

## Dear Parents,

It really does feel like a summer term in school right now. With our sports days, performances, changeover days and even rainy days, we are so pleased that we are able to give our children a reasonably normal summer term. We are missing our parents though! We hope you are enjoying the videos that are coming home for some year groups.

## Our Polehampton Values

Thank you to the parents who responded to our values consultation a few weeks ago. We have now come up with 6 values – one for each half term. We were mindful of other values that people voted for or suggested, so we have included ones that can be linked within each half term. This will allow for a wider discussion. Our values will allow us to better understand our school vision - “**Let your light shine**”!

## Restrictive Measures going forwards

Now we have more information about the road map, we can start planning in more detail.

### From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

- We are not making any significant changes, given that we only have 3 days to go! For example, start and finish times and the basic school day will stay the same.
- Parents, we will no longer request that parents wear masks in the playground. You may choose to continue doing so, of course.
- We will no longer be the point of contact for test and trace. However, please keep your “COVID MATTERS” emails coming as normal, so we know things for your child.

### Next term

**Government guidance and Polehampton routines** – I'm sure all schools are doing a big review of school procedures following the past 18 months. What systems will we keep? What can't we wait to stop doing?

- **We will continue to review the guidance** – we all know now that things can change!
- **Anyone with COVID symptoms must not come to school.** Anyone who has symptoms should get a PCR test and self-isolate until you get a result. You may return if you have a negative result. Please let us know by putting “COVID MATTERS” in the subject line of an email.
- **We will continue to send home any child who develops COVID symptoms.** Then please get a PCR test and self-isolate until the results come back.
- We will continue to provide **remote learning** for children who are self-isolating due to COVID reasons, but are well enough to work.
- **We no longer need bubbles!** We will need to re-establish all our typical routines and procedures, for example, next year only some of our children will have had whole school assemblies inside at their school hall and some of those for less than half a school year! Only half a year for Yr2s and Yr5s, with only Yr6 having had a full year and a half!
- We will continue **wearing PE kits on PE days**. This has been very successful for many reasons! Please wear trainers on PE days, rather than leaving trainers in school. (new Blues – you won't need trainers to start with – we will let you know when you do).
- We will continue with our **hand hygiene, ventilation and increased cleaning** measures.
- **Times of the day** - we will no longer have staggered start and finish times.
- **The start of the day** – at both schools, we will open our doors at 8.50am. We will have a soft start, meaning children can arrive at any time between 8.50-9.00am. Doors will open and children can just come in by themselves – no need to line up.
- **The finish of the day** - we have made a slight adjustment to our pre-covid times, due to the fact that both schools will have slightly shorter lunchtimes - we found this was better for the children.
  - Infants – 3.10pm

- Juniors – 3.20pm
- **All classes will enter and leave** via their classroom door except
  - Orange Class (Yr1)– through the infant hall doors
  - Both Yr2 Classes – doors by the London Road entrance
  - Ade Class (Yr3) - doors between the two Yr3 classes
- **Infants** – we will no longer have set gates to arrive and leave by. Children must be supervised until they go into classes.
- **Juniors** – gates will open at 8.45am. Upper school children are to enter the grounds independently; lower school parents can accompany them to the classes.
- Each school will have an **Outbreak Management Plan** which outlines procedures should the local or national picture change. These will include measures that will have been employing over the last 18months, for example, the re-introduction of bubbles.

### **Euro 2020 Final – Come on, England!**

We are aware that the football will run late into the evening on Sunday. School will be open as normal on Monday morning; however, the registers will close at 10am if you would like your child to sleep on a little.

- Year Six – you will need to all be on time, due to your trip! 😊
- Year Five – if your child has permission to walk to school by themselves and they are arriving by 10am, please can you email us so we know not to expect them as normal.
- Thanks to our cooks, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Stevens for being so flexible with us on this!!

### **Changeover Sessions**

We were so proud of our children, meeting their new teachers and learning who will be in their classes next term. As we said, if any child was off, we will make sure they get a chance to say hello to their new teacher before the end of term.

### **Annual School Reports**

You will receive your child's annual school report next Wednesday. Reading them through, we have felt very proud of the effort and achievements your child has made during this very challenging year.

### **Wonderful videos coming home**

Whilst we realise that it's sad not to have parents in school this year, it is very special to have the videos to watch at home! Yr1, we can see lots of parents have watched the country dancing. Yr6, we hope you watching their play last night! We have more coming next week!

### **Sports Days**

This week, we have had our slightly different, but highly successful Sports Days. The children demonstrated a super level of competition and teamwork.

**Infants** - No results to report - it's just for fun!

**Juniors** - All the children have been fantastic in their races, doing their best for their respective houses. A special mention has to go to our incredible Year 6 House and Vice Captains, who having competed in the morning, then helped run the rest of the year group events. Their maturity, organisation, teamwork and leadership has made us all extremely proud of them. Well done. Junior results for Sports Day will be announced on Monday.

