

Polehampton News



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is starting to feel like an Autumn term now, isn't it? Can we remind everyone to bring a coat in on rainy days please? It's good to go outside every day, even if it's just a quick run around and coats keep us warm and dry.



October is Black History Month, a significant date in our calendar every year! However, as we are sure you've heard us say before, we believe in the importance of teaching black history throughout the year. We have reviewed our curriculum to ensure it has clear and true representation of black history; black artists in our music and art curriculums, black scientists and the presence of people of colour throughout British history etc. We want our children to have a well-informed view of the contribution of people of colour in all areas of life.

Children will hear more about this in assemblies this month, as well as in ordinary lessons throughout the year.

School Census Menu Swap

Next Thursday is school census day – for the Infant School, take up of school meals on that day is crucial as we receive funding that allow us to pay for the meals all year round. Therefore, we swap our menus to ensure we can cover these costs. So, we are swapping our week 3 Thursday/Friday menus next week

- Thursday 7th - Fishfingers and chips/BBQ Quorn with chips
- Friday 8th - Chicken and broccoli pasta bake/vegetable enchiladas

Welcome message from our Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been great to see our schools back open for the new academic year and lovely to see the return of so many school activities that we have been unable to enjoy over the last 18



Harvest Plans

Every year, we do a collection for the Wokingham Food Bank. Understandably, they have seen a massive increase in calls on their service, so anything we can do to support this charity would be wonderful. Please can all donations be brought to either school by Thursday 21st October.

Parents, please remember that we are a referral agency for the Food Bank – we can apply for support on your behalf. This would be totally confidential – just ask to speak to any of us (Miss Ball, Mrs Scott, Mrs Medcalf or Mrs Castell) and we can help with that.

Harvest Donations for Autumn 21 – thank you!	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Life Milk • Sponge Puddings • Tinned Potatoes • Tinned Carrots • Tinned Soup • Long Life Custard • Tinned Fruit • Hot Dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta Sauce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biscuits • Long Life Fruit Juice • Confectionary • Shampoo & Conditioner • Razors & Shaving Foam • Adult AND Childrens Toothbrushes • Antibacterial Cleaning Spray

Infant News

Blue Class parents' Meeting – Tuesday 5th October at 9.10am

Parents, we are looking forward to seeing you in person next week. The session will last approx. one hour.

We ask the all parents wear a mask inside the school

Value Leaders in Y2

There was an error in last week's newsletter, the Value Leader for Compassion in Purple Class is Matthew, not Nathan. Please accept our apologies for the error.

Blue Class drinks - a chance for parents to meet up. Thursday 14th October. 8pm at Buratta's in Ruscombe.

Junior News

Clubs

Please remember our after-school clubs finish at the following times:

- Mondays – Think Tank at 4.20 pm
- Wednesdays – Sewing at 4.30 pm

For new starters:

Please remember to complete the starter documents for your child as soon as possible. These were sent out to new parents in July. Thank you for those already received!

[Book or manage a booster dose of the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS](#)

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.

- 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.

Polite reminders

- No dogs in the playgrounds please – thank you!

PTA News

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CURRY NIGHT

Socialise and raise money for the school at the same time!

WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

HAWELI, TWYFORD

£15
(Price includes mixed starters and a choice of main dish)

There will also be a raffle on the night, payment via card reader.

Please visit www.polehamptonpta.org to buy tickets for this event

Registered Charity Nos. 1039915 | 1056049

Curry night!!

Our popular curry night at Haweli is back on Weds October 20th! Great opportunity to socialise & fundraise at the same time. Tickets are limited so please visit <https://www.polehamptonpta.org/> to book yours ASAP!

Bags2school

Having another clear out? Bags2school will be at loddon hall car park 8-9am on 5th November. See the [PTA website](#) for a full list of what is accepted. Please bring donations in bin bags!

Twyford Together Charity 5K and Fun Run

Be sure to enter your family into next Sunday's Fun Run at The Piggott School. Thanks to a great, new donation, Twyford Together is mixing the prizes up and celebrating taking part. '**Have a Go Heroes**' (one in each of the 1K, 2K and 5K races) will now receive **Decathlon** vouchers and the 'Fastest Male' and 'Fastest Female' (aged 11-15 and 16-18) in the 5K win **Up and Running, Reading** vouchers.

For all the details and early bird entry, visit the [Twyford Together website](#).

Attachments

- Treasures and Treats poster - fun at St. Nicholas Church

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,

Miss Ball, Mrs Scott, Medcalf and Mrs Castell

Diary dates

Next week / new dates / infants only / juniors only

Date	Event	Place and time
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 and Friday 8 th Oct	Yr6 Rivers Trip	Thurs – Santana Class Fri – Johnson Class
Thursday 7 th October	School census day – fish & chips menu	Lunchtime
Friday 8 th October	World Mental Health Day – wear something yellow!	
Wed 20 th Oct	PTA curry evening	
Thursday 21 st October	Infant School – bring fruit and vegetable animals to school	
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	
Fri 5 th November	Bags to School	8-9am Loddon Hall Car park for donations
Friday 12 th November	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day	More info to follow!
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-uniform day• No After School Club	School closes at <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infants - 1.40pm• Juniors – 1.50pm

*please call the school to book a place

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