

Polehampton News



Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Knowledge Organisers

Please find this term's knowledge organisers attached to today's newsletters. These are to support children to build up a picture of their learning in their new topics. They can include timelines, key vocabulary, pictures, maps, diagrams – all related to the knowledge they will encounter. They are great for checking in during the topic and for revising afterwards.

These will also be in home learning books and on display in classrooms - you could put one up in bedrooms at home.

Shining Light Ambassadors



Shining Light Ambassador for Science

So far this term both schools have enjoyed an assembly about **Kurt Vonnegut**, an American author, scientist and public speaker and our **Shining Light Ambassador for science**. Vonnegut believed that "*Science is the magic that works!*" We have also celebrated remarkable and inspiring scientists such as **Alice Ball** who developed a cure for leprosy using oil from a tree, **Valentina Tereshkova** the first woman in space whose photographs helped to discover the layers of the atmosphere, **Rosalind Franklin** who discovered the double helix structure we know as DNA, **Alan Turing** who developed code breakers to use with the Enigma Machine in WW2, **Mary Jackson** NASA's first black, female engineer to improve air travel, **Isaac Newton** who discovered the theory of gravity and **Marie Curie** who developed the theory of radioactivity to help in cancer treatments. Read it [here](#) or visit the curriculum page of our website.



COVID Matters

If you are emailing us about COVID cases, please do write **COVID MATTERS** in the subject line, so it is quick for us to spot amongst all our other messages – thank you!

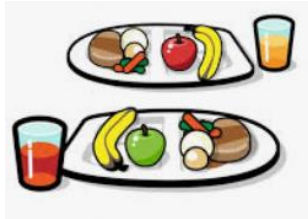
New cases to report

- One in Blue Class

Wokingham have produced a really handy flyer for parents – see attached. Please note this was written prior to the announcement below.

Changes to Self-Isolation period from Monday 17 January

Central government announced that from Monday 17 January, those who have tested positive will be able to take a lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6 to cease self-isolation early. The same rules apply in that the tests must both be negative and taken at least 24 hours apart. Therefore, pupils could return to school on day 6 if their LFT test is taken in the morning prior to school and as long as they are not presenting with a fever.



School Meal Swap for Census Day on Thursday

On Thursday next week, it is school census day. On that day, certain statistics are taken about schools, which impact future funding. The Infant School meals grants are one of those factors. So, we will swap our menu for Friday, as fish and chips are more popular. This should ensure we receive enough funding to cover the cost of meals.

Infant News

Curriculum Summary- As well as sending home the knowledge organisers and topic webs for this term, we have compiled a useful summary of our curriculum overview and the terminology we use in school with the children. Please do have a read and keep it safe for future reference. We are planning an exciting curriculum day later this month so that the children can explore in more detail our key drivers-community, cultural diversity and curiosity.

Super Learners- We thought it would be useful to send home an update of our school Super Learner Profiles. These fun animal characters help the children to develop a variety of learning skills. This whole school initiative provides a common language of learning, so that