

# Polehampton News

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hasn't it been marvellous to have a sunny start to the Summer Term!  
After such unsettled times, the shining sun does lift everyone again!



## Summer Term Events

We are finalising our summer term events. We hope very much to be able to run most of our events in some form this year – however, as we will have to prepare everything under the guidance at the time, it's highly likely that we will have to do things differently this year. We will be in touch as and when we can.



## Value for this half term – Honesty

This half term, our assemblies will be focusing on Honesty. Do ask your child what they think about the topics covered in assemblies – it's always very enlightening to listen to their ideas - repeating stories help us all consider the value being explored in more detail. For example, we touched upon the old favourite story of the Little Boy Who Cried Wolf. I wonder what they would say about that a few days later?

# NATIONAL OFFER DAY

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
ON FRIDAY 16 APRIL

## School Place for September 2021 - Foundation Stage and Year 3

Unusually for our schools, we currently have places for both Foundation Stage and Year 3 for this September. If you know of new families in the area, for example, do let them know. Maybe someone not do apply to us because we are usually full? Do share this information as widely as you can, so people are aware

We are currently full in all other year groups.

To all parents who have been offered places in our schools for September, please do make sure you reply by 4<sup>th</sup> May.



### **Uniform for all**

It is lovely to see our children in more summery uniforms now we have better weather. Please make sure that school shoes are worn (except for PE days) - sensible covered shoes, not sandals or flip flops. Thank you!



### **Staffing News**

#### **Both Schools**

As we mentioned last term, this week Miss Pierro has joined us as our new Inclusion Leader for both schools. Her role will largely be working with our children with special educational needs, though there will be time for whole class work too. Miss Pierro has been busy working with Mrs Castell, Mrs Medcalf and Mrs Combe to learn about our children and our procedures. She has met a few children already and will be in touch with parents in due course. Working across the two schools will provide super support for our children as they move from our infants to our juniors.

#### **Junior School**

After being at Polehampton Juniors for a number of years, Miss Hernandez has made the decision to move back to Spain. Her last day will be next Friday 30th April. We will miss her so much but wish her all the very best in the future. Thank you, Miss Hernandez, for your kindness, dedication and hard work over the years, you will always be a part of the Polehampton family.

A wonderful new teaching assistant, Mrs Dudley, will be joining us from Monday 26th April; she will initially be working in year 3 and will also be a lunchtime assistant. Welcome to the team Mrs Dudley!



### **Wokingham Food Bank**

I would like to remind everyone that we can make a referral to Wokingham Food Bank on your behalf. Please ask to speak to one of the senior staff and we will make that referral in confidence for you.



### Running events for Primary aged pupils

Well done to all those children who took part in the Amazing School Run virtual challenge. I have seen fantastic results from Freya R-E, Kaiya M, Eleanor L, Ivy G, Max D, Wilf M, Joe M and Poppy M (as well as Emily M!). A huge well done to all of you for taking part! Please let me know if I've missed anyone off the list.

For those who like running, Woodley Junior parkrun is starting back this Sunday (25th April) at 9am (new start time) in Woodford Park. This is a timed 2km walk/jog/run for children aged 4-10. Children can run on their own or with an adult and there is a very friendly, encouraging atmosphere. Before the run, you will need to sign up and print off a bar code which is used to tell you your time. Further information is available on the website <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/woodley-juniors/> and I find the Facebook group to be helpful to look at too. I am also happy to answer any questions.

I look forward to seeing some familiar & maybe some new names in the results!

Mrs Newman, Cross Country Co-ordinator, Junior School

### "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.

### A Prayer on the Death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

We hope you all are able to enjoy this summery weather and seeing a few more friends and family over the weekend.

Best wishes,  
Miss Ball, Mrs Medcalf, Mrs Scott and Mrs Castell

### Attachments

- Solve the book title competition poster
- Air Quality Hero competition info

### Diary Dates

Date	Event	Details
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for the summer term	
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed for half term	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term	School closes early Non-uniform day