

# Potterhanworth News

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## Welcome

We are all very happy to be back, and especially excited that our new classroom is finished—we are sure our Year 3s and 4s will enjoy their new room..

We are pleased to welcome our new Reception children: Isabelle, Ryan, Thomas, Sophie, Neve, Skylah, Lucy, Brodie, Jaice, Sophie, Eoin and Danae. We also welcome Mia in Year 5.

Mrs Maitland returns from her maternity leave, and will be working in Infants on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We wish all of our Year 6 Leavers every success in their new schools, and look forward to hearing their news.

## The New Ofsted Framework

Some of you may be aware that a new Ofsted Framework came into effect on 1 September. School inspections will focus on:

- Effectiveness of leadership & management
- Quality of teaching, learning & assessment
- Personal development, behaviour & welfare
- Outcomes for pupils
- Effectiveness of the Early Years provision

## Our New Classroom

Children and staff are thrilled with this new space, and we are very grateful to Christ's Hospital Endowment for making it possible.

On Wednesday 30 September, you are invited to come and see our new classroom. There will be an informal "opening" ceremony at 9.15 am.



We look forward to seeing you.

## Open Morning (9-11 am)

### Wednesday 7 October

We welcome parents who wish to come and have a look around our school prior to registering their child for a school place in September 2016.



Hot off the press . . . The current total of funds raised through the Co-op's Community Champions Scheme is over £600! Thank you everyone for supporting us.

## Medication

- If your child requires regular medication (eg: inhalers), please come and check that this is still 'in date' and that there is sufficient medication for the coming term.
- Please remember that staff are not obliged to administer medication—this is at individuals' discretion. Wherever possible, medication should be given at home (parents are welcome to come into school to dispense medicine to their child).

## Village Autumn Festival

Saturday 19 September

A reminder that all children will be entering something into the Potterhanworth School Section



## Charities

This year, we will be fund-raising for:

- Macmillan Cancer Care
- MND Association (Motor Neurone Disease)



CoolMilk supply milk to our school. Milk is free for all children until their 5th birthday. After that, you can order milk directly from CoolMilk by logging on to their website: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Please come to the office for further information/help with this.



## School Meals

Our meals are provided by The Farm Kitchen. All infant children are entitled to a free school meal—parents order meals in advance, using The Farm Kitchen website.

Meals for children in Years 3-6 can be ordered in the same way.

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please see a member of the office staff. It is very easy to check.

## "Housekeeping" Matters

- Please can you ensure the wooden gate is closed if you are the last person leaving the school playground.
- A reminder that our policy states that 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.
- Please let us know if your child has permission to walk home unaccompanied.



Please make use of the Chequers car park at school drop off/collection times. This helps keep the road outside school safe at busy times.



FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Please join us for coffee and cake in St Andrew's Church from 9 am and help raise money for this worthy cause.

If you are able to bake a cake for this event, please let the office staff know.

## 'Healthy Schools'



All infant children receive fruit each day (free of charge). Juniors are invited to bring a piece of fruit from home to enjoy at break time (dried or fresh fruit only—no fruit flakes, or chocolate covered fruit)

## Contact Information

It is important that we have up-to-date contact information for your child(ren). We will send home the contact details we hold for your child— please amend and return by **Friday 11 September**, otherwise we will assume your contact details remain unchanged. *Thank you.*

## Swimming

Swimming begins on **Thursday 10 September** for children in Miss Richardson's class. You have received a separate letter giving full details. Here is a reminder about swimming 'dos and don'ts'

- All children are required to wear a one-piece swim suit
- Ear-rings are not allowed in the pool
- Toiletries are not allowed
- We ask for a £2 per week contribution towards the cost of transport. *It is important that we receive contributions to enable us to pay for the coach.*

It is important that children have a 'proper' breakfast before swimming.

## Peripatetic Music

Guitar and piano lessons are available in school. Please contact Mr Reeder for further information:  
Home: 01522 274013





## Nut Allergies

We have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. We ask for your co-operation in supporting us to become a 'nut-free school'

We would be very grateful if, for the safety of all concerned, you could avoid putting any food containing nuts into your children's lunch boxes, or bringing any nut products into school.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Dates for your diary:

### Terms 1 and 2

*Please note: these dates are for advance information—they are subject to change*

#### September

- 10th Swimming begins (Year 5)
- 11th/ 18th 11+ examinations
- 19th Village Autumn Festival
- 25th Macmillan Coffee Morning (in Church, 9 am)
- 30th Opening of new classroom (9.15am)

#### October

- 1st/2nd Bikewise (Y5)
- 5th Harvest Assembly
- 7th Open Morning, 9-11am for new parents
- 15th Phonics & Reading Workshop, 3.30-4.15 pm
- 22nd Term 1 ends

#### November

- 2nd Term 2 begins
- 30th Parents' Evening

#### December

- 2nd Parents' Evening
- 9th Infant Nativity, 9.30 am & 3.30 pm
- 14th Christingle, 6pm
- 17th End of Term 2

Please ask at the office if you would like a "Term Date Card" for your purse/wallet

## Breakfast Club

Children enjoyed their first Breakfast Club on Tuesday 8 September. Places are available from 8 am, £3.50 per day—please come to the office if you would like more information.



## End of Day

Children in Room 9 can be collected from the side door, adjacent to the main entrance to the Memorial Hall—the gates will be open for access. Otherwise, Mrs Collins will bring the children to the playground at 3.15 pm.

For the safety of everyone in the playground, there is strictly no running, cycling or use of scooters at the beginning and end of the school day.

Thank you

## CORRESPONDENCE

Please use the red post box for all correspondence

**PARENT MAIL**—All our correspondence is sent electronically. If you are not already registered with Parentmail, please see Julie in the office.

## School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for adopting our School Uniform Policy. A reminder that only small stud earrings are to be worn in school.

*Please remember to name all items of uniform.*



Many thanks for everyone's support with watering the allotment over the summer holidays.