

Polehampton News – 25.6.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Polehampton Day

We've been enjoying a 2021 version of Polehampton Day today! Today, we have learned again the inspiring story of Edward Polehampton, the generosity of the people of Twyford and how his legacy still enables our children to day to shine their light. As our yr5s say, this is our unique story and makes us all feel very special!

Our Yr5s have produced a wonderful play which we have enjoyed watching in every class. Yr5 parents, we are sending this home to you on a private link – we hope it makes you smile and feel proud!

Yr5 came to the Infant School to sing some of their favourite songs from the play, whilst our Yr1s did their snazzy country dancing for them to see. Back at the Junior school, Yr4s did their intricate May Pole dancing and Yr5s sang their songs again. Dancing videos will be on their way to parents soon.

One of our Yr5s said it was an emotional day – we agree completely!

Yr2 & 5 Buddies

We have been busy with our buddying this week! We had a zoom session on Wednesday where we did a virtual hello and wave. Today, we meet in real life!! After our Polehampton Day fun, we had socially distance meet up on the field. At the end, there was some surprise rendition of our Buddies Rap, so our Yr2s got to sing to their buddies – wonderful!!

We are so proud of everyone – our children have been wonderful, loving this creative outlet for their talents. Our staff - your determination to make this a memorable experience for every child, as well as your technical abilities, is a gift to our schools –thank you!

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 us know what you decide to do – you could tweet us @Polehampton

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

RAFFLE

Our PTA have launched our summer raffle – there are some wonderful prizes so do take a look. See attachment below.

No Toys in School

We have noticed that some children have started to bring in bubble toys, pop up toys and other small teddy toys on keyrings/lanyards.

We don't allow additional toys in school, as children can get distracted in lessons if they are nearby, can get upset if they are lost or can get into disagreements about swapping. Please keep these for home. Thank you.

Windrush Day – 22nd June

We have been learning about the story of the Windrush generation in school this week, reading books and watching videos.

Do check out our Twitter feed to see some wonderful letter writing by our Yr5 children, showing real empathy and understanding about such an important part of our history.



Summer Reading Project - Wokingham Libraries

Wild World Heroes is the Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2021 at all libraries in Wokingham.

To join just pop into your local library and collect your starter pack or join online [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Read six library books and collect your finisher pack with medal and a certificate when you complete the challenge.

EU Settlement Scheme

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

Please do share or remind anyone who you think might be affected by this to take action by the deadline of next Wednesday 30th June.

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

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!

Waiting for COVID test results

Can I just remind everyone, that if you are waiting for test results from someone in the household, then EVERYONE has to self-isolate until you have a negative result. Siblings are unable to come to school during this time, as they should also be self-isolation. Thank you!

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/>

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

- Euro 2020 change of menu – 1st July
- [PTA raffle poster](#)
- [PTA Readathon](#)
- [Term dates – 2022/23](#)
- [Infant TA vacancies](#) – see website
- [GRT History Month competition](#) (control and click)

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Ball, Mrs Medcalf, Mrs Scott and Mrs Castell

Diary Dates

- Next week
- [New or amended dates](#)

Date	Event	Details
Friday 18 th June	Yr5s Polehampton Day play link sent home	
Week Beginning 28 th June	Whole School sponsored Readathon	
Friday 9 th 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 16 th July	Year 6 leavers' Prom – more info to follow	
Tuesday 20 th July	Year2 Leavers' Disco – more info to follow	
Wed 21 st July	Last day of term	School closes 1½ hours early Non-uniform day

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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