

Potterhanworth News

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2016/17 Term 1

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Welcome



We hope everyone has enjoyed the sunshine over the summer holidays. It is lovely to see all the children back with their big smiles and shiny shoes. We are delighted to see our new Reception children already settling in very well. We welcome Penelope, Sophia, Isis, Tallulah, Archer, Gypsy, Liliana, Lola, Thomas P, Euan, Samuel, Thoms R, Molly and Max,

We also welcome Antonio and Scarlett in Y1; Charlise in Y2 and Franki in Y3.

Mrs Thorpe is our new Class Teacher in Room 2, and Miss Barnett is covering Mrs Collins' maternity leave in Room (there is no baby news yet!).

We wish all of our Year 6 Leavers every success in their new schools, and look forward to hearing their news. Best wishes also to Maya, Eloise, Codey, Taya and Danae, who moved out of the area over the summer.

Open Morning (9-11 am)

Wednesday 5 October

We welcome parents who wish to come and have a look around our school prior to registering their child for a place in September 2017



Please call to register your interest.

New Pre School Building

Pre-school children start the new school year in their amazing purpose-built premises! Once again, the Trustees of Christ's Hospital Endowment have worked their magic and provided a brand new building, specifically tailored to meet the needs of under 5's.

Pre School staff will be proud to show you around the new building at the

GRAND OPENING

on

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER



Medication

- **Please note new policy:** 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. **We ask that you highlight the expiry date & sign with the office.**
- 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).

"Housekeeping" Matters

- 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.

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 16 September**, otherwise we will assume your contact details remain unchanged. *Thank you.*

Village Autumn Festival

Saturday 17 September

All children will be entering something into the Potterhanworth School Section

Please note change of venue: POTTERHANWORTH PAVILION



WE ARE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



FRIDAY 30 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.

Swimming

Swimming began on **Thursday 8 September** for children in Miss Barnett'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.*

If anyone has any spare goggles to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Charities

This year, we will be fund-raising for:

- **Macmillan Cancer Care**
- **Meningitis Now**



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

Please come to the office for



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)

Peripatetic Music

Guitar and piano lessons are available in school. Please contact Mr Reeder for further information:
Home: 01522 274013
Mobile: 07818 826167.



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.



REVISED HOME/ SCHOOL AGREEMENT

We are revising our home/school agreement, and this will be sent home shortly.

Wraparound Care

Our Breakfast and Kids' Clubs continue to go from strength to strength. We now offer both Clubs every day. Times and charges as follows:

- Breakfast Club from 7.45 each morning; £4 per session (including breakfast)
- Kids' Club until 5.30 pm each afternoon; £8 per session (including snack)
- For children attending both sessions on the same day, a discounted rate of £10
- 10% discount for siblings attending the same session(s)

We are still able to offer flexibility and short-notice care—please ask at the office for a booking form.



Potterhanworth Pre School

Currently, Potterhanworth Pre School is an independent setting. However, during the next 12 months, Potterhanworth Primary School will be exploring the option of merging together.

Monday Collective Worship

During Term 1, please can Reception children arrive in school as normal, whilst all other children start Monday morning with Collective Worship in Church.

Safety on the Playground

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

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

New parents should have received an invitation to register with Parentmail.

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, and skirts/dresses should be knee-length.**

Our uniform details can be found in the school brochure on our website.

Please remember to name all items of uniform.

Homework

Please can children ensure all homework tasks are completed on time. We value parents' support with this at home, and the children benefit from these challenges.

Dates for your diary:



Terms 1 and 2

September

- 8th Swimming begins (Room 9)
16th/ 23rd 11+ examinations
17th Potterhanworth Autumn Festival
28-30th PGL Residential Visit (Years 5 & 6)
30th Macmillan Coffee Morning (9-11 am in Church)

October

- 3rd Harvest Festival (9 am in Church) - all children attending
5th Open Morning (9.30-11 am) for September 2017 intake
21st Term 1 ends

November

w/c 31 October & 7 November:

- Parents' Evenings (exact dates to be confirmed)
1st (Tuesday) Term 2 begins
3rd & 4th Y5/some Y6—Bikeability

December

- 6th Infant Nativity, 9.30 am & 3.30 pm (in Church)
12th Christingle, 6pm (in Church) - to be confirmed
20th End of Term 2

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