

Polehampton News - 2.7.21

PTA News

Huge thanks to everyone who has pledged money for the **Polehampton Readathon**! We are doing really well with over £1350 raised so far, but there is still time to raise more! The money is all going towards brand new reading scheme books which will be of huge benefit to both schools!

Please also pop onto the website www.polehamptonpta.org and purchase your tickets for our **summer raffle**! Lots of fab prizes to be won thank you to everyone who donated!

Looking for new uniform? <https://myclothing.com/> Will donate 5% of every sale to the school. Happy shopping!

The Reading Newsletter

To coincide with our Polehampton Readathon, we are pleased to launch today the first issue of a new half termly newsletter to promote reading across the school. We hope to signpost everyone to great books, interesting authors, provide some top tips for reading and generally enthuse us all about the amazing range of books that are available. From timeless classics to new authors, we will be promoting the Love of Reading across the school. Start your journey today by reading [The Reading Newsletter](#).

Changeover Sessions

This year, all our changeover transition sessions will be done outside. This will allow your children to meet their new staff in a socially distanced way. It is weather dependent, but we hope all sessions will take place next week.

Teachers are working very hard on finalising class lists for next year. Your child's teacher knows how your child works in school best – they understand the dynamics of the group from a learning perspective. Their decisions are final. What is good to remember, is that, even in this year of many, many restrictions, we have been able to continue with our year group working, so your child will continue to see all their year group friends throughout the day at play and lunchtimes. Special days, trips (fingers crossed) and performances are all done as year groups. This way, your child gets to have a choice of 59 possible friends!

Gifts and Presents

- **Gifts to staff** – in past years, parents have sometimes been very kind and given staff gifts. Please know that we never expect anything – it is our privilege to work with your wonderful children each year; they are our gift!
- **Gifts to school** – sometimes leaving parents have made donations to the school, maybe contributing to a larger gift or selecting something personal to them. Again,

we absolutely don't expect a thing. Sometimes, in past years, parents have asked us for suggestions – do contact us individually or as a larger group if you would like any ideas.

Year 6 Prayer Journey

Our church team traditionally at the end of every school year run a 'prayer journey' with Year 6 as part of their transition programme. The session gives pupils an opportunity to reflect and give thanks for their happy memories, share any fears and look towards the future. This summer, the church invited Year 6 to participate in a 'pilgrimage' from school to St James' Church in Ruscombe to mark the end of their time at Polehampton Juniors. Eagles Class enjoyed their pilgrimage this week and Flamingos will be going next week.

Junior School - Intervention and nurture groups

Our wonderful Miss Robinson has been covering classes due to staff absence, meaning our intervention groups and nurture groups have not been running as we would have liked. We find ourselves in different times at the moment and appreciate your support and understanding with this.

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!

Do you or anyone in your household have COVID symptoms?

Then that person **must** get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test) and everyone must self-isolate until you get a result.

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.



Chattabox Church Day Out: Sunday 29th August on King George V's Field, Twyford.

For our second year of reimagining holiday club, the church team are keeping the spirit of Chattabox alive by holding an afternoon of music, bible stories, activities and the usual Chattabox fun all outside on the field! We'll be planning our content for 5-11 year olds, but younger children are welcome too. All children will remain the responsibility of their parents/carers throughout the event. We'd love as many families as possible to register for activity packs in advance to help us plan our resources. However, we are also hoping to invite passers-by to join in with the Chattabox fun spontaneously! If you sign up now, you'll receive an event update email in the week before with top-tips on what to bring/what to wear and any covid-related guidance that we might need to share with you to keep everybody safe. We can't wait to start our jungle adventure and discover together why Jesus is the best possible guide. Visit www.thru-christ.org.uk to book or find out more.

Attachments and Links

- [Reading Newsletter](#) - our first ever Reading
- Summer fun with the church team
- Wimbledon change of menu – 6th July
- [PTA raffle poster](#)
- [PTA Readathon](#)
- [Infant TA vacancies](#) – see website

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 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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