Potterhanworth News

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News for Terms 3 and 4

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back for Term 3.

Staff would like to thank parents and children for their generous Christmas gifts and cards. We hope everyone had a lovely time.

In the event of severe weather, please check local radio stations (Lincs FM/Radio Lincolnshire) for school closures. We will use TextRound to notify you if our school has to close.

Please have a look at our new meal provider's website (www.goodlookin.cookin.co.uk) – Good Lookin' Cookin' have been highly recommended to us, and are very happy to cater for children with food allergies/intolerances.

School Safety

Thank you for remembering to close the wooden gate as you leave the playground.

PTA

The children's Christmas cards raised over £90 for school funds. Thanks to the PTA for organising this, and to parents for your support.

Important Reminders

- Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them – this should be brought in on Monday morning and can remain in school for the week. (All children need trainers, shorts, top and warm tracksuit/sweatshirt).
- We require a minimum of one week's notice for absences (other than illness) – please ask at the office for a form.

News from Term 2

Decorated Christmas Tree winners:

- YR Nevis
- Y1/2 Thomas P
- Juniors Abi

Home Project winners:

- YR Matilda
- KS1 Sophia
- KS2 Lucy T

Christmas Quiz winners:

- The Groome and Cowan-Clarke families

Congratulations to all our winners, and well done to all those taking part and supporting these events.

Fund Raising

At our Christmas Fayre, we were delighted to raise almost £200 which will be used for up-dating class resources.

In light of budget cuts, these events are increasingly important in enabling us to raise funds to replenish school equipment.

Additionally, we are very grateful to the following charities for their donations to enable us to buy more resources:

- Christ's Hospital Endowment at Potterhanworth
- The Culfrey Lands Trust
- Potterhanworth Community Project Group
- The Mere Lands Charity

A reminder that we already use money from our budget to subsidise school trips (including the cost of swimming transport).

A reminder – please visit our website www.potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk, where we include brief news bulletins about our extended opportunities.

Staffing Up-Date

We welcome Mrs Shepherd onto the lunch team.

In Ducklings, from this term onwards Mrs Riglar will be working Tuesday-Friday and Mrs Thorpe will work on a Monday.

We have a student, Mrs Kerr, working in Year 1/2.

Clubs

Clubs will recommence on Monday 16 January – there will be eight sessions. The last club takes place on Friday 18 March. (You will receive a separate letter giving further information.)

Swimming

Swimming begins on WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY for some children in Years 3 & 4. You will receive a separate letter if your child is included. There will be 5 sessions and we ask for a contribution of £10 towards the cost of transport.

Pre School Merger

The Pre School merger is scheduled to go ahead this term.

Housekeeping Reminders

- **Inhalers/Medication:** please check the date on any medication kept in school, and replace if necessary
- **Church Assembly:** our Monday assemblies start promptly at 9 am. **Please could all children be punctual — late arrivals cause disruption to this important time.** All children should go straight to Church, there should be no need for anyone to come across to school first.
- **Milk:** Under 5s receive milk each day—this is provided by the Government, free of charge. Milk is available in school for over 5s—please visit the CoolMilk website or see a member of the office staff for further information.
- **Parking*** We are very fortunate to be able to use the Chequers Car Park. We ask all parents to use this to minimise congestion on the road outside our school. Please do not park on the zig zag lines outside school.
- **Contact Numbers:** **Please remember to let us know if you have changed your contact details.— particularly if you received a new mobile 'phone from Santa!**
- **PE kit:** please remember that children will need their PE kit in school for the whole week. If your child forgets their PE kit, we will send a note home so that you are aware they have been unable to participate in PE. Please see attached PE/uniform details.
- **Uniform:** PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. If your child has borrowed school PE kit/clothing, please can this be laundered and returned as soon as possible.

We have received letters from two parents who are very concerned about road safety outside the school. These are attached. We urge everyone to consider the content of these letters and support their requests. Thank you.

Wraparound Care

BREAKFAST CLUB: £4 per session
Daily from 7.45 am (during term time), including a healthy breakfast

KIDS' CLUB: £8 per session
Daily from 3.15 to 5.30 pm (during term time), including a healthy snack.

Pre School children due to start with us in September 2018 are welcome to attend.

