

Polehampton News

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another super busy week in school, with everyone getting into the stride of their new classes and new routines. We hope you've been hearing lots of about school life from your children at the end of the day!

Knowledge Organisers

Attached to our newsletter today, you will find the relevant year group's knowledge organiser for your reference. This is a document that you can read with your child/ren to give you some information about what is being taught in their year group's history/geography this term - there are lots of interesting facts to learn. In school, we use them as reference for children to independently access key vocabulary and act as a revision tool as we go through the year.

These are also published on our website, on our curriculum pages of our website in a tab called [knowledge organisers](#).

[Ofsted Parent View](#)

As we are very due for our Ofsted inspections, it would be very helpful if parents are able to complete the Ofsted Parent View in readiness. As we said last week, we will only have one day's notice, so it makes sense to get ahead on this parent questionnaire, for parents to express their views in advance. If you have children in each school, please do one for each as we have separate inspections. Please follow the link above – thank you for your support with this.

Volunteers - Can you help us in school?

We are able to have you back! We would very much welcome parents to support children regular reading or with other activities from time to time.

As volunteers, you will need to carry out several background checks before you can start. Even if you were a volunteer before, some checks will have run out (for example, DBS checks), so will need re-doing. If you have time to be a regular helper in school, please contact your child's school office and we can get that process going.

Infant News

Summer Reading Bags

Does anyone still have a red summer reading bag at home? We need to have them all returned so we can do a check on the contents and then store them away for next summer.

Change of arrangements for hometime collection

Could you please make sure you let us know if you have a change of arrangement for hometime collection? We can't let your child go without your permission. You can either tell a member of staff on the door in the morning or call the school to let us know.

Junior News

Loddon Hall gate

We are conscious that the gate by Loddon Hall car park does feel busy again now we have stopped the staggered start/finish times. We are looking into getting another gate put in so we can set up a one-way system which should ease congestion. For now, please can you be mindful of others and wait to let people through, rather than going both ways at the same time – thank you for your help with this.

Fiddle toys

We are currently auditing our use of 'fiddle toys' so please keep an eye out for emails about this if your child currently uses one.

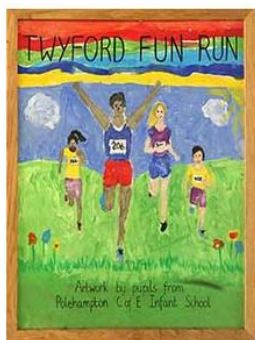
Teddies/Cuddly Toys

We are seeing an increase in teddies and other soft toys sitting on children's desks which, although really very lovely, can be quite a distraction! Please can we ask that, unless otherwise arranged with your child's class teacher or Mrs Pierro, those lovely cuddlies are kept at home. Thank you.

School Meal Accounts

A reminder to keep your school meal account in credit please :-)

Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run



Less than 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 to find out more. [Fun run poster](#)

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 27th September - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too).
- Wednesday 6th October - - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too).
- Friday 12th 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.

Attachments

- Knowledge organisers for your child's year group
- Vaccine poster
- COVID information poster
- [Poster for Fun Run](#)

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
Friday 27 th September	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Tuesday 5 th October	Blue Parents' curriculum meeting	9.10am - school hall
Wednesday 6 th October	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Thursday 7 th October	School census day – fish & chips menu	Lunchtime
Friday 22 nd October	Schools closed for staff inset	
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th October	Schools closed for half term	
Monday 1 st November	Schools closed for staff inset	
Friday 12 th November	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term	School closes at Infants 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 24th – Friday 28th October
- Last day of term – Tuesday 20th December

Spring 2023

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

Summer 2023

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