-cream and fruit salad	Love cake	Chocolate orange biscuit	Chocolate brownie	Cold desserts