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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents & Carers,

With the return of school after the Christmas break it has been wonderful to see the children continue with their positive learning behaviours this week and re-establishing the rules and routines in school. As we start the new term a wide range of new topics and themes are being launched in each class and the staff have been working hard to ensure everyone is hooked in to their learning so they make the most of the opportunities in the weeks moving forward. Year 6 have done this through a Greek Day today, which has also included a workshop, and hopefully this will be the first of many exciting opportunities happening for our pupils this term.

In fact, Year 6 don't have to wait long for their next exciting opportunity because on Monday they will all be taking part in swimming lessons. This is the first time swimming has taken place for Potley Hill pupils since the start of the pandemic and is only possible due to the support of St. Neots Preparatory School, (who's swimming pool we will be using), and Frogmore Community College, (who's minibus we will be using to transport the pupils), and we look forward to working closely with these schools over the coming terms to ensure all pupils have the best swimming opportunity possible during their time with us.

In addition to this, we have also made some significant changes to help improve the lunchtime experience for all pupils, (which hopefully some of the children have told you about already). When I first joined the school the biggest piece of feedback from the pupils was that they wanted 'more things to do' at lunchtime. As a result of this and with the support of Mrs Wallace, we have 'zoned' the playground at lunchtime and arranged for a rotation of activities to take place throughout the week. There are now opportunities to draw/colour/sketch, play football, together with take part in organised games involving a range of new equipment that are run by our Year 6 Playleaders. We have also enabled year 1 pupils to be able to access the Reception playground so that they can engage with the construction area, mud kitchen and all of the other learning experiences that we have available which will also further enrich their lunchtime experience. There is more that we want to do with the playground at lunchtime but these are the first steps and I do hope that the children have given you positive feedback about the changes that have already taken place.

Have a great weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

January

Friday 21st – Whole School French Day

Friday 28th – PTA: Break the Rules Day

February

Tuesday 1st – Year 2 Marwell Zoo

w/c 7th – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th – Safer Internet Day

Monday 14th – Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm

Thursday 17th – Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.00pm

Monday 21st – Friday 25th Half Term

Monday 28th – INSET Day (School Closed)

March

Tuesday 1st – 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	Abigail P	Rowan G
Flamingo	Leo A	Lawson W
Penguin	George S	Lexi R
Dolphin	Luella J	Mitchall R
Turtle	Thomas E	Sienna L
Stingray	Kristen T	India Lily Mc
Panther	Louisa H	Francesca M
Lion	Ashton CS	Beatrice F
Leopard	Ava R	Samantha F

Team Point Totals

Blue - 3

Yellow - 3

Red - 4

Green - 3

Class with the highest attendance

Panther Class – 99.41%

Nits



Unfortunately, we appear to have HEADLICE back in school again, please can we request that you check your child's hair regularly, the only way to get rid of these creatures is by being vigilant. There are various options to use to keep them at bay. Wet comb/conditioner method, electric zapper comb, various brands of chemical solutions available,
Dr J's/ Vosene/NitNot/Hedrin/NitWit/Lyclear/Escenti
If your child has long hair please can this be tied up for school.

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 activities, please collect your child from the side gate near Reception.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Tuesday	Thursday
Years 5 & 6 Netball Club Mrs. Smith – School Playground (15 pupils)	Years 3-6 Hockey Club Miss Anstey – 3G (25 pupils)
Years 1 & 2 Lego Club Miss Barton School Grounds (20 pupils)	Years 5&6 Boys & Girls Football Club Mr Farrer – 3G (25 pupils)

Santa Dash

In the last week of term all pupils took part in a Santa Dash, which was an event organised and supported by the PTA. Now that all of the money has been counted, we can confirm that the total raised was an incredible **£2286.97**. The support and generosity of parents and wider family members is greatly appreciated. The money raised will have a significant on the pupils within school and is it will be contributed towards the redevelopment of the hall facilities this summer, so once again thank you for your continued support.



Queen's Jubilee change of date

You may remember early last term that I informed you all that due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year falling during the May half-term that Hampshire County Council had allocated an additional Bank Holiday for Tuesday 3rd May. However, this date has now been changed to Friday 22nd July. As a result of this change school will now be open on Tuesday 3rd May but the summer term will end on Thursday 21st July. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and if you have any questions or queries regarding this then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Parenting Support

Many parents check in with school throughout their child's time with us, seeking support for a range of different issues that might crop up outside school. The following website, [Parenting Support](#), contains a wealth of information ranging from how to establish rules and routines, healthy lifestyles, anxiety in children, nurturing talents and many more, so why not take a look!

SCHOOL MEALS are £2.50 per day

Potley Hill Primary School Menu January to April 2022					
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 17 th Jan, 7 th Feb, 7 th March, 28 th March,	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/c 3 rd Jan, 24 th Jan, 14 th Feb, 14 th March, 4 th April.	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/c 10 th Jan, 31 st Jan 28 th Feb, 21 st March	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