

Potterhanworth News



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2020/21 Term 1 Up-date

9 October 2020

Amended Start Time Commencing Monday 2 November

Thank you for your patience and support with staggered start times. As we approach the colder weather, we have reviewed routines for drop-off and, with effect from Monday 2 November, school doors will be open from 8.40 until 9 am. Children in all year groups can arrive at any point during this time period and can be engaged in their learning, but school must begin promptly at 9 am.

Children should continue to use their nominated entrance.

We will trial this and it will be kept under constant review.

The thinking behind this is that we will receive a steady flow of children into the school building.

Please can we remind parents and children to continue to adhere to the distancing measures.

May we also remind everyone that we wish to avoid waiting at the railings and only one adult should come onto the school site to drop-off/collect their child.

Collections will remain the same. Please can we also ensure that all children stay with their parents once collected. There must be no running around the playground or play on equipment.

Staffing Up-date

Sadly, Mrs Crowson will be leaving us at the end of this term in order to support her family's business.

She will be missed by all of us.

We are sure you will join with us in wishing Mrs Crowson all the very best for the future.



Virgin Mini Marathon

We are delighted with the support for the Virgin Mini Marathon. Children have enjoyed taking part and it is wonderful that so far we have raised over £500 for our school.

Well done everyone!

Polite Reminder

Please can we limit the size of bag and amount of things children bring into school.

Renovation of our Outdoor Areas

We are very fortunate to have a team of volunteers from Branston Limited joining us in the very near future.

Branston have offered to help with maintenance of our sheds and other outdoor equipment, together with a revamp of the area that front of the school playground and the construction of our sensory garden.

We can't wait!

Parking!

Parking in the vicinity of school is causing serious concern. We have received emails from several parents, one of which we share with you:

"I'm really concerned about how people are parking outside school, especially directly opposite the school gate, which children use as a safe place to cross.

Now that my child is older, I am trying to encourage them to cross the road and go into school more independently. However the way people are parking means children cannot see clearly to cross the road. I fear a child is going to get seriously injured right outside school.

I have noticed that the situation is getting much worse.

I have read your previous email and know school are aware but I felt I should raise my concerns as I don't feel that it has ever been this bad before."

Despite several messages, the situation does not seem to be improving and several parents are seriously concerned that it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. Please can we ask everyone to pay careful consideration to safe parking.

Reintroduction of Hot Lunches

We continue to explore the possibility of returning to hot lunches. In order to determine whether this would be viable, we need to establish the level of interest. **Please could you email enquiries@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk by Wednesday 14 October if you would like your child to have a hot lunch.**

Please note:

- we would need you to commit to having hot choice only (ie no mixing & matching of hot option/cold box), and for this to continue for a whole term
- there would be a cost of £2 towards the provision of individual 'hot boxes' (this charge is not applicable to those families in receipt of Free School Meals*)
- we would be offering a reduced choice

* families in receipt of PPG funding (NOT Universal Infant Free School Meals)

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place via Zoom on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 25th November.

Further details to follow