

# Polehampton News



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



## Covid Matters

### New cases to report

- Yr 1 – one case (in orange class)
- Yr3 – one case
- Yr5 – one case

**Why bubbles can't mix after we have asked everyone to be tested?** Whenever a group or bubble reaches the threshold (5 cases or 10%, whichever comes first), we go into our outbreak management plan. This means we initiate further measures for that group. A key part of that is tighter bubble restrictions – so even when children return to school following PCR tests, this group, including staffing, do not mix with the rest of the school.

This is because the tests represent a single point in time and indicates whether a person had COVID on the day of testing. The incubation period for the virus can be up to 10days and without the daily testing and with asymptomatic cases being common, we are required to ensure all restrictive measures are in place for 10days after the last case. This is to ensure the safety of the wider school community. For example, Green class bubble will continue until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Year Four bubble will continue until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please note these dates can change if we have another positive case in those groups.

We would ask parents to consider maintaining this bubble beyond the school day to further protect the community.

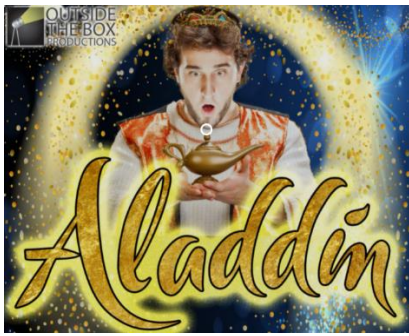


## Christmas Productions

We will be sending home a special private link to our pre-recorded Christmas productions again this year. Whilst we really miss inviting parents into school, this is the safest way to ensure the productions can go ahead. All productions will only be sent to parents of children who feature in that show. Parents, please keep this link private. Do not share anywhere else or forward to others. Do not post any part of it to any social media groups, including WhatsApp or Facebook, even into private groups.

There are a handful of outstanding permissions for children – if we contact you, please complete the form as soon as you can so your child can be included.

- See the dates we will be sending these links home below.



### **Panto time at school – oh yes, it is!!**

Thank you for the donations we've already received for our panto visit. £5 can be paid via Tucasi, cash or cheque to your child's school.

### **Flu Vaccinations - Lovely Feedback!**

We had a very positive comment from the school nurse team today when they were in to do the flu vaccinations. They noted how friendly our schools were and how polite our children are. It's always lovely to have feedback, particularly from people that visit lots of schools!

### **Infant News**

#### **Foundation Stage Request**

Please can we request donations of silver tinsel for new angel and star headbands for Foundation Stage Nativity.

#### **Gates closing**

From next **Monday 29th**, the London Road gates will be locked at 3:30pm. This is to ensure the school site is secure for after school club activities. If collecting your child from an after-school club, please enter and exit the infant school site via the main pedestrian entrance on Hermitage Drive. You may need to buzz in and out.

### **Junior News**



**New Sign** - We hope you have noticed our new sign! It looks similar to the old one, but has our beautiful new logo, reminding us we all want to "Let our light shine" at Polehampton!

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am Infants (11am Juniors, if you would like to visit there too) - 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.\*\*\*

## Community and PTA News

- Community news is now going home on Mondays
- PTA news is now going home on Wednesdays

## 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
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 1 Scooter training – parents need to complete a permissions form – see email sent out this week	All day- infants
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto at the Infant School	Donations of £5 please
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto at the Junior School	Donations of £5 please
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective parents' Open Morning*	9.15am - infants 11.00am - juniors
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Infant School Christmas Fair	<a href="#">Please send your donations to help support this exciting event</a>
	Blue Class nativity sent home to parents	Suggested time to watch - 6.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Junior School Christmas Fair	<a href="#">Please send your donations to help support this exciting event</a>
	Yr1&2 nativity sent home to parents	Suggested time to watch – 6.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Carol Concert sent home to parents	Suggested time to watch – 7.00pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year Four Christmas play sent home to parents	Suggested time to watch – 7.00pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-uniform day</li> <li>• No After School Club</li> </ul>	School closes at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infants - 1.40pm</li> <li>• Juniors – 1.50pm</li> </ul>

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

### **Spring 2023**

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

### **Summer 2023**

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