

Potterhanworth News

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2023/24 Term 5

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Welcome to Term 5

Dear Parents

It is lovely to be back and see the children readily settled into their learning after the Easter break..

We are grateful for your support and, 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

Staffing Up-date

After over 11 years with us, Maria, our caretaker, is retiring. We wish Maria a long and happy retirement.

SATs & Testing

- Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs take place during week commencing Monday 13th May
- Y1 Phonics Screening w/c 10th June
- Year 4 times tables testing takes place between Monday 3rd and Friday 14th June

It is important that children are in school.

Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you for informing us promptly of any absences.

A reminder that holidays cannot be authorised during term time unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Please can you ensure your child arrives on time to start their learning at 8.45 am. Late arrival causes a disruption to your child's learning and the smooth running of the school.

Please remember to sign your child in at the office if you arrive after 8.45 am.

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. The up-dates are due to be ratified at the next Governor meeting.

Mrs Challinor is our Safeguarding Lead should you have any concerns, and Miss Barnett is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Safety

A reminder: when collecting children at the end of the day, please can all children remain with their parents. There is strictly no running, scooting, cycling allowed at this very busy time of day.

Please do not allow your children to play in the gravel area at the front of the playground.

We wish to keep all our children safe, and thank you for your support and understanding.

School Governance

Following the recent election, we are delighted to welcome Mr Mark Sims to the role of parent governor. We are sure he will be a great asset to our team of Governors.

New Reception Children (September 2024)

Parents of children joining us in September have received a welcome letter which includes an invitation to:

- A new parents' meeting on Wednesday 12TH June (9.30-10.15 am)
- Children's visit to their new class— Wednesday 26th June from 1.30 to 2.45 pm and Tuesday 9th July from 9.30 to 11.30 am

It is a very exciting time as children look forward to starting "big school" and we are looking forward to welcoming them.

If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as possible. Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Supporting the School

We have a strong, experienced team of staff who work hard and want what is best for all our children. We pride ourselves on the nurturing approach adopted across the school, and we ask that parents respectfully adhere to our policies to support our school community.

We understand that everyone may not agree with some decisions made by the school, but please rest assured that our decisions and policies are in place to work in the best interests of our children and the smooth running of the school.

Decorated Egg Competition

Congratulations to the winners of our Easter decorated egg competition:

Year R: George; Y1: Pippa; Y2: Ilana; Y3: Fyfe; Y4: Jemima; Y5: Imogen; Y6: Nevis



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.

Collective Worship

A reminder that everyone is welcome to join us on Fridays for Collective Worship in Church, which begins at 9am. It's lovely to see a number of parents and grandparents joining us each week to celebrate the children's achievements.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Y1 children

Friday 21st Sports Day (KS1: morning; KS2: afternoon) - please note this change of date

Thursday 27th Sports Day (reserve date)

July

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