

Potterhanworth News

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A warm welcome back to 2022. We hope everyone managed to have an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends.

As a school, we are looking forward to the new year ahead.

We are aware that the current climate may present some further challenges but, as always, we believe we can remain strong when we all work together.

Please do take time to familiarise yourselves with the content of this newsletter so that we can support our partnership and enjoy the terms ahead.

Wishing everyone a calm and peaceful New Year.

Mrs Challinor

Safeguarding Information

Mrs Challinor is our Designated Safeguarding Lead. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact her.

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.

Staffing

As you are aware, the high rates of Covid may cause difficulties with the availability of staff. In order for us to remain open, we will continue to cover 'in-house' where practically possible, but we do need to use supply staff on occasions.

Collective Worship

It is our aim to reintroduce Collective Worship in Church. This will take place every Friday (unless notified otherwise) from 1.30-2 pm from Term 4.

This will be our celebration focus, where children receive their 'Golden Moments' or 'Head Teacher Awards'.

There is an open invitation for parents to this Collective Worship, so do feel free to join us if you can.

FOPPS

A huge thank you to FOPPS for organising the December raffle. Our volunteers go above and beyond to support fundraising for our school, and to benefit all of our children.

The most raffle tickets ever were sold—and such great prizes too!

FOPPS are always looking for volunteers, so please get in touch if you feel you can help.

Covid Up-date

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information, including examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms, is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Cold Weather Closure

In the event that we have to close the school due to bad weather, we will notify you via Parentmail.

Additionally, school closure information is available on BBC Radio Lincolnshire.

Home Project

Our focus is: FOOD.

We are looking forward to seeing the children's creations, to be handed in on **10th January** (further information in our Parent-mail of 13th December)

School Uniform

Please can we politely advise parents of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform.

Attached is a reminder of our uniform and equipment.

SATs and Statutory Assessment Tasks

All statutory assessments (we are told!) will resume this academic year. The timetable is as follows:

3rd-27th May—Y2 KS1 test window (teachers have the flexibility to administer the tests throughout May).

9th-12th May—Y6 KS2 SATs

6th-10th June—Y1 phonics screening check

6th-24th June—Y4 multiplication tables check



CoolMilk provide milk free of charge until a child's 5th birthday. Please visit their website if you wish your child to continue to receive milk once they are 5.
www.coolmilk.com

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.



Remote Learning

If your child is unwell due to COVID, then we would not expect them to engage with their school work. The priority is for the children to rest and recover.

However, if your child's absence is COVID-related and they are well and wish to access their learning, please notify the office—in these circumstances, remote learning can be provided.

Safeguarding

Drop-off and pick-up

A little reminder: please can everyone support the safety of our site by closing the school gates if they are the last to leave the playground. Thank you.

Website/Calendar

We are delighted that we have introduced a 'live' calendar on our website. Please use this as a reference to check dates and events.

We will still continue to send details of school events via Parentmail, but hopefully the calendar will make it easier for everyone to keep track of what is happening in school.

A reminder: you can find the calendar by clicking on the 'Events' tab on the homepage of our website.

Medication in School

Unfortunately, we are still not administering medication in school (unless this is for a pre-existing condition such as asthma). We continue to keep this under review.

Dates for your Diary

January

4th Term 3 begins

10th Home Project hand-in

13th Swimming begins (for Year 5/6)

February

10th Last swim session (for Year 5/6)

11th End of Term 3

21st Term 4 begins

24th Swimming begins (for Year 3/4)

25th 1.30-2 pm Celebration Collective Worship (every Friday) in Church

March

31st End of Term 4



Twitter

Do please continue to check-out Twitter, as this is a means of seeing what is happening in school and an opportunity to celebrate the children's learning.



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 all Children:

For health and safety reasons, we ask that hair of a reasonable length is tied back.

- Grey or black pinafore, skirt, trousers or shorts
- Pale blue checked summer dresses
- White, pale blue or navy shirt/polo shirt
- School sweatshirt/cardigan (or plain navy jumper)/sweatshirt
- Sensible dark footwear, or plain sandals (please avoid heels/large block heels, large buckles and accessories). Socks must be worn with shoes.
- Plain black, grey or navy socks or tights(white socks can be worn for PE)
- Hair bobbles/bands should be plain navy, black or white. No large bows or colourful hair accessories are allowed.

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

Uniform is supplied by Nationwide School Uniforms—please visit their website: www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk

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.

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 Nationwide School Uniforms.