### **Year 6 Prayer Journey**

Another big thank you to our church team who took Flamingo Class on their pilgrimage this week. It was quite moving to see their memories and hear their hopes for the future.

Thank you for the gift of the book “*Make your Move*” which each Yr6 child received from the church. We hope it will support the next step of your education.

### **Juniors – lunch monies**

- Please top up your lunch accounts so you are in credit for the end of term.

### **PTA News**

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the **Readathon!** We have raised an amazing £2,233 which purchase so fantastic new reading scheme and vipers books.

The PTA have been busy preparing end of year gifts and discos for our leavers in year 2&6 as well as funding enterpr We hope next year to be able to do so many more fun things for the children; please do continue to support us wh

### **Raffle!**

We have tons of fabulous prizes:

Wireless X-Box controller & 3 games

Adult Fit-Bit

Gin Hamper

Cheese & Port Hamper

Teenage books & pamper hamper

Summer Fair hamper

Plus lots of gift vouchers!

Please visit [www.polehamptonpta.org](http://www.polehamptonpta.org) to buy your tickets. We are incredibly lucky that Nick Proctor works for Micro Box prize is able to match fund! So every ticket you buy is worth double to the school!!

As we have had no fairs and very limited opportunities to fundraise we really rely on the raffle so please do buy so *NB: your order number will be your raffle ticket number. We will have records of this number and how many entries the email!*

### **PTA AGM: Sept 22nd**

All parents are invited to join us for our AGM next term We would love to welcome any new volunteers particularly to get to know the school better!

We will be on the lookout for a new treasurer over the course of next year so if you are spreadsheet savvy and hav to see what's involved!

It's a great job that can be done almost entirely remotely and isn't too onerous we promise! Email [polehamptonpta](mailto:polehamptonpta)

## 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 can prioritise your request. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September (check for secondary school dates) and we expect all children to be ready to start on that date.

## Church Team news

Young Christian's Climate Relay to COP26: Your chance to meet and join with the walkers! The Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN), a community of 18-30 year olds from across the UK, are organising a 750-mile Relay to COP26 this summer. The walk aims to raise awareness of COP26 and to spark conversations around climate change and how we can care better for our planet and its people. The Relay began at the G7 summit in Cornwall in June, will end in Glasgow in November, and is passing through Twyford on the way! On the 1st of August the 14.5 mile hike from Twyford to Windsor will start off with a celebration before the Family Service at St Mary's Church. Families are invited to join us at 10:00 outside St Mary's to either see the walkers off or set out with them on all or part of the route! Those not walking are welcome to stay for the family service where we will celebrate the beauty of God's creation.

The relay is open to absolutely anyone - young or old, faith or no faith! There is also an option to join us on Saturday 31st as we walk the 7.5 miles from Reading to Twyford, including joining a group walking the last mile into Twyford. To find out more contact Bethany Cook ([bethany.cello.cook@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.cello.cook@gmail.com)/07531698565) or head to <https://www.yccn.uk>

## Chattabox Church Day Out: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.thru-christ.org.uk) to book or find out more.

## Library – Free virtual events over the summer

- Virtual Storytime **Monday 5 July and Friday 30 July**, 10am Join us for some fun tales and stories. This session is suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.
- **We're Going on a Rainforest Story Hunt!** Wednesday 28 July, 10am Join storyteller John Kirk on a story hunt through the jungle to explore the wonders of life in the rainforest. This session is a virtual session and is suitable for children aged 3 to 8.
- **Superhero Shapes** Thursday 29 July, 1pm Take part in this interactive workshop with Explore Learning. This session is suitable for children aged 5 to 7.
- **Teen Writing Group with Author Kathryn Evans** Saturday 10 July at 10.30am to 12noon. Suitable for young people aged 11 to 18 years old

All online sessions will be on Microsoft Teams, To sign up just email [libraries@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@wokingham.gov.uk) with the session you would like to attend, your name and library card number and you will be sent details of how to join the day before.

## Attachments and Links

- [Our Polehampton values](#)
- [PTA raffle poster](#)
- **School nursing team summer newsletter**
- **Thank you NHS meal menu – Thursday 15th July**
- **Illustration and Writing competition - deadline 1st August**

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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](mailto:polehamptonasc@googlemail.com)

Telephone 07933077331

## Diary Dates

- **Next week**
- **New or amended dates**

Date	Event	Details
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Goodies uniform order deadline for home delivery by 31 <sup>st</sup> August	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers' Prom – more info to follow	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year2 Leavers' Disco – more info to follow	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term	School closes 1½ hours early Non-uniform day