

Polehampton News



Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week – Anti-bullying Week and Children in Need

What a busy week we've had in school, joining in with the national initiatives of Anti-bullying week and Children in Need - as our value is Friendship this half term, we've talked a lot about what makes a good friend. We've also talked about forgiveness and how we manage disagreements – such valuable lessons to help us grow into resilient people.

Do remember that we post photos of children's work on Twitter - [@Polehampton](#)



Shining Light Ambassadors for Writing – Beatrix Potter and Beverly Clearly

This week in class assemblies, everyone has been getting to know our ambassadors for writing – Beatrix Potter and Beverly Clearly. Do take a look at the assembly which is [here](#) and is always on our website.

We hope that learning more about real writers will inspire our children to write and tell their own stories.



Covid Matters

- New cases today – 2 in Year One (Green Class)



Parents' Evenings

We have now completed most of our parents' evening sessions – we have a few to catch up on from this week but we have really enjoyed talking to everyone else over the last two weeks. We hope you have found these sessions useful as we work together to ensure every child achieves well and is happy at school – we all want every child to “let their light shine”!



Infant school - TA and lunchtime controller position

See [our advert](#) on our website – closing date, Monday 22nd November

Infant News
Welcome to our school Your children might have mentioned that we have some new or recently new staff working at lunchtimes. They are doing a wonderful job of looking after our children. Welcome to Ms Beard, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Elford - we are very glad you've joined our team!
Junior News
<u>World War 2 week</u> As you know, all year groups have been learning about different aspects of World War 2 this week. There have been Lego structures representing London in the Blitz, dance lessons (and the talk around why something like dance was so important at this time), Dunkirk parachute making, blackout poetry about Anne Frank and lots of really profound thinking going on. We have been so impressed with the thought and effort that both the teachers and the children have put into this work.

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.

- Wednesday 1st December - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too) - **new date**
- Friday 3rd December – 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too) - fully booked

- Friday 10th December - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too) - **new date**

Please arrive by 9.15am and please wear a mask, unless you are exempt.

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

We had a very good PTA meeting on Monday this week. We can't thank our wonderful volunteers enough for all that they do.

As our communications to parents are getting a bit busier, our PTA are now going to send out their news on **Wednesdays** – we hope this helps with spreading out the school news for you all!

We will also be sharing community news in a different format, for you to view at your leisure. Please do take a look as there are often lovely competitions and activities for the children to be involved with.

Attachments

-  None today

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
Friday 26 th November	Flu immunisations - both schools	All day
Wednesday 1 st December	Year 1 Scooter training (more information to follow)	All day- infants
	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Friday 3 rd December	Prospective parents' Open Morning – fully booked	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Friday 10 th 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 	School closes at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infants - 1.40pm

	• No After School Club	• Juniors – 1.50pm
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*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