

# Polehampton News

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

What a beautiful sunny week we've had – it's like a bonus summer!!

## Reminders

**Coming and Going at School - Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe and happy!**

- Younger siblings should not be left alone in cars when parents come onto site to collect their children.
- Can we just remind everyone to collect and leave site and the entrances promptly, with your children by your side?
- Entrances - Please don't leave your dog tied up by the entrance or smoke just where everyone is coming in or out.
- Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking near the school – not to block their driveways.

**Fruit Snacks for playtimes**

- At playtime, children are only allowed to have a piece of fresh fruit or veg, not cheese or biscuits. Named containers are very helpful, as we are eating snacks outside as much as possible.
- The fruit scheme is back up and running in both schools so every child will be offered fruit every day. You only need to send something in if your child is particularly choosy!
- Grapes – can we remind everyone that any grapes sent in must be cut longways or vertically or top to bottom, depending how you phrase it. This is due to choking hazard risks – our first aiders are ALWAYS reminded about this when they do their training.

## Zoom Test Sessions next week

We are looking forward to our test sessions next week – we have all been practising in school. Please remember that this is a test session for us too. It's just a quick technical check!

- **Deadline for Parental consent for Zoom test sessions**

As children can only join if they have parental consent, if you want your child to join in, please sign the online Form at least 24 hours before the session. This allows us time to update our records for the teachers, so they allow the correct children into the meeting.

For example, Yr6 and Yr1 sessions are on Monday at 4.15 or 4.45pm, so parents of children in those year groups will have until 4.00pm on Sunday to sign the parent agreement.

- **Zoom log-on details**

These have been sent home to each class today – please keep these confidential details safe as they will be used for both pupil sessions and parents' evenings.

Juniors – do ask your children about our weekly Zoom assemblies – they are such fun!

Infants – we are working on doing one for you too!

## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their appointment request. Please return any outstanding requests by Monday. Teachers will send home your appointments on Thursday next week.

### Keys Academy Trust Parent Letter – see attached

Please find attached your Parent Welcome letter from the Keys Academy Trust (KAT).



### Barnardo's - Supporting Families, particularly during this global Pandemic

Barnardo's have been commissioned to provide additional support to families during these challenging times. Their **See, Hear, Respond** campaign website has many resources that you could explore for advice, information and tools to help.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond-support-hub>

### Harvest Festival – Wokingham Food Bank

Alongside St. Mary's Church, we are collecting for Wokingham Food Bank this year. I am sure you will appreciate that they have been overwhelmed with requests for support in recent months. In fact, please be aware that we are able to refer families to the Foodbank if you need support yourselves.

Please see their current priority needs. No fresh food please.

A notice from Wokingham Food Bank. At the top is a green megaphone icon. Below it, the text "CHECK OUT OUR LATEST SHOPPING LIST" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Underneath, it says "Our stocks of the following items are currently low: (10/09/2020)". A list of items follows: Tinned potatoes, Tinned Peas, Sugar, Hot Dogs, Meat Pies, and Adult Toothbrushes. At the bottom, it states "We currently have an abundance of Baked Beans, Pasta, Soup, Tea, Fish, Rice and Long Life Milk. We are unable to take baby formula milk." The entire notice is set against a light green background.

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### Year Six Parents

- Don't forget we need all outstanding consent forms for the Rivers trip back by Monday please
- Please check your emails for information about secondary school applications. Can you believe it's time to start thinking about that?

## **PTA News**

### **Junior PTA Update**

We look forward to as many parents as possible joining us for the delayed AGM on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. 8pm (via zoom). We need a minimum number of people on the committee for it to meet Charity Commission rules and continue to run for the 2020/21 year. We need to find people to fulfil the key roles of Chair and Secretary. You could do this individually or jointly with someone else and share the role. We also need committee members to ensure we have a minimum number of people and to share jobs out throughout the year and plan an exciting calendar of activities for the children. You can take on as much or as little as possible but many hands make light work!

If you are interested in joining the AGM meeting please email the PTA Committee and we can send out meeting details nearer the time. Email address: [pjspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pjspta@hotmail.co.uk)

Also if anyone interested in acting as a class rep please let the PTA know. This really helps throughout the year with communication of events among parents.

### **Easy Fundraising!**

Ever heard of Amazon Smile? Or Easy Fundraising? These are two really easy ways that parents can support the Junior school. Using the links below every time you do some online shopping helps to raise important funds for the school's benefit at no extra cost to you! And better yet, you can share the link with family and friends and they can also help the school!

#### **How does it work?**

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your school.

How? Just start your online shopping first at [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), then shop as normal. Over 4,000 retailers across fashion, travel, insurance and food and drink will then make a small donation to the school to say "thank you".

There are currently only 59 easyfundraising supporters but this has already raised over £3,200 since it started! We have a challenging fundraising year ahead so this could be a powerful source of income for the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/polehamptonjuniors/?q=Polehampton&cat=cause-autosuggest>

Similarly, Amazon Smile also makes charitable donations on qualifying orders. Use this link first, select Polehampton C of E Junior School, and continue shopping as normal.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Please remember to use these links when you next do online shopping and remember your local Junior School!

**Thank You**

**PTA Committee for Infants and Juniors**

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Miss Ball, Mrs Medcalf, Mrs Scott and Mrs Castell