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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas, and whilst it is great to spend time with family and friends, I hope you also enjoyed the opportunity to have a break from the school routine too. With the staff returning to school on Monday and after a busy few weeks of us all enjoying mince pies and sweets, we had a very active day in school as we spent time sorting and organising a few areas of the school that needed a refresh, including the music room, staff room and PPA room near Year 1. Whilst being thoroughly exhausting, it did ensure that the learning environment was fully ready for the return of pupil for their first day of 2025.

With the start of any new term at Potley Hill, pupils have returned with a sense of purpose and have settled back into the routines and expectations of school life. In fact, this was noted by a member of the Hampshire Education Team during a visit to the school yesterday where the positive behaviours of pupils, together with their collaboration and engagement with learning were noted. This is helped with the high quality and interesting projects that pupils will be taking part in over the coming half-term, and I know there have already been healthy discussions about whether they could have survived during pre-historic Britain or whether it is indeed right to explore a place where no human has ever been. Further information about this learning will be shared by class teachers on Seesaw over the next few days so please keep an eye out.

Information has already been shared on Arbor with parents about after-school clubs this term, so please take a look and see if there is anything that is available to your child. Due to the small size of our staff group, together with the additional responsibilities many of us have within school, we are unable to run a huge number of clubs, therefore the staff who do give up their time to run these clubs want them to be full and thriving, so if there is the option, why not encourage your child to try something new this term?

And finally, the cold weather this week has led to an increase in the number of cars on site, (which I didn't think was possible), but please can I remind you to use the bottom car park for pick-up and drop-off rather than any of the double yellow lines or the car park nearest the Leisure Centre as this is for their users.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis (Headteacher)

Message from Miss Barton

I'm excited to share that my baby, Ernie George, arrived on 5th January 2025. We are both doing very well and thanks for all of your kind messages and well wishes before I went on maternity leave.

We're sure that you will join us all in sending our very best wishes to Miss Barton and we look forward to her and Ernie George visiting us all at school soon.

Diary Dates

January 2025

Monday 13th – Year 5 Swimming lessons start
Wednesday 15th – Onyx Class Artist Workshop
Wednesday 15th – Amazon Class to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 16th – Danube Class to Butser Farm
Friday 17th – Y6 Railway Safety Workshop
Thursday 23rd – PTA 'The Little Recyclers' (clothes donations)
w/c 27th – PPHS Maths Week
Wednesday 29th - Zambezi Class Assembly

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Farrah D

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Bella T	Andrea C	96.15%
Thames	Olive R	Logan H	90.42%
Amazon	Theo S	Charlotte D	91.67%
Danube	Cohen R	Poppy P	97.83%
Yangtze	Meryem K	Emily L	93.95%
Onyx	Robbie B	Ollie S	96.34%
Orinoco	Issy R	Lilah P	91.07%
Zambezi	Richard K	Samuel W	98.03%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 86 **Williamson – 200**

Peacock - 115 **Farah – 92**

Timestable Rockstars:

Most Active – Zambezi Class

FREE OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 2025
FROGMORE LEISURE CENTRE

Freestyle Football With Jamie Knight
FREE Gymnastics Tasters
FREE Gym Challenges
FREE Bouncy Castle Sessions
FREE Face Painting
Balloon Modelling

EVERYONE
MORE INFO & BOOKING
Scan the QR code

For further information visit www.everyoneactive.com/frogmoreopenday/

<p align="center">MONDAY</p> <p>Year 1 & 2 Art Club (max 12) Mrs Wilson - Amazon</p> <p>Years 3 to 6 Mindfulness (max 15) Miss Gregory - Yangtze</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Football (invite only) Mr Ellis - FCC Astro Pitches</p> <p>Year 6 Girls Booster (invite only) Miss Miles/Mrs Richards - Zambezi/Orinoco</p>
<p align="center">TUESDAY</p> <p>Year 4 Cooking Club (max 8) Mrs Kent & Mrs Wetherill - Food tech room Spring half-term 1 only</p>
<p align="center">WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Year 1 & 2 Mindfulness (max 12) Mrs Watson - room TBC</p> <p>Years 3 to 6 Recorder Club (max 20) Mrs Wilding - Music room</p> <p>Year 5 & 6 Netball (max 12) Mrs Bailey – Netball courts (meet in Onyx)</p>
<p align="center">THURSDAY</p> <p>Year 1 & 2 Colouring Club (max 20) Mrs Guillaume – Nile</p> <p>Years 1 to 3 Picture Book Club (invite only) Mrs Wallace & Miss Miles - Library</p> <p>Years 3 to 6 Geography Club (max 20) Mrs Smith – Danube</p>
<p align="center">FRIDAY (external provider) Judo 4 Juniors School Hall Years 1 to 6 Click here for more information</p>

Happy New Year from Nessie, our school assistant dog in training!

Dear Potley Hill pupils,

I have been working hard to learn all about the empty school environment, lots of sniffing and walking around. I am allowed to come into the school when it is open to practise my next skills, apparently I need to work on settling in the office and being calm, tricky skills for a fun loving pup but I'll try my very best! The best bit is I know I'll get loads of treats!

Wish me luck in my next training steps!

Nessie xx



My handler, Mrs Morris, just wanted to share a note with you all to say that because I am a school assistant dog in training, if you see me remember to give me space whilst I am still training.

Thank you.

Potley Hill Primary School menu October 2024 to April 2025 - £3.20 per meal

Daily Jacket Potato with choice of cheese/baked beans/tuna mayo filling and hot tomato pasta will also be on offer each day. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 20 th Jan, 10 th Feb, 10 th Mar	Veggie Bolognese pasta	Vegetarian sausage roll with crinkle cut wedges	Homemade Margherita pizza	Plant based sausage and Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Somerset cheddar cheese and onion quiche
	Chicken katsu curry with brown & white rice	Ham carbonara with pasta	Sticky honey glazed chicken with brown & white rice	Sliced beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Shortbread	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Ginger sponge
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 27 th Jan 24 th Feb, 17 th Mar	Plant based hotdog with half portion of diced potatoes	Roasted vegetable lasagne	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn pieces in a Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato and lentil curry with brown and white rice
	Chicken curry with brown and white rice	Pork sausages with mashed potatoes & gravy	Bubble salmon and crinkle cut wedges	Sliced chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and beans
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Chocolate Pudding	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Honey biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/c 13 th Jan, 3 rd Feb, 3 rd & 24 th Mar	Macaroni cheese	Veggie cottage pie	Homemade Margherita pizza	Quorn and pastry crown	Cheese and potato frittata
	Beef chilli con carne with brown and white rice and tortilla chip	Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes	Vegetable and bean burrito	Sliced pork with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers with chips and baked beans
	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad	All served with Vegetable of the day or salad
	Chocolate brownie	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Jammy shortbread biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Toffee apple sponge