

Polehampton News – 18.6.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term arrangements

Delaying the roadmap – now we have had confirmation that we will see no changes on 21st June, we have to sadly accept that this year's summer term events will need to be different to our typical arrangements. Thankfully, our wonderful staff are busy creating safe versions of all our usual experiences, so the children won't miss out at all – we just won't be able to ask you to join us! We will send home recordings of the performance and special assemblies and take some super photos of sports events. We will follow parental permissions for sharing photos/videos.

Yr1 country dancing	We will be doing this next Friday so our Yr5 children and all the infants can see their snazzy footwork! We will send home a video of this on private link to all Yr1 families later this ½ term
Yr2 Leavers' Assembly	We will be recording this play to send home to the Yr2 parents. This will be on a private link that must not be shared with anyone else – this is the policy for all private links. We will watch the play in every class in both schools, so we all get to enjoy our Yr2 children's last performance at the Infant School!
Yr4 May Pole dancing	Next Friday, our Yr4 will dance for the whole school to watch. We will send home a video of this on private link to all Yr4 families later this ½ term
Yr5 Polehampton Day Play	We are recording the story of Edward Polehampton this year to send home next Friday to the Yr5 parents. This will be on a private link that must not be shared with anyone else – this is the policy for all private links. We will watch the play in every class in both schools, so the legend of Edward Polehampton is celebrated with everyone. Our Yr5s will visit the infant school next Friday, weather depending, to sing some songs from the play to them on our field outside!
Yr6 Leavers' Play	We are recording this play to send home to the Yr6 parents. This will be on a private link that must not be shared with anyone else – this is the policy for all private links. We will watch the play in every class in both schools, so we all get to enjoy our oldest children's last performance at Polehampton!
Yr6 Leavers' Graduation	We are recording this play to send home to the Yr6 parents. This will be on a private link that must not be shared with anyone else – this is the policy for all private links.
Yr2 & 6 Leavers' Discos/ Prom	These can run almost as normal, as we have year group bubbles. Staff from those bubbles will run these events this year.
Sports Days and Swimming Galas	These will all run in school in year group bubbles.
Transition sessions	These will all take place outside this year, so will be weather dependent. They are all planned for the week beginning 5 th July. Children will be in their new class groups, with their new teacher, socially distanced on our lovely school fields.
End of term Church Service	Our wonderful church team will be recording this for us to enjoy in our classes at the end of term.

PTA Sponsored “Readathon” - week beginning 28th June

Our PTA have organised a wonderful sponsored event for the summer term. Please read the [attachment](#) as it's full of all the information you need!

I am going to make a pledge to have a completely screen free evening once a week so I get time for a “long read” as well as my little bits at bedtime! Maybe make a family pledge – it's so great if you model a love of reading to your children. Let me know what you decide to do?

- [Pledge page](#)
- [Ideas for reading challenges](#)

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

June is GRT History month! We will be having special assemblies this month to celebrate this year's theme of “Make some room”. To us, this means making some room in our day and in our curriculum to learn about the history and traditions of the UK's GRT community.

Also, there is a competition – see attachment below

Online Grooming - New Campaign ([Internet watch Foundation](#))

This is a hard subject to comprehend, but I feel I must draw your attention to some shocking statistics I've been alerted to this week, because it affects children of primary school age.

Since the start of the pandemic, the amount of ‘self-generated’ child abuse imagery has increased dramatically - this is where offenders coerce and groom children into sexual activities, often in children's own bedrooms and bathrooms. In 2020, the IWF confirmed 68,000 cases of such imagery, a rise of 77% on the year before. It accounts for nearly half (44%) the imagery they took action on last year.

In 80% of these cases, the victims were 11- to 13-year-old girls.

This is terrible to read – it is why it is **so important** to set ground rules early on for your children (for example, devices must stay in a family room, parental controls set up and monitored on all devices) to protect your child. Read the [guide for parents and carers](#) which has helpful tips that you can adjust to your family.

Covid Issues

If you need to contact us about any COVID issues, please put **COVID MATTERS** in the subject line of the email, so we notice it quickly. Thank you!

Subject: Over 40s can now bring 2nd vaccine appointments forward.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vaccination-programme-accelerated-as-step-4-is-paused>

Who can get the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine - NHS age 18 and over can book

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/who-can-get-the-vaccine/>

Surge testing in Wokingham

You will have been contacted if you are part of this scheme. Please follow the advice you have been given.

Pop up Walk in Vaccination Centre at Bulmershe Leisure Centre. 18-24 year olds.

The surge vaccination programme has been expanded to include **all** 18- to 24-year-olds living in the Wokingham Borough.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/covid-19/testing-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccination-centres/>

Travelling over the summer holidays

Please take note of the travel restrictions for any region or country you are visiting. Please ensure you follow any quarantine rules that exist for place you visit. If you are planning for the summer holidays, please note that school starts on Thursday 2nd September (Yr6 - check for secondary school dates) and we expect all children to be ready to start on that date.

Attachments and Links

- [GRT History Month competition](#)

We hope you have a wonderful weekend! Anyone watching the football tonight?!

Miss Ball, Mrs Medcalf, Mrs Scott and Mrs Castell

Polehampton Breakfast/After School Club Vacancies

We are looking for committed and enthusiastic individuals to join our team from September.

BC Hours 7.50 - 8.50am Monday – Friday (or 2/3 days) Term time only.

ASC Hours 3.15 – 5.30pm Monday – Friday (or odd days) Term time only.

For further information, job description and application form,

Please contact S Benson email - polehamptonasc@googlemail.com

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Diary dates

Date	Event	Details
Friday 18th June	Yr5s Polehampton Day play link sent home	
Week Beginning 28th June	Whole School sponsored Readathon	
Friday 9th July	Bags 2 Schools - 8-9am Loddon Hall car park	
Thursday 15 th July	Goodies uniform order deadline for home delivery by 31 st August	
Friday 16th July	Year 6 leavers' Prom – more info to follow	
Tuesday 20th July	Year2 Leavers' Disco – more info to follow	
Wed 21 st July	Last day of term	School closes 1½ hours early Non-uniform day