

Potterhanworth News



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Dear Parents

Welcome back— we've had a lovely start to the term (which a bit of sunshine to start with!), and we are certainly looking forward to the activities and learning planned for the summer months.

It is great to be able to now engage in summer term events without any restrictions: we have sports days and summer concerts planned, where parents and families can come and celebrate the children's journey at Potterhanworth. We are all very excited.

Kind regards

Mrs Challinor

Head Teacher

Living with Covid

A reminder of the latest guidance (in place from 1st April)

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

For further information, please follow the link: [Latest Government Advice](#)

Parking and Playground Safety

Please help us to keep our children safe by parking considerately. A reminder that the Chequers have kindly offered use of their car park at drop-off and collection times.

Please can parents keep pre-school siblings close to them whilst they drop-off and collect their children.

For everyone's safety, there must be **no** running on the playground during this time, and no bike riding/scooters etc on the playground or Memorial Hall drive.

At the end of the school day, please could the last person leaving the playground close the gate.

FOPPS

Thank you to everyone for their support with the art exhibition teas & coffees and raffle.

Dates for future events will be issued shortly.

New Reception Children (September 2022)

Parents of children joining us in September have received a welcome letter. Within the next few weeks, we will send "Welcome Packs".

It is a very exciting time, as children look forward to starting "big school" and we look forward to welcoming them in the very near future.

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to the first year of junior school in September 2022 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020. For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport.

Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Spring Clean!

We would be very grateful for volunteers to help with our Spring Clean.

Each evening during week commencing 13th June, we will spend an hour at the end of the school day tackling all those jobs that there is never time to complete, eg:

- Weeding around the school playground and at the back of the school buildings
- Window cleaning
- DIY tasks (eg removal of the old postbox from the school railings)
- Lots of other things, which we will put on our list before 13th June

If you are able to spare any time to help, you would be most welcome (children can come along too). Please let the Admin Office know which days you can offer.

SATs and Statutory Testing

A reminder of the dates (PLEASE do not take your children out of school during these dates):

- **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

Dates for your Diary

May

2nd	Bank Holiday
w/c 9th	KS2 SATs
23rd	School Photographs (classes and Groups)
27th	End of Term 5

June

6th	Term 6 begins
w/c 6th	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
8th	New Reception Prents' Meeting at 3.30 pm
9th	Swimming begins for Year 2
w/c 13th	Spring Clean Week (at 3.30 pm every day)
w/c 27th	Bikeability (for Year 5)

July

1st	Sports Day (morning)
6th	New Reception Children Taster session (morning)
7th	Summer Production Rehearsal at Branston Academy
8th	* Morning—Sports Day (back-up date in case of wet weather) * Afternoon—Summer production dress rehearsal at Branston * 6 pm Summer Production performance at Branston Academy
13th	Y6 Trip
14th	New Reception Children Taster Session (afternoon)
16th	Year 6 Sleepover
22nd	Year 6 Leavers' assembly—2 pm in Church Last day of Term

September

5th	Term 1 begins
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October

21st	End of Term 1
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Twitter

Please remember to check our Twitter feed—this is a great way of seeing what has been happening in your child's classroom.

Our Church School Vision

We have recently made a small amendment to our Church School Vision, please see below:

Our Church School Vision is inspired by 'life in all its fullness' John 10 v10.

We believe that life in all its fullness is about living a life full of opportunities, excitement, learning, respect and growing together to achieve the very best we can be. We support our school community to overcome any challenges we may face and encourage a positive outlook on life.

Our fulfillment comes from working together so our children can thrive and blossom as we nurture them in their growth and journey through life.

Curriculum Up-date

As a school, we have been working incredibly hard to enrich our curriculum to ensure that children build on previous knowledge and make connections in their learning, where appropriate. Our overall curriculum intent is:

"To nurture independent, resilient, inquisitive learners who have a breadth of knowledge, experience and skills, with aspirations to succeed in the wider world."

Based on the context of our school, 'Oracy, Diversity and Independence are the golden threads which are woven through many aspects of our curriculum to support children's academic and social well-being. Why these 'golden threads'?

Oracy

Diversity

Independence

Oracy

We need to support all levels of language development across our school. We wish to explicitly extend our children's spoken vocabulary so that they can use very purposeful, structured, curriculum-focused dialogue for their interaction with others.

We wish to ensure our children have the right level of vocabulary to communicate in a variety of different situations; respecting their 'audience', listening and taking turns - and knowing how to articulate their thoughts and ideas.

Diversity

Living in a small village in rural Lincolnshire, most of our children have very little experience of diversity.

We wish to broaden our children's horizons so that they have a deeper understanding of cultural differences and diverse groups.

We feel it is important to lay down the foundations for an inclusive society which understands, respects and embraces differences. This, we believe, helps generations of children to be part of an inclusive society in the wider world.

Independence

We want our children to have the confidence, 'tools' and resilience to do things independently!

We aim to provide opportunities to develop children's life skills and create a culture where our children are encouraged to overcome challenges in their learning by fostering an environment of enquiry, critical thinking, discovery and new experiences.

We hope you will enjoy the new, revised format of our Curriculum News (which we will forward shortly). We have made some changes—there is now more detail to include key knowledge, vocabulary, useful links and ways to support children at home.