

Potterhanworth News

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Welcome



Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer with your children—it's been lovely hearing about their varied activities.

Our strong team of dedicated staff have planned lots of stimulating and exciting activities; please look out for our Curriculum News for full details (to be sent out shortly).

We are looking forward to working with all our families during the coming year—please speak with us if there is anything we can support with.

We wish our Year 6 leavers well in their new schools.

Our new Reception children are already settling well, and have been very excited during their first few days at "big school".

Open Mornings (9.30-11.30 am) Wed 16 October and Tue 19 & Fri 22 Nov

We welcome parents who wish to come and have a look around our school prior to registering their child for a place in September 2020



Please call us to book your slot.

Collective Worship in Church

- This will continue every Monday, with a prompt start at 9 am
- Parents are welcome to join us for Collective Worship in Church
- Note: Year Reception children will come to school on Mondays as normal in Term 1. They will join us in Church (with their buddies) in Term 2 (from Monday 4 November)

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, and you will see our *Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy* included in the list.

Phonics Workshop (Reception children)

The Early Years Team will be holding a Phonics & Reading Workshop on Wednesday 16 October (further information to follow)

Village Autumn Festival

Saturday 14 September

All children will be entering something into the Potterhanworth School Section

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

Photographs

Writes Photographers will be with us on the afternoon of Wednesday 11 September, to take individual and family photographs.

FRIDAY 27 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 **Thursday 5 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.*

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

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)



Children should bring in a leak-proof sipper bottle of water each day, which they will be encouraged to drink throughout the day.



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

You will be aware from previous emails that Potterhanworth School's Breakfast and Kids' Club will cease operating after today. We wanted to thank everyone for their "custom", and especially acknowledge the efforts of our dedicated staff in getting these Clubs off the ground, and growing them to be so successful. We have had so many comments from grateful parents, thanking staff for the care shown to our children.

You will have been notified of alternative childcare arrangements available, but if you have any queries please contact the Admin Office.

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



Potterhanworth Pre School

Pre School children will continue to join the EYFS class on Fridays. This was a very positive experience last term, and we look forward to welcoming them again.

PE

- * From 9 September, children in Y1-6 will need PE kits in school for the whole week.
- * **Rather than coming to school in PE kits, children will change in school.**
- * A reminder that earrings must be removed for PE, or children will need to have tape on their ears.

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:



These will follow separately in the near future.

DIY SOS!

FOPPS are keen to set up a group of volunteers to help maintain our outdoor environment.

If you are able to help with light weeding, planting and associated jobs, please contact the Admin Office.

Thank you for your support.

Snacks

A reminder that children in Years R-2 receive a piece of fruit each day, which they enjoy at morning break.

You are welcome to send in a fruit snack for children in Years 3-6, but **please remember that we only allow fresh or dried fruit/vegetables**, (*Items such as yoghurt-coated raisins, Fruit Winders and other processed foods are not allowed.*)

Friends of Potterhanworth Primary School (FOPPS)

We are very fortunate to have an amazingly supportive group of parents, who work hard to support us and raise funds to buy resources for our school.

They have some exciting events planned, details of which will follow together with information on how you can get involved.

Charity Fundraising

This year, we will be fund-raising for:

Breast Cancer UK