

# Potterhanworth News

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## Welcome

Welcome back everyone—we hope you have all had a wonderful summer. It has been lovely hearing about the children's various adventures.

Staff are feeling refreshed after their summer break—having enjoyed everything from trekking with Alpacas to Zumba!

We are indebted to all the parents, helpers, staff (and their husbands) for supporting with the fantastic transformation of our EYFS environment. The donations of resources & equipment have been amazing, and we are delighted with this exciting new provision for our young children.

This year, we intend to hold termly Open Mornings—these will be an opportunity for parents to come and experience a 'normal' school morning, and a chance to see our new EYFS areas and observe your child's learning.

## Open Morning (9.30-11.30 am) Tuesday 16 October & Tue 13 November

We welcome parents who wish to come and have a look around our school prior to registering their child for a place in September 2019



Please call us to book your slot.

## Harvest Celebration

Monday 8 October, 9 am

Our Harvest Service takes place in Church & lasts approximately 45 minutes—all children will participate and you are invited to join us.

Harvest gifts will be donated to the Alive! Church's "Restore" project (providing support for people in need). They would be grateful for donations of:

- Store cupboard foods (tins/jars/packets)
- Toiletries



## 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](http://www.potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk)— select the "Policies" tab, and you will see our **Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy** included in the list.

## Outdoor Provision

Over the summer, Christ's Hospital have extended the hard surface area at the rear of the Hall. We are delighted that our children will be able to use this as a play area, and it will give us additional and improved space for team sports.

## Village Autumn Festival

Saturday 15 September

All children will be entering something into the Potterhanworth School Section

From 2-6 pm at the Pavilion/ Playing Field, Queensway

## Staffing Up-date

- We welcome our new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Bedford and Mrs Wood.
- At the end of September, Mrs Gaunt will be embarking on a new adventure as she joins the team at Branston Academy. We are sure you will join us in wishing her well for the future.



## FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

School and Pre School are hosting **The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, in support of Macmillan.** Please join us for coffee and cake in the Memorial Hall from 9 am -11 am

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



Please can dog owners leave the pavement clear for children coming to and from school. If you bring your dog to/from school, please can you wait on the Memorial Hall drive.

**A reminder: dogs are not allowed on the school premises.**

Thank you.

## Swimming

Swimming began on **Wednesday 6 September** for children in Miss Richardson's class, (Y5/6) 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.

## Medication

- **Please note our 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 park responsibly—villagers regularly report concerns about irresponsible and unsafe parking around the school. We are grateful for your consideration.**



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 are provided



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)

## Charity Fundraising

This year, we will be fundraising for:

**Kidney Cancer UK  
and  
Prostate Cancer UK**



## School Meals

Our meals are provided by Good Lookin' Cookin. All infant children are entitled to a free school meal— parents order meals in advance, using Good Lookin' Cookin's website.

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



Please make sure you do not send your child with any items containing nuts, for example:

- Cakes
- Biscuits
- "fruit" snacks
- Packed lunches

## Wraparound Care

Our Breakfast and Kids' Clubs continue to go from strength to strength. **We now operate from the old pre school room at the back of the Memorial Hall.** T

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 aim to be as flexible as possible, but growing numbers mean that we ask for 48 hours' notice for all bookings—please ask at the Admin Office.



## Potterhanworth Pre School

The proposed merger between with Pre School has now been completed and they are now under school governance.

### 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 correspondence from home.

**PARENT MAIL**— all 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.**

**A reminder of our school uniform is attached.**

**Please remember to name all items of uniform.**

We trust that all parents will have respect for our Policy and Home School Agreement.

### 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 and extra practice at home.

## Dates for your diary:



Please note: we endeavour to give as much notice as possible of forthcoming events. However, some dates may be subject to change.

### Terms 1 and 2

#### September

12th	Visit to Bomber Command
14th	11+ exam
15th	Village Autumn Festival (2-6 pm at the Pavilion)
21st	11+ exam
26-28th	Y5/6 residential visit to PGL
28th	Macmillan Coffee Morning (from 9 am-11 am in the Memorial Hall)

#### October

8th	Harvest Service, 9 am in Church
16th	9.30-11.30 am Open Morning (for September 2019 intake)
19th	End of Term 1
30th	(Tuesday) Term 2 begins

#### November

13th	9.30-11.30 am Open Morning (for September 2019 intake)
13th	Parents' Evening (late)
15th	Parents' Evening (early)
20th	Open Morning (for all parents)
28th	Flu immunisation (Years R-5)

#### December

10th	Christingle
12th	Infant Nativity (9.30 am and 3.30 pm) in Church
w/c 18th	Christmas Parties
20th	End of Term 2

#### **IMPORTANT:**

It is **crucial** that children are in school for the following assessments:

- Key Stage 1 assessments (1-24 May)
- Key Stage 2 assessments (week commencing 13 May)
- Y1 Phonics Screening (week commencing 10 June)

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