



Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been lovely and bright this week, but a lot chillier!! As we said yesterday, please consider putting your child in layers to keep them warm, as we have to have lots of windows open to ensure we have good ventilation.

Please make sure all uniform is labelled including hats/gloves/scarves, etc.. We already have a lot of unnamed lost property this term, which is such a shame!

Covid Matters

No new cases to report for either school. We will continue to keep this under constant review. We will adjust our internal restrictions according to current numbers.

We hope to be returning to whole school inside assemblies next week. Assemblies are a core part of our work in school - they allow us to explore our vision and values and build that sense of togetherness, which is a little harder to do virtually. Coming together, assembling together, builds our sense of unity and cohesion as a group and gives us wonderful shared moments.



Parents' Evenings and Interim Reports

We are looking forward to meeting all our parents over the next couple of weeks. We hope everyone has booked their parents' evening sessions now. Please contact your school office if you need any help with that.

- We will send out each class teacher's Zoom room details on Monday, so you can log in for those meetings.
- As we are restricting visitors to school, we won't do the Parents' drop-in sessions – instead we will be sending home each child's English, maths and science books (blue class will send their learning journey and busy book) for you to look at with your child – more details to follow for each school.
- Interim reports will be sent home on Wednesday next week.

Knowledge Organisers

Please find attached copies of knowledge organiser for your child's year group for this ½ term. (Yr4s new one will be coming when they start their new topic.)

We also upload them to our website, in our [curriculum page](#) and you can find them in home-learning books too. Maybe you could put them up in your child's bedroom so they can take a little look at home?

What is a knowledge organiser?

A knowledge organiser (K.O.) is a summary of the key facts and essential knowledge that pupils need about a unit of work or a curriculum subject. We use them in class so children can see the overview of their learning for each area covered. We use them to review and revise learning. Each class displays their current K.O. and keeps previous copies in easily accessible folders so children can review prior learning. Over time, we build up an overview of each child's learning whilst they are at Polehampton.

Infant News

Individual Photos on Monday

- Year One, please wear your school uniform and bring your PE kit to change into.

Junior News

- The new date for junior photos is Monday 15th November

Prospective Parents Open Mornings

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 12th November - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too). - **FULLY BOOKED**
- Friday 19th November - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too). - **FULLY BOOKED**
- **New Date** – Friday 3rd December – 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.

Please note:- we may have to review parent visitors into school if the school, local or national position changes due to additional COVID restrictions.

PTA News

Curry night!

We will be going ahead with our new date of Weds 10th November for curry night at Haweli. If anyone who had no previously booked tickets would like to come please message polehanptonpta@gmail.com and we will sort you out with a ticket! It will be a fun and friendly evening so do join us!

Bags2school

We had a great bags2school this morning raising £213 which will be doubled in match Funding by a parent who works for Bupa! Thanks so much to everyone who dropped off and do let us know if your company is potentially able to match fund any future events!

Christmas is coming!

If you are ordering a Turkey this year please consider doing so from Copas who are offering a cash back scene for the PTA. See attached flyer

Voluntary contributions:

Huge thanks to everyone who has already made their Voluntary Contribution for this year. Every amount goes a long way to providing the children with items essential for learning and are all massive appreciated - visit the website at <https://www.polehamptonpta.org/voluntarycontribution> or message for alternative ways to pay.

Christmas Project - Bringing some festive cheer...

You should have now received, via your child's school bag, their unique proof for this year's Christmas project. The project is on line again and the company have made placing your order really simple. Each child's proof has an individual QR code which you can scan to take you directly through to the website. The website has an online chat facility if you have any specific queries on your order or you can contact Katie Gates (katiegates@mail.com), who is coordinating the project for both schools and will do all she can to help.

The order deadline is **Saturday 13th November**. This is deliberately tight to ensure that all purchases will be with you by the end of the November. This year, in addition to cards, tags and mugs you are also able to order coasters and mug and coaster gift sets.

Many thanks for purchasing and supporting the PTA to raise funds for the school

Vacancies

We have a TA (for 1-to-1 support) and a lunchtime controller vacancy at the Infant School. The advert will be on the website shortly. Please pass to anyone you think might be interested.

Attachments

- Knowledge Organisers for each year group - Yr4s new one will becoming when they start their new topic.

Best wishes,

Miss Ball, Mrs Scott, Mrs Medcalf and Mrs Castell

Diary dates

Next week / new dates / infants only / juniors only

Date	Event	Place and time
Monday 8th November	Infant individual photos	All siblings' places booked
Wednesday 10th November	Blue Class Zoom check in sessions	See email to Blue Class parents
Wednesday 10th November	Parents' evening 1 – purple class only	3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 11th November	Parents' Evening 1	3.30-5.30pm
Friday 12th November	Prospective parents' Open Morning - fully booked	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day	More info to follow!
	PTA AGM	Evening - on Zoom
Tuesday 16 th November	Parents' Evening 2	3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 18 th November	Parents' Evening 3	3.30-5.30pm
Friday 19 th November	Prospective parents' Open Morning - fully booked	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Friday 26 th November	Flu immunisations - both schools	All day – more info to follow regarding parental permissions
Friday 3 rd December	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
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