

# Polehampton News

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



## Our School Values

Our value this half term is **Gratitude**. You might recall that we reviewed our values last half term, so we have a new annual cycle which you can see on the [values page](#) of our website. We will be exploring this value in assemblies and across the school day. As we might have some children who are absent due to COVID reasons, we will occasionally add an assembly to the [assembly page](#) of our website, so you can explore these ideas at home too, as part of your remote learning.



## Ofsted and SIAMS (church school) Inspections

Ofsted have recently changed their rules on inspections. Previously schools graded “outstanding” were not routinely inspected; now all schools will receive an inspection as a matter of course. Ofsted says it will prioritise schools with the oldest inspection reports. This means our schools are likely to be inspected very soon, as our Infant report is from January 2011 and our Junior report is from December 2012.

So, parents understand a little more about the Ofsted inspection process, please take a look at the Ofsted Inspection Guidance for parents (see attached). For example, schools are given one day’s notice so parents will be notified at that point too.

The Infant School is also due a SIAMs (church school) inspection. Good or outstanding church schools are inspected every 5 years – as our inspection was due during lockdown, we can receive it at any point. Our Junior School SIAMS is due next academic year.

## Pupil Premium/Free school meals

You might know that schools receive additional funding to support children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits. This is known as the Pupil Premium grant and can be spent in a number of ways to support your child’s learning experience at our schools. For example, it can pay for additional staffing to support extra support, such as one-to-one reading, support the cost of trips and visitors, uniform or an after school club. Our Inclusion Leader, Mrs Pierro, would be in touch with families to discuss how best to use the funds to support your child.

This grant continues for 7 years from the initial start time.

Being eligible for PP also allows child to receive **free school meals** - this element can change if parents’ circumstances change.

If you think you might be eligible then do speak to one of our admin team who will support you with this confidentially. You can apply at any point, but in order for schools to receive the funding for this academic year, please complete any applications by 24<sup>th</sup> September.

## Prospective Parents Open Mornings

We are able to host open mornings again now. Please do pass these dates and times to anyone you know who has a child who will be starting school next year. We would love to show them around our school. Places need to be booked as we are limiting numbers more this year. More dates can be added if we fill up.

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too).

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October - - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too).
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too).

For those unable to attend, please see the [Prospective Parents page](#) on our website for a welcome video.

**Staff vacancies**

We are currently recruiting for [mid-day meal supervisor and a lunchtime controller](#). Please pass to anyone you think might be interested.

**Punctuality**

Please can all children be in class by 9.00am. We know that families with siblings between the schools find this harder, but we hope everyone is getting into the rhythm of the day now, so we can all be ready to start the day on time.

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| <b>Infant News</b>  |
| <p><b>Home time</b></p> <p>To help out staff releasing children at hometime, when you notice your child at the doorway, could you give us a little wave! It can be hard to spot everyone, now we are all back to the same collection time – thank you!</p>  |
| <b>Junior News</b>  |
| <p><b>Playground after school</b></p> <p>It’s been a long time since we talked about this as we have different rules last so this is to confirm that children aren’t allowed to play on the equipment after school. This is because the After School Club use it quickly after they register and they need to be able to see which children are their responsibility.</p> <p><b>Kibblewhite Crescent</b></p> <p>For children and families that use the Kibblewhite Crescent entrance, can we ask parents to remind their children to the pavements (not walk or scoot in the roads) and check the roads before crossing? We’ve noticed that some children are doing that little bit independently and, in their excitement, are forgetting their road safety.</p> |

**School Lunches**

In addition to a main and vegetarian meal option, a jacket potato is available on a daily basis with the following choice of filling;

**Infants**

- Monday- Baked beans
- Tuesday- Cheese
- Wednesday- Tuna
- Thursday- Cheese
- Friday- Baked beans