- If your child attends both sessions on the same day, we offer a discounted rate of £10 for the day.
- There is 10% discount for siblings attending the same session.

Starting School in September 2018 – a reminder

Children whose birthdays fall between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are due to start school in September 2018 – even if you wish to defer entry until later in the academic year, you will need to apply now.

You can apply on line at: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school admissions

The Education Team can be contacted on 01522 792030.

The closing date is 15 January 2018.

A message from the School Council . . .

- We will be celebrating National Story Telling week (27 Jan-3 Feb.
- Sports Relieve Friday 26 March

Further information to follow.

Please check your child's bag for new Home/School agreement, which should be signed & returned asap

Dates for your Diary

January

10th Swimming for some Y3/4 children
15th Clubs begin
17th Young Voices (Year 5/6)

February

9th End of Term 3
19th Term 4 begins

March

13th Parents' Evening (early)
15th Parents' Evening (late)
12th Mothering Monday (during Collective Worship)
20th Spring Concert (provisional date)
23rd Clubs end
28th End of Term 4

Advance Notice . . .

Sports Day 16 May
(reserve date – 25 May)

KS2 SATs w/c 14 May

Y1 Phonics Screening w/c 11 June

School Uniform

School Uniform & Equipment

All children are required to wear school uniform.

We strongly advise that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name

For Boys:

- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- White, pale blue or navy shirt/polo shirt
- School sweatshirt (or plain navy jumper)
- Sensible dark shoes
- Plain black, grey or navy socks (white socks can be worn for PE)

For Girls:

- Grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers
- White, pale blue or navy shirt/polo shirt
- School sweatshirt/cardigan (or plain navy jumper/cardigan)
- Tights and socks should be plain navy, black, grey or white
- Pale blue checked summer dresses
- Sensible dark shoes
- Hair bobbles/bands should be plain navy or black

NB: skirts, dresses and pinafores should be knee length

PE kit—all children:

PE kits should include plimsolls and/or trainers (no canvas shoes, please), socks, navy or black shorts, white or blue T-shirt, navy or black tracksuit (or navy/black jogging bottoms/warm top). NB: good gripping soles on PE shoes are required for outdoor sessions.

Please note: we do not allow children to wear football/rugby tops

NB: children should bring their PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it in school for the week

Uniform is supplied by Mapac , and can be ordered on-line: www.poplaprint.co.uk/shop

Other:

Jewellery, toys and valuables should not be brought to school. For safety reasons, earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons. Swimming hats are required for all children as part of Branston Academy's pool regulations.

Only small stud ear-rings are acceptable in school for safety reasons.

Children are encouraged to bring plastic 'Sipper bottles' filled with water. These should be clearly named. (Sipper bottles are available to buy in school.)

Due to the limitations of space, children are asked not to bring large backpacks or other large bags into school. School book/PE bags can be purchased from Mapac.

To all parents.

We have noticed an increase in cars being parked at positions that are potentially hazardous to children crossing the road on Moor Lane opposite the school gate. While we appreciate that parking is difficult at this time of day, to park on the bus stop side of Moor Lane presents dangers to children that they may not be adequately prepared for. It is not inconceivable to imagine a child struggling to see over the bonnet of a parked SUV and missing an oncoming vehicle on what is already a treacherous corner; not to mention the speed at which some drivers travel through our village. Ultimately, we wish to keep our children safe by removing as many potential dangers as possible.

There are, however, other parking areas within a short walking distance that can be utilised; the Chequers' car park for example. We would be grateful if you could consider this when you next drop your own children off for school.

From concerned parents

LETTER 1

Dear Parents

Can I please ask parents to be aware of how they park around School. I am aware that you are legally allowed to park around the crossing to School but this is putting our children at risk of getting hurt.

My 10 year old son who is in year 6 is able to walk to and from school by himself, however he doesn't feel safe crossing the road because he obviously can't see around the parked cars. I walked him across the road this morning and struggled to see and I'm 5 foot 7!

I don't wish to offend parents but I took photos this morning hoping it would make you think twice before parking here again. Surely the safety of the schools children has to be our main priority, let's not put them in danger.

There are plenty of parking spaces in the pub car park and down Barff road.

Many Thank
Cheryl Flint

Sent from my iPhone

LETTER 2.