



Dream Big, Aim High
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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, it's fair to say that Christmas has well and truly arrived at Potley Hill this week. With the start of the Christmas Performances it has been wonderful to welcome you in to school to share some of them with us and we really do hope you have enjoyed them as much as the pupils have. What has also been really pleasing is the adherence to the guidelines put in place for them to go ahead safely, so many thanks for your co-operation with this.

The Key Stage 2 performance is due to take place outside throughout the afternoon next Tuesday 14th. Each Key Stage 2 class will do a 10 minute performance throughout the afternoon followed by a finale for the whole phase with the timings being as follows;

Dolphins – 1.45pm
Turtles – 1.55pm
Stingrays – 2.05pm
Panthers – 2.15pm
Leopards – 2.25pm
Lions – 2.35pm
Finale – 2.45pm

When attending, we do encourage the wearing of masks due to the number of people we anticipate being on the playground. However please do make sure you bring some spare change with you because the PTA will be doing some fundraising by providing some refreshments to help keep you warm if you intend to be there throughout the afternoon. Due to it being December we cannot predict the weather but if we need to postpone the event until Thursday I will notify parents by 10am on Tuesday morning via ParentMail but, (fingers crossed), we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Hopefully, once the performances have all taken place we will have a chance to have our 'Potley Hill Christmas Day' next Wednesday which will include a Santa Dash in the morning, Christmas lunch followed by class parties in the afternoon. In order to make the day feel as festive as possible pupils do not need to wear school uniform on that day but can wear clothes of their own choice, and if these clothes were 'Christmassy' where possible, (especially Christmas jumpers), that would add to the celebrations. With the Santa Dash fundraiser for the PTA taking place during the morning, (a ParentMail was sent about how to fundraise for this on 30th November), it might be worthwhile bearing in mind the fact that pupils will need to be wearing appropriate footwear, (probably trainers), to run in so they can raise as much money as possible for the school!

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

December

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 – PHPS 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)

January

Tuesday 4th – INSET Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 5th – Spring Term starts (Pupils return to school)

Celebration

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

Class	Lead Learner	Bee Award
Butterfly	Piper S	Jason T
Flamingo	Layla P	Farrah D
Penguin	Modaser N	Oscar E
Dolphin	Taylor M	Inaaya H
Turtle	Elsa M	Sophie G
Stingray	Elliot H	Declan R
Panther	Preston B	Phoebe C W
Lion	Archie BH	Lizzie S
Leopard	Oliver K	Freya W

Team Point Totals

Blue - 77 Yellow - 78
Red - 106 Green - 96

Class with the highest attendance
97.92 – % Penguin Class



With Christmas fast approaching I am sure many of our pupils will receive an electronic gift in their stocking from Santa. If this is the case please ensure that TikTok isn't an app that is added. Many of our pupils talk about having access to it and whilst I'm sure it has many positive attributes the minimum age of use is 13 for a reason. Thanks for your support with this.

COVID-19 Update

Over the past few days there have been changes to the national guidance linked to COVID-19 and the new Omicron variant. In order for staff, pupils and parents to be as safe as possible we have made some slight changes to our risk assessment. The most significant change is that from today staff need to wear facemasks in all communal areas within school, (not classrooms), or in circumstances where social distancing between adults isn't possible. This also applies to any visitor who enter the school building, including parents, and we now ask that you wear a facemask. The updated risk assessment is available on the website with the changes written in red and it can also be found [here](#).

It is absolutely vital that we all remain vigilant when it comes to minimising the spread of COVID-19. We do have a small number of cases within school at the moment but it is very much in the wider Hart community so please continue to encourage your children to wash their hands regularly and we will ensure the building is as well ventilated as possible. Also, please continue to not attend school site if you are displaying symptoms, (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell). If you wish to wear a mask on the playground then you are more than welcome to do so but please continue to notify the school if your child has any symptoms and book a PCR test as soon as possible.

'Clara Claus Saves Christmas'

As part of our 'Potley Guarantee' we aim for our pupils to have as many real-life experiences as possible. These can range from visiting places, doing specific things but also meeting certain people and meeting an author is certainly one of them. For all of our pupils in years 2, 3 & 4 they met a 'real life' author this week in the form of Bonnie Bridgman who is the author of 'Clara Claus Saves Christmas.' She spoke with the pupils about what inspires her, the 'job' of an author and also the book itself. It was wonderful to see the excitement levels of pupils to meet an author in person and we know that many of you also purchased a copy of the book, (with some of them even having personalised messages written in them), so we hope you enjoy them as much as the pupils enjoyed the talk!



SCHOOL MEALS Meals are £2.50 per day

Potley Hill Primary School Menu 13th – 17th December 2021

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Christmas Dinner day	Thursday	Friday
13 th Dec	Vegan spaghetti bolognaise	Vegetarian sausages, mashed potato and gravy	Vegetable Wellington, Vegan sausage with veg and gravy	Pizza Potato crispers	Somerset cheddar cheese and tomato Quesadilla (no beans)
	Sausage roll, diced potatoes	Creamy chicken pasta	Turkey Breast, Chipolata sausage with veg and gravy	Chicken curry with rice	Fish fingers, chips, tomato ketchup
	Veg of the day	Veg of the day	Veg of the day	Veg of the day	Veg of the day
	Vanilla ice-cream and fruit salad	Chocolate pudding	Iced Christmas Biscuit or Fruit salad & Ice Cream	Oat and raisin cookie	Cold desserts