

Potterhanworth News

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20 20/21 Term 1

September 2020 Primary School

Welcome



Welcome back everyone—we are so happy to have all of our children back in school—they are settling-in incredibly well. It has certainly been an exceptional few months for everyone, and we look forward to returning to some form of normality!

Staff have worked very hard to ensure that the school environment is a safe, but also welcoming, environment—whilst we cannot carry on completely as “normal” for the time being, we intend to do our very best to provide as many opportunities as possible for the children. Our priority in the first few weeks is to ensure everyone is settled and familiar with new routines etc.

We are so grateful for all the support received from our families, and we wish you all well as you begin your new routines. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Open Morning

We welcome parents who wish to come and have a look around our school prior to registering their child for a place in September 2021.

Appointments are available at 3.30 pm on:

- Wednesday 14 October
- Monday 19 October
- Thursday 12 November



Please call us to book your slot.

Harvest Celebration

Monday 5 October

This year, our Harvest celebration will be via a Zoom Collective Worship—all children will participate and pictures will be shared via Twitter.

Harvest gifts will be donated to the Alive! Church's “Restore” project (providing support for people in need). They would be grateful (more so than ever, in these challenging times) for donations of:

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

Please bring items into school in a carrier bag, and we will arrange delivery to Alive! Church. Thank you



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— select the “Policies” tab, and you will see our *Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy* included in the list.

Year 6 Leavers

We were so pleased to be able to have our Year 6s with us for their final term at Potterhanworth. We wish them all well in their new schools, and look forward to hearing about their achievements.

Staffing Up-date

- Mrs Crowson has resumed her role as full-time Teaching Assistant.
- Mrs Alderton has returned to her role at Pre School—we thank her for her support during her time in school
- In Year 2, Mrs Purbrick is joining us this term.

Changes due to Covid19 Restrictions

- Children will begin swimming sessions in Term 3 (January). Further information will follow nearer the time.
- Extra-curricular clubs will not take place in Term 1. We will review this for Term 2
- Currently we offer a cold lunch—this will be reviewed for Term 2.
- Collective Worship will take place in school, and remotely across the classes for the foreseeable future.
- Please check out our Twitter feed—this is a great way of seeing what is going on in your child's class.
- Please communicate with us via email—you are also welcome to come to the office window if you wish to speak to a member of the office staff.
- Medication—a reminder that we are only able to administer medication such as inhalers/epipens at the moment.
- School Photographs—please see information on Page 3 of this newsletter.

"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.

Contact Information

Thank you for advising of changes to contact information—we have up-dated our records.

Please advise throughout the year of any additional changes.



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.

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)



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.



Charity Fundraising

This year, we will be fund-raising for:

Macmillan - coffee & cake goodie bags will be available to purchase on Friday 25 September
St Barnabas Hospice—events throughout the year will raise money for this local charity



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

- Cakes
- Biscuits
- "Fruit" snacks
- Packed lunches



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.

Photographs

The photographer will be in school on the morning of MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER to take individual photographs.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer family photographs this time—this is due to safety measures relating to Covid 19.

Thank you for your understanding.

Potterhanworth Pre School



Mrs Hake has resigned from her role within Pre School. We wish her well for the future.

Mrs Banks continues as Deputy Manager.

If you wish to contact the Pre School please telephone 01522 797408

Safety on the Playground

Thank you for supporting with our Bus Stop system at each end of the school day.

Please can parents keep pre-school siblings close to them whilst they queue.

For everyone's safety, there must be **no** running on the playground during this time.

Thank you

Drop-Off/Collection

Thank you for supporting the new systems we have in place. Please can parents be punctual.

Children will be entering their classroom to start their learning when they hear the school bell.

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.

PARKING

Sadly, we have already received complaints about parking around the vicinity of the school.

PLEASE can we ask everyone dropping off/collecting children to adhere to the safe parking areas (as outlined on the attached plan).

We have been advised that the Highways Authority will be marking the road with prohibited areas. However, they have not confirmed a date for this.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our children safe.

Thank you for your support.

Phonics Screening

Currently, the Government's intention is that Y2 will take the phonics screening check in the second half of the autumn term (since it was cancelled in June 2020).

Curriculum News

Curriculum News will follow. Do please rest assured that we are working hard to identify any gaps in children's learning. These will be addressed using a number of different approaches across the school. Further details will follow throughout the term.

Communication with School

Now that we have all returned to school, please can parents contact staff via enquiries@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk (rather than via the Year Group emails).

Any matters will then be passed on to the relevant teachers.

Moving forwards, teachers will not be available to respond via the Year Group email addresses. Unless it is a safeguarding matter, school aim to respond to any queries within 5 working days.

FOPPS

Friends of Potterhanworth Primary School (FOPPS) would like to welcome new and returning friends to the school this year.

For those new to the school, we are a small team who organise events in order to raise much needed extra money to support opportunities for the children. These have included film nights, raffles, coffee mornings, sponsored runs, walks and personal individual challenges: with the profits going towards outdoor play equipment, school trips, leavers gifts, new arrivals book bags, support for the Forestry School approach to learning, extra books for the library as well as book cases to put them all in.

We are always looking for new members and will need some innovative (COVID compliant) ideas for this year to help us provide those additional opportunities which the school budget does not always cover.

We are all busy juggling various commitments and so we do not expect everyone to be able to commit to every event, meeting or bake sale. However, in order to remain compliant we do need a minimum of 5 members, and the fundamental roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary must be filled. If you would like to get involved or you have some ideas for events please do contact us either on Facebook or speak to the office who can pass on your details.

The first date for the diary will be a [virtual AGM on 7th October](#). More details to follow.



This guide is to help people to choose safe places to park when visiting Patterhamworth School. Please use the key and map below to make your safe choices.

