

Polehampton News

Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

We have had such a happy two days back in school this week!

We love seeing the children in their new, slightly too big, uniform, ready for them to grow into over the year! Everyone has moved along the school and is busy remembering their new class and staff's names, which door to go in, where to put your lunchbox.... wonderful times!

Our Yr6 children have been able to support the new Yr3 children, our oldest children being wonderful "buddies" and role models to our younger juniors who have made an excellent start. Our Yr2s are now able to grow into their role as "oldest at the infants". Our new Blue Class have so impressed us with their bright smiles, all ready to learn and get going with school! Yrs 1, 4 and 5 are all playing their part in setting the tone for our new children too – thank you!

As senior staff, seeing the children being able to mix at playtimes, visiting all the classes and leading whole school assemblies has filled our hearts with joy!

It's a truly wonderful beginning to the Autumn term.

Newsletters

We are going to continue having one newsletter for both schools as so many announcements are relevant to everyone and it saves parents with children in both schools reading things twice.

Sometimes, we do have news that's only relevant to one school or one year group. Depending on the quantity, we will either include that on the main newsletter, but make it clear which school it's pertinent too, or if there is a lot of information, we will send out individual school notices.

Today, for example, see below to the separate school notices.

All newsletters will be added to the school website by the end of the day on Friday, so you can always find them there. <https://www.polehampton.org.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=190>

PE days for each year group

Children may wear PE kits on PE days, including trainers.

Blue Class	Friday
Yr1	Monday & Wednesday
Yr2	Tuesday & Thursday
Yr3	Wednesday
Yr4	Tuesday
Yr5	Monday
Yr6	Friday

[Back to School – Online Safety Tips for Children](#)

With a slightly damp holidays, children may well have spent more time on devices. This is a handy sheet which you can share with them to discuss how to keep themselves safe online.

Privacy notices

New privacy notices were issued by the Key Academy Trust over the summer holidays. Please take a look as they describe how we hold your data and your child's data.

Can you help with some digital art work?

Last term, the children helped design our new logo – we would now like to convert this into a digital image, which can be used on our website, headed paper and around our schools. If anyone could help us with that, please contact Mrs Scott at the Infant School.

Infant News

First Aid, Head Bumps

At the Infant school, we are trialling a new system to alert you if your child has sustained a minor bump to the head. As well as the usual slip of paper which states the time of the accident and how to monitor your child at home, they will also be given a **red** wrist band. If your child comes home wearing a red band, please look for the accompanying letter in their book bag and then remove the band before school the next day. We hope this new system will prevent letters remaining unread in book bags or alert you that your child has had a minor bump even if they have misplaced the letter they were given. If your child sustains a more serious/visible bump to the head, we will of course contact you immediately. If we find that minor head bump cases increase as a result of the bands (sometimes children enjoy having a new thing!), then we will review their usage.

Junior News

Trainers

Children at the junior school **will** need a pair of trainers in school **every day**. They can be kept in school for their daily run and also for any running around at playtime/lunchtimes.

Children can wear their school shoes in on PE days and change into their trainers in school, unless you would like them to wear another pair of trainers for those days. The choice is entirely yours.

Juniors Lunch money

- **New families** – as your induction pack described, now your child has started, you can set up an account to pay. Today, you will receive a hard copy of the instructions for how to do that.
- **Everyone** – please check and keep your lunch account in credit. Accounts in debt are charged to the school and we receive no funding to support lunches.
- **Families in receipt of Free School Meals** – you do not need to pay for lunches. Please be assured that this is not discussed in class at all and children are completely unaware of any payment information. This is purely an administration matter that takes places in the office.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

Miss Ball, Mrs Castell, Mrs Medcalf and Mrs Scott