

Polehampton News



Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families! It was truly wonderful to be able to welcome everyone back to school for this Spring Term! Our school vision is to “**let your light shine!**” - we look forward to seeing our children continue their brilliant effort, thoughtful work and kind behaviour as we start a new year.



Our Value for this half term – Perseverance

Perseverance is our value for this half term. In Wednesday’s assembly to introduce this value, we talked about how January can feel like quite an ordinary time of year, particularly following the busy days of Christmas and New Year. We talked about New Years’s Resolutions and how this can inspire us to make changes – things we might stop or start or do more of - and how we need perseverance and encouragement to do those things! We also talked about getting joy and celebrating tiny pleasures in ordinary times, such as a good walk, a favourite book or your favourite ice-cream.

Support for children and families

- **NSPCC’s Calm Zone**

NSPCC have a great online area of their website for children called the Calm Zone, full of calming games and activities, breathing exercises and child-friendly ideas to support your child to settle themselves. Lots to choose from that will suit different children’s attitudes and moods.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

- **Supporting Behaviour Workshop & Managing Your Child’s Anxiety course**

See attachments for an online courses coming up this term.



Covid Matters

Thank you for letting us know about cases over the holidays. We haven’t reported those cases to parents - we are only reporting cases where the person has been in school, so you know if there has been a close contact in their year group.

We have had no cases to report this week.

Other COVID announcements

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. People with symptoms should still get a PCR test.

Infant News

We have a new member of staff who has started this week. Welcome to Mrs Kong, who is working every lunchtime to supervise our children as they eat and play and then every afternoon in Green Class as a teaching assistant. We hope she will be very happy working at Polehampton!

Junior News

New Gate at the Junior School – we've had some lovely feedback about the new gate easing congestion in that area. We're very pleased it's such a success! We are, however, very sorry that we were unable to open it today; rest assured that Mr Wickens is on the case.

Attachments – courses

- Supporting behaviour online course – details and application form
- Managing your child's anxiety course

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Ball, Mrs Scott, Mrs Medcalf and Mrs Castell and all your Polehampton Team

Diary dates

Next school week / new dates / infants only / juniors only

Date	Event	Place and time
Wednesday 12 th Jan	Year Two Parents welcome and tour at the Junior school	7pm - <u>this session is now full</u>
Saturday 15 th Jan	Closing Date for school admissions for September 2022 for children starting in Foundation Stage at the Infants and Year Three at the Juniors	
Thursday 20 th /Friday 21 st January	School menu swap due to School census day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday – fish and chips• Friday – hot dogs and potato wedges	
Friday 18 th Feb	Staff training day – school closed	
Week beginning 21 st Feb	Half term – school closed	
Friday 8 th April	Last day of the Spring 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

Term Dates 21/22

Holidays in term time are not authorised.

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