

Potterhanworth News

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2023/24 Term 3

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It's lovely to be back, seeing the children engaged with their learning after the Christmas break.

You may have noticed some new faces in the office: Mrs Walker on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs White on Thursdays.

We have just been notified by St Andrews Church that the Christingle candles raised £96 for the Children's Society, so thank you for your support with this.

So far the weather is being fairly kind to us, but in the event of severe weather, we remind everyone to check local radio stations (Lincs FM/Radio Lincolnshire) for school closures. We will use Parentmail to notify parents if our school has to close.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child please come and speak to us—we are here to help and support.

Kind regards
Mrs D Challinor
Head Teacher

SATs & Testing

- Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs take place during week commencing 13th May
- Multiplication checks for Y4 (2 weeks, commencing 3rd June)
- Phonics screening for YR, w/c 10th June

It is important that children are in school for these tests.

KS1 SATs are no longer statutory. From 2024, they are now optional. We will continue to report teacher assessments as normal in end of year reports.

Punctuality

We understand that occasionally something unavoidable happens to make us late. However, regular late arrival to school causes disruption to children's education and to the smooth-running of the school day. We ask all parents to ensure their children arrive in time for the school day, as class learning starts promptly at 8.45 am.

Also, regular late collection at the end of the school day means that teachers sometimes miss important input at staff meetings etc.

Please can the last person leaving the school close the gate! Thank you

Safeguarding Information

It is a statutory requirement that we include our Safeguarding Policy on the school website & is available to all parents. Please visit www.potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk— select the "Policies" tab, and you will see our **Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy** included in the list.

Mrs Challinor is our Safeguarding Lead should you have any concerns. Mis Barnett is Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Road Works—Bardney

Some of you may be aware that the Bardney Causeway is due to close on 5th February. We appreciate that this will impact travel times for some families. To support this, if anyone is interested in car sharing please let the office know and then we can forward your details to the relevant families.

Grants

We are delighted to have received funding from the Culfrey and Christ's Hospital Endowment charities to support the needs of our children.

We have been developing our 'Cosy Cabin' in the school entrance and purchasing a range of resources to support our children.

Thank you, too to our parents for painting this room for us.



Twitter

Do please continue to check-out Twitter, as this is a means of seeing what is happening in school and an opportunity to celebrate the children's learning.

Food Allergies and Intolerances

Please ensure that the office is informed of any updated information linked to allergies or food intolerances. Equally, please let us know if your child is vegetarian/vegan.

Attendance and Absence Reporting

A reminder:

- We require a week's notice (whenever possible) of any appointments your child has during school time. Please complete a form (available from the office) if your child will be attending dental/medical/other appointments and provide any relevant evidence of the appointment.
- We cannot authorise any holiday requests unless they are deemed as 'exceptional circumstances' or meet the Department for Education criteria.

Absence Reporting

Children's absence due to illness should be emailed to school via their class email. Please also use the class email to notify us of changes to home-time arrangements (eg going home with a friend).

Collective Worship

You are very welcome to join us on Fridays for Collective Worship in Church, which begins at 9 am.

FOPPS

Thank you for your support with our Christmas raffle, which raised £218 for additional resources in school.

Active Lifestyles

FREE- Park Run

A 5k event for walkers, runners and volunteers takes place every Saturday morning at 9 am. There are more than 2,000 locations in 22 countries, across 5 continents.

However, our local ones currently take place at Boutham Park, Doddington Hall and Yarborough Leisure Centre.

You can push prams, walk the dog, run . . . it can be a family event. It certainly gets you up in the morning to start the day!

For further information go to parkrun.org.uk

And, if you are feeling extra energetic or wish for a longer 'stroll', the National Trust host a 'Trust 10K' run (or walk) which happens every 4th Sunday at Clumber Park, with free entry! (You can even just walk 5k if you prefer, which consists of one loop.)

For further information, go to nationaltrust.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Friday 9th End of Term 3

Monday 19th Term 4 begins

March

Wednesday 6th KS Visit to The Collection

Thursday 7th World Book Day (further information to follow)

Monday 11th Mothering Celebration in Church at 9 am (as part of Collective Worship)

Wednesday 20th KS1 Visit to Woodside Wildlife Park

Thursday 28th End of Term 4

April

Tuesday 16th Term 5 begins

May

Monday 6th Bank Holiday

w/c 13th KS2 (Year 6) SATs testing

Bikeability (Year 5)

Monday 20th Class photographs

Friday 24th End of Term 5

June

Monday 5th Term 6 begins

3rd-14th Year 4 times tables testing

w/c 10th Phonics Screening for Reception children

Friday 28th Sports Day (KS1: morning; KS2: afternoon)

July

Friday 5th Sports Day (reserve date)

8th-10th Rand Farm Residential (Years 3/4)

Monday 15th Summer Production Rehearsals at Branston Academy (Years 1-6)

Tuesday 16th Summer Production Rehearsals (pm) at Branston (whole school)

6pm Summer Production at Branston Community Academy

Thursday 18th 2.30 pm Rock Steady Concert (Memorial Hall)

Friday 19th Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 2 pm in Church

End of Term 6

School Uniform

- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM**
- If your child had to borrow PE kit from school, please can this be returned.
- A polite reminder—please can all children adopt our uniform policy.

A Little Note . . .

According to the UK Government's official website, there is no specific law against leaving your child unattended in a car. However, it is an offence to leave your child alone if it places them at risk. Therefore, we wish to remind parents to be mindful if younger siblings are left in the car at drop-off/pick up times.

SILLY SOCKS

On Friday 9th February, children are invited to pay £1 to come to school in silly socks (anything from bright colours, to mismatched socks—there is no need to buy anything special).

Money raised will help to buy new Nativity costumes.