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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of January approaches, I would have liked to have given you a positive report about the pupils having a very productive week, but as the week comes to an end all I can report to you is a day of rule breaking!!! There are painted fingernails, pupils wearing their own clothes, tattoos, crazy hair and I can even report that some unhealthy snacks have been consumed too! However, on a serious note it has been great to see so many children engage with the PTA led event of 'Break the Rules Day' and they have been very restrained and only broken the rules suggested, and thankfully no others. I must admit that when this idea was raised by the PTA I could feel my heart rate rapidly increase but the day (understandably) has been fully embraced by the pupils and the money raised will go towards the renovation of the hall in the summer. I will let you know in next week's bulletin how much money has been raised but thank you for your generous support.

Having completed a learning walk this week focussing on Maths I have seen a number of classes focussing on their multiplication skills and pupils being challenged to not only use their maths knowledge but apply it in different contexts too which was very pleasing to see. In addition to this our year 6 pupils also took part in a virtual Art Workshop led by Southampton Museum and despite the limitations that sometimes comes with workshops 'online' this one was expertly linked to the Ancient Greeks and thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils.

And finally, there have been numerous communications over the past few weeks linked to COVID-19 within the school community but I am pleased to report that whilst we do still have a number of pupils and staff across the school who are self-isolating, the number of reported new cases has significantly dropped this week compared to last. However, please remain vigilant and continue to follow the government guidance but if you have any questions or queries about what to do if your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test then please do not hesitate to speak to the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Head Teacher

Diary Dates

February

Tuesday 1st – Year 2 Marwell Zoo
Tuesday 1st – YR&Y1 Phonics Presentation 9am & 2.45pm
Friday 4th – Y5 Wonderdome Experience
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	Tristan K	Maverick R
Flamingo	Natalia C	Rex T
Penguin	Adam J	Freddy G
Dolphin	Mason H	Sophie G
Turtle	Amber C	Elsa M
Stingray	Ava K, Ruby H, Bhavya S	Annabelle M
Panther	Daniel N	James T
Lion	Sienna C	Caden E
Leopard	Lola Belle K	Lennon B

Team Point Totals

Blue - 129

Yellow - 139

Red - 162

Green - 145

Attendance – Penguin Class 97.24%

Timestable Rockstars

Highest Participating Class – Leopards

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 side gate near Reception.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
Judo 4 Juniors - (External Provider) Lasha Lekishvili Click below for information about places https://judo-4-juniors.class4kids.co.uk	Years 1 & 2 Lego Club Miss Barton School Grounds (20 pupils) Years 5 & 6 Netball Club Mrs. Smith – School Playground (15 pupils)	Years 3-6 Hockey Club Miss Anstey – 3G (25 pupils) Years 5&6 Boys & Girls Football Club Mr Farrer – 3G (25 pupils)

Mastery Approach to Maths

At Potley we follow a Mastery Approach to Maths using the White Rose Materials to help us structure our curriculum and deliver our Maths lessons. Part of the Mastery Approach, is the emphasis placed on children's sense of number and developing a fluent approach to calculation from the very early stages of their maths journey. Our Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes are currently part of the Number Sense Project that is supported by the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics). Involvement in this project means that our KS1 children have a dedicated time in their day where they are learning to visualise numbers and understand how numbers can be broken up to enable more efficient calculation.

White Rose Maths have just released an excellent APP, called **1-minute Maths**, that is designed to support children's understanding in the area of number and is an excellent tool to support the number sense work we are doing in school. This APP is free to download from Apple App Store, Google Play and Amazon Kindle and we are highly recommending that parents download this game and get children developing their sense of number at home.

Follow this link for more information [1 Minute Maths](#)



Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice — and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's **FREE!**



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 crisps	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 crisps, 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 pastry with potato wedges	Tomato pasta	Pizza Potato crisps	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