

Potterhanworth News

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2022/23 Term 1

September 2022

Welcome



We do hope you all had a lovely summer break and managed to have some quality family time together.

We are really grateful for the kind words and gestures received at the end of last term—so a huge "thank you"!

We welcome our new Reception children, who are already settling-in to school life incredibly well. And we also welcome children who have joined us in other year groups.

Bank Holiday—Monday 19th September

School will be closed—in honour of the late Queen's state funeral



Open Mornings

We welcome parents who wish to come and have a look around our school prior to registering their child for a place in September 2023.

Appointments are available 9.30 and 11.30 am on:

- Tuesday 4th October
- Tuesday 1st November

[Please call us to book your slot.](#)



Harvest Celebration

Monday 10th October

Our Harvest celebration will take place in Church at 9 am—you are very welcome to join us.

Harvest gifts will be donated to Lincoln Community Larder (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 on the morning of 3rd October (or before), as the Community Larder will be collecting on the morning of 5th Oct. Thank you

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST OF MOST USEFUL DONATIONS.



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. The up-dates are due to be ratified at the next Governor meeting.

Mrs Challinor is our Safeguarding Lead should you have any concerns.

Year 6 Leavers

We wish our Year 6 leavers well in their new schools, and look forward to hearing about their achievements.

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 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. More details to follow.

Charity Fundraising

This year, we will be fund-raising for "Cash for Kids" which provides support for vulnerable families. For more information visit their website: cashforkids.org.uk

Playground Routines and Safety

It is important that children arrive in school on time to start their learning. Please be punctual. Children can enter their classrooms to start their learning when they hear the school bell at 8.50 am. School officially starts at 9 am.

Thank you for supporting school safety by waiting in class lines at the end of the day.

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.

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

Thank you

Macmillan Coffee Morning

FOPPS and St Andrew's Church are hosting the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in Church on the morning of Friday 30th September, from 9 am to 12 noon. Please join them for coffee and delicious home-made cake, to support this very important charity.



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.





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

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

Photographer

The photographer will be in school on the morning of **MONDAY 26th September** to take individual and family photographs.



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.

PARKING

PLEASE can we ask everyone dropping off/collecting children to park carefully.

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

Thank you for your support.

Parents' Evenings

- Tuesday 15th November 3.30-5.30 pm (face-to-face meetings)
- Thursday 17th November 5.30-7.30 pm (Zoom/virtual meetings)

Staff Up-date

We welcome Mrs Kerr back from her maternity leave, and Mrs Ellard has joined the team as a Teaching Assistant.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS, ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE & ILLNESS

Parents are required to provide at least two numbers in case we need to contact you. Please see a member of the Admin staff to check your existing contact numbers.

Please also check that your child has up-to-date medication in school (for those children who have regular medication such as inhalers/epipens). This is parental responsibility.

Under no circumstances must a child return to school after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea until they have been free from symptoms for 24 hours. Please follow this link for the current guidance on Coronavirus : www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Children suffering from infections requiring treatment by antibiotics should not normally be in school until the course of treatment has been completed, and it is advisable for members of staff not to administer medicines in such cases. However, on appropriate occasions the Head teacher will make facilities available for a parent who wishes to come into school to treat their child, or for a member of staff to administer the medicine (NB: only if a permission slip is completed and the member of staff signs.)

Under no circumstances can we accept medication in unmarked containers. All medication must be handed to the Admin office (by an adult).

COMMUNICATION

PARENT MAIL – all correspondence is sent electronically. If you are not already registered with Parentmail, or if you require any assistance, please see Julie in the office.

New parents should have received an invitation to register with Parentmail.

School Uniform

A reminder of our school uniform policy is attached—please take a moment to re-read this.

- Please can all children wear socks with their footwear.
- Skirts/dresses should be **knee-length** or longer.
- We advise that PE kits should be of school colour.
- Hair bobbles should also be in school colours—no large bows/decorative hair accessories.

Attendance and Absence Reporting

Attendance

- 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.
- We wish to emphasise the importance of regular attendance at school. School is a vital part of your child's academic and personal growth, and they enjoy the routine and sequences of learning that help them to thrive. Whilst we appreciate children may be absent due to illness, the school will not authorize any holiday requests unless they are deemed as 'exceptional circumstances' or meet the Department for Education criteria.

Absence Reporting

With immediate effect, children's absence (for medical reasons) should be emailed to school via their class email, as follows:

YearR@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk

Year4@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk

Year1@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk

Year5@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk

Year2@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk

Year6@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk

Year3@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk

These email accounts should also be used to inform us of changes to home-time arrangements—eg, your child will be collected by a friend/other parent etc

You will receive an automated response once your message is delivered. **Please do not use these email accounts for any other messages**, you should continue to send all other correspondence to enquiries@potterhanworth.lincs.sch.uk



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.

We are Here to Help

Do please contact us if we can help with anything.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child, please speak with the class teacher in the first instance. If this is of a confidential or sensitive nature, please ask if you can arrange a time to chat (either in person or over the 'phone).

Free Wraparound Childcare for Service Children

The Wraparound Childcare (WAC) scheme will provide up to 20 hours per week of free childcare before and after school during term time for eligible military parents with children aged 4 to 11 years.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

Flu Immunisation

A reminder that the immunisation team will be in school on **Wednesday 28th September**.

If you have not already registered your child, please follow the link in the letter sent via Parentmail on 5th September (alternatively, you can visit their website: lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- w/c 12th Clubs begin
- 26th School photographs
- 28th SAIS team in school to deliver flu immunisation
- 30th Macmillan Coffee Morning (in Church) 9 am -11.30 am

October

- 10th Harvest Celebration in Church. 9 am
- 4th 9.30-11.30 am Open Morning for children starting school in September 2023
- 11th 3.20-4 pm Reception class Phonics "Stay and Play"
- 20th 3.20-4 pm Reception class Maths "Stay and Play"
- 21st End of term 1
- 31st Term 2 begins

November

- 1st 9.30-11.30 am Open Morning for children starting school in September 2023
- 2nd 3.20-4 pm Pre-school & Reception Autumn Activities
- 15th "Face-to-face" Parents' Evening (3.30-5.30 pm)
- 17th Zoom/virtual Parents' Evening (5.30-7.30 pm)

December

- 6th Early Years Nativity
Christingle (at 6 pm in St Andrew's Church)
- 8th Key Stage 1 Nativity
- 16th End of Term 2

Time Capsule

During recent renovations of our stonework, the stonemason discovered a time capsule! The capsule had been placed within the stonework when the school was extended in 1900. Along with a small extract from the Yorkshire Post, dated, 6th August 1900, was a document signed by the builders, a governor and the Rector (a copy is attached).

This was a very exciting find, and a lovely reminder of the history of our school



The British Council

We are very excited to be connected with the British Council and a school in Zimbabwe. Together, we will be focusing on the "7 strands of sustainability".