**Juniors**

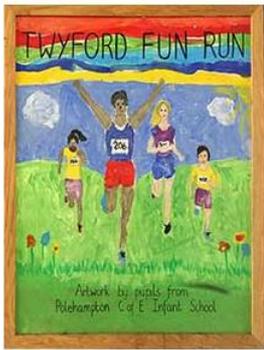
- Monday – Thursday - Baked beans / cheese/ tuna
- Friday – Baked beans / cheese

**Summer Reading Challenge- Wokingham Libraries**



We know that many of you have enjoyed reading during the school holidays and have taken part in the national [Summer Reading Challenge](#). The challenge closed on 28 August, but you have until Saturday 11 September to collect your finisher's certificate and medal from any of the local libraries. We'd love to see them in school and to hear about some of the wonderful books that you have read this summer and might recommend to others!

## Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run



Only a month to go until the *Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run* on Sunday 10 October at The Piggott School. We're hoping for yet another wonderful Polehampton turn-out. There are races for all ages and great prizes (to be announced shortly!). And if you can enlist enough neighbours, you might topple 2019's 'Fastest Street'. Visit the Twyford Together website at [www.twyfordtogether.org](http://www.twyfordtogether.org) to find out more.

### Attachments

- Ofsted information for parents
- Information about online courses for parents
  - **Raise a Reader**
  - 16/09/21-23/09/21, Thursdays 7-8.30pm, Online Via Zoom
  - Learn to encourage your child to read and nurture a love of reading at home! Aimed at parents or carers of primary school children who are looking to build up their child's motivation to read.
  - **Helping your child with Maths**
  - 14/09/21 – 19/10/21, Tuesdays 10-11.30am, Wokingham Town Centre
  - Gain an understanding of how maths is taught in KS1 whilst refreshing your own maths skills and gain confidence in how to support your child with their numeracy learning at home. Learn games to play to help your children with their maths understanding and recall
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We hope you all have a wonderful weekend,  
Best wishes,

Miss Ball, Mrs Scott, Medcalf and Mrs Castell

### Diary dates

| Date  | Event                                 | Place and time                         |
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| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September                         | Prospective parents' Open Morning*    | 9.15am - infants<br>11.00am - juniors  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October                           | Blue Parents' curriculum meeting      | 9.10am - school hall                   |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October                         | Prospective parents' Open Morning*    | 9.15am - infants<br>11.00am - juniors  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October                          | School census day – fish & chips menu | Lunchtime                              |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                           | Schools closed for staff inset        |  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October | Schools closed for half term          |  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November                           | Schools closed for staff inset        |  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Prospective parents' Open Morning*    | 9.15am - infants<br>11.00am - juniors  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Last day of term                      | School closes at<br>Infants<br>Juniors |

## **Term Dates 21/22**

*Holidays in term time are not authorised.*

### **Autumn 2021**

- Inset day 1 – Wednesday 1st September
- School opens to pupils – Thursday 2nd September
- Inset day 2 – Friday 22nd October
- Half term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th October
- Inset day 3 – Monday 1st November
- Last day of term – Friday 17th December

### **Spring 2022**

- Inset day 4 – Tuesday 4th January 2022
- School opens to pupils – Wednesday 5th January
- Inset day 5 – Friday 18th February
- Half term – Monday 21st – Friday 25th February
- Last day of term – Friday 8th April

### **Summer 2022**

- School opens to pupils – Monday 25th April
- Half term – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
- Last day of the school year – Wednesday 20th July

## **Term Dates 22/23**

### **Autumn 2022**

- Inset day 1 & 2 – Friday 2nd & Monday 5th September
- School opens to pupils – Tuesday 6th September
- Inset day 3 – Friday 21st October
- Half term – Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
- Last day of term – Tuesday 20th December

### **Spring 2023**

- Inset day 4 – Wednesday 4th January 2023
- School opens to pupils – Thursday 5 th January
- Inset day 5 – Friday 10 th February
- Half term – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February
- Last day of term – Friday 31st March

### **Summer 2023**

- School opens to pupils – Monday 17h April
- Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
- Last day of the school year – Friday 21st July