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Weekly Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The weekly bulletin is arriving slightly earlier than normal because we are all hoping to be busy enjoying the 50th Anniversary Fair tomorrow afternoon as we welcome everyone to celebrate with us. Much of this week has been centred around the 50th celebrations and it has been wonderful to see so many people from across the wider school community contribute to the celebrations in some way. This ranges from needing 'help' to get into the time capsule, the use of a drone to take the aerial 'PH50' photo below, the creation of the balloon arch and all the other activities for tomorrow afternoon. It really has been a team effort so thank you for your support.

This has also come in the form of money following the Sponsored Silence (who would have thought it but the feedback from children was that they really enjoyed it because it was so peaceful). It was impeccably observed by everyone so whether your child collected 80p or £80 sponsorship money, please could it be brought into school by the end of the first week back after Easter (in cash please) and I look forward to sharing with you how much has been raised.

What I am able to share is that the PTA Discos managed to raise £500 last Friday together with a further £145 through Asda's 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative so thank you once again.

And finally, with the Easter holidays soon to be upon us, if you are looking for a few ideas about what to do then ['What's on in Hart?'](#) might be worth a look for some events in Hart&Rushmoor.

Have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mr B Ellis (Headteacher)

Diary Dates

April 2025

Friday 4th – SCHOOL CLOSES at 1.30pm for Easter and the '50th Anniversary Fair'

Tuesday 22nd – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 22nd – Fraser Class Photographs

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th – Year 4 Runways End Residential

Celebration

These pupils are being celebrated this week in class.

Lunchtime Supervisor Nomination: Poppy P

Class	Lead Learner	Star of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nile	Andrea C	Huey H	100%
Thames	Xander G	Zara H	98.75%
Amazon	Ayah A	Phoebe D	96.55%
Danube	Harriet W	Erin A	100%
Yangtze	Kaelyn T	Ellie CC	96.37%
Onyx	Olivia M	Luka B	96.09%
Orinoco	Cassius T	Poppy C	93.45%
Zambezi	Jonah P	Sienna L	97.37%

*Highest weekly class attendance in bold print

This week's Potley Points results are:

Raducanu – 201 (2603)

Williamson – 157 (2204)

Peacock – 136 (2352)

Farah – 161 (2209)

Termly Winners – Raducanu

Timetable Rockstars:

Most Active & Improved – Zambezi Class

Potley Hill Primary School at 50!



Goodbye & Good Luck Mrs Shafto!

With the focus of the week being on the school's 50th Anniversary it would have been easy to overlook the fact that a highly valued member of staff will be relocating and therefore leaving us tomorrow, but Mrs Shafto has played a central role in the life of Potley Hill for over 10 years and will be sorely missed. Pupils and staff will say their own farewell to her in tomorrow's assembly, but her approach to all tasks, ranging from making phone calls to parents, arranging school trips or simply reassuring a child by applying a wet paper towel after an accident, is always calm, kind and caring, which has been invaluable and greatly appreciated. What has also been incredibly useful is that she has managed to 'rope in' Mr Shafto to drive the minibus to transport pupils to swimming lessons, and various other events, for the past three years and I would like to thank him for the role he has played too!

Mrs Shafto has certainly made a significant contribution to making Potley Hill a better place for children, parents and staff, but she leaves us with our very best wishes and we wish her the best of luck in her next exciting chapter!

Thank you for everything Mrs Shafto!

Friday 4th April - 50th Anniversary Reminders

- Bottom car park (near the main entrance to the campus) will be closed all day, with parking available in the afternoon on FCC tennis courts, (please follow directions from Yateley Lions).
- Pupils can come to school in 'party' clothes to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary and party like it's 2025! (Any contributions of cakes to support a 'Campus Cake Stall' would be greatly appreciated).
- The Community Orchard will be 'officially' opened by the Mayor in the morning before he is part of the judging panel for the eagerly anticipated 'Potley Hill - Opportunity Knocks' event.
- **School closes at 1.30pm**, with Amazon and Danube classes to be collected from the School Hall.
- 50th Anniversary Fair on the playground from 1.30—5.00pm with a range of stalls provided by organisations from the Frogmore Community Campus together with the opportunity to see the contents of the original time capsule buried in 1996 and the chance to visit Amazon and Danube classrooms that have been turned in to 1975 and 2075.
- Fairground rides provided by [James Noyce & Sons Funfairs](#)

Thank you in advance for your support with this event and please do bring cash to spend!

Termly Awards

Below are the names and awards given out in our end of term assembly to pupils throughout the school. Each and every child should feel incredibly proud for being chosen for these awards by staff.

Termly Trophies	STEP Badges	Handwriting Heroes	Termly Headteacher Awards
Barrett (progress) – Cooper N (Onyx)	Anopaishe B - Reception	Iwenose O - Reception	Oakley H – Nile
Kaufmann (citizenship) – Charlotte D (Amazon)	Dominic E - Year 1	Victoria W - Year 1	Libby P - Thames
Bailey (reasoning) – Theo S (Amazon)	Ayah A - Year 2	Teddy R - Year 2	Maddi B - Amazon
Fletcher Boys writing – Danel M (Zambezi)	Mia T - Year 3	Molly B - Year 3	Jason T - Danube
Fletcher Girls Maths – Elsie-Lou D (Onyx)	Layla P – Year 4	Max VB – Year 4	Sebastian G - Yangtze
Roedellington (100% effort) – Sophie G (Orinoco)	Lewis G -Year 5	Sienna T -Year 5	Charlie S - Onyx
Clarke (environment) – Maisie C (Thames)	Ava-Leigh M – Year 6	Jack D – Year 6	Aleena H - Orinoco
Wilson (kindness) – Esmee W (Nile)	Please accept our apologies but Mr Ellis was unable to find the Handwriting Hero badges so they have been ordered and will be given to the children on our return to school in the summer term.		Hannah D - Zambezi

Potley Hill Primary School menu April to October 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, together with all main meals being served with 'vegetable of the day' or salad.. These choices are in addition to the main menu options below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 w/c 5 th May 2 nd & 23 rd June 14 th July 8 th & 29 th Sept 20 th Oct	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
	Shortbread	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Rice crispy cake	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Ginger sponge
Week 2 w/c 21 st April 12 th May 9 th & 30 th June 21 st July 15 th Sept 6 th Oct	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
	Chocolate Pudding	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Honey biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Lemon drizzle sponge
Week 3 w/c 28 th April, 19 th May 16 th June 7 th July 1 st & 22 nd Sept 13 th Oct	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
	Chocolate brownie	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Jammy shortbread biscuit	Fruit, mousse or jelly	Toffee apple sponge