

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Inclusion Leader

After Easter, we have a new member of staff joining our schools in a new role. Miss Krista Pierro will be the Inclusion Leader for both our schools. This role encompasses the role of SENCo as well as supporting children in receipt of pupil premium. We wanted to add capacity to our Inclusion provision and wanted to have someone to work across our infants and juniors, to build relationships with children, parents and staff throughout their primary school years.

Miss Pierro has a wealth of experience working with children with additional needs. She is currently working in Foundry College, as well as working in mainstream schools to support children. Miss Pierro has done a little work with our schools in recent years, so already has some familiarity with Polehampton.

Miss Pierro will have some time before and after Easter to meet with staff who are currently in these roles at Polehampton. She will then be working closely with our Heads of School to plan provision for our children who benefit from extra support.

- At the Infant School, we will be saying goodbye and thank you to Mrs Combe, who has been our interim SENCo since September. Mrs Combe has done a super job of working with children, staff and parents recently. Fortunately, Mrs Combe also works in one of the Keys Academy Trust schools, so Miss Pierro will work with her regularly in SENCo network meetings and joint training.
- At the Junior School, Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf have done an excellent job of leading on this work for many years and will support Miss Pierro in getting to know our Junior School children and families.



Infants Summer Reading Bags – Parents in current Yr1/2/3

Last March, we sent home the summer reading bags, so children would have a range of school books to read. We have not received these all back yet. Could you have a good look at home, for any of the books or the bag – we would be pleased to see any of the contents, as we would like to give them out again this year.

“COVID MATTERS” for emails

If you need to contact school to let us know your child has developed symptoms, that you have booked a test for them or to let us know about the results of a test, please put **“COVID MATTERS”** in the subject line of your email so we can search for them more easily.

Vaccines can be booked for over 50s now

People aged 50 and over are now eligible to book their vaccines appointments. Do share with friends and family. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>



COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief 2021 - Funny Is Power

What do you call a magician dog?

A labracadabrador!

What smiles and fun we have had in school today as the children and staff have donned superhero masks and told jokes in support of Comic Relief. Please remember to make a donation if you are able to at <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>



Online Safety



Attached to today's newsletter is a parent leaflet about Minecraft. Your child might already love Minecraft but it's never too late to check what it would be helpful for you to know to keep them safe within this game.



Let's Count

This week, the **infant school** has taken part in the 'Let's Count' initiative, learning about the census and counting and collecting data on subjects that matter to them. They should all have come home with a celebratory certificate and you can find more information in the link below.

https://letscount.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/E_Census-Parent-letter_Acc-WEB.pdf

The Amazing School Run - 15th - 31st March

After our success in the recent local virtual cross-country race, I am hoping our super keen runners might like to take part in this free national virtual running (and walking) event.

This time, children have the option of choosing their distance to walk or run - 1k, 2k, 3k or 5k. The idea is that children can be signed up now, then every time they walk or run their chosen distance between the 15th and 31st March, their time can be added to their profile. This gives them a chance to improve their time over the two weeks.

More information can be found on the website - <https://thefixevents.com/the-amazing-school-run>. I recommend watching the short video explaining the signing up process and I would suggest registering

children sooner rather than later (you don't need to wait until 15th March). When filling out the school's name, just write 'Polehampton' so that results from both of our schools get pooled together. If you have any questions, please ask! Good luck!
Mrs Newman – Cross Country Leader, Junior School



Infant Easter Bonnet procession - Wednesday 31st March

One of our favourite days of the Infant school year! Please decorate or make an Easter bonnet and/or basket and bring it into school to wear to our Easter and Spring time school celebration. Parents, sadly we are unable to invite you into school for this, but look forward to sharing with you some photographs and films after the event.



Baking Masterclass: Thurs April 1st

Following our successful Christmas baking masterclass Kellie from Bake.Cake.Time will be back to guide us through making this beautiful Easter cake just in time for Easter weekend. The class last time was great fun and everyone made some beautiful (and delicious!) creations.

Book your slot at www.polehamptonpta.org

£30 or £40 if you would like a cake provided along with all the other bits you will need! *See attached flyer for more details.*



Mon 29th March

Having a lockdown clear out? 

Polehampton schools next Bags2School collection is on *Monday 29th March* . You can drop your bags to us in the Loddon Hall Carpark between *8-9am* that day. If you cannot make that time please message pjspta@hotmail.co.uk for an alternative address that bags can be dropped off beforehand.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*: (any carrier/bin bag is fine)

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags

- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

☆ *PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TIME ITEMS MUST BE BAGGED UP IN BIN BAGS* ☆

Attachments

- Minecraft – what parents need to know
- Cake decoration event by PTA
- Information about Easter clubs – see

website <https://www.polehampton.org.uk/page/?title=Useful+Websites+and+Information&pid=17>

Vacancies

Please see our school website for current vacancies. A part time infant lunchtime controller position will be added at the beginning of next week

We hope you have a happy and safe weekend,

Miss Ball, Mrs Castell, Mrs Scott and Mrs Medcalf

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Details
Monday 29 th March	PTA Bags to School	Loddon Hall car park 8-9.00am
Wednesday 31 st March	Infant Easter bonnets and spring celebration	Please make or decorate an Easter bonnet
Thursday 1 st April	PTA Baking Master Class	See attachment for details
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of term – non-uniform day	See staggered times for early closure on the last day of term - 1½hr earlier than normal. *3.00pm collection will be 1.30pm *3.15pm collection will be 1.45pm *3.30pm collection will be 2.00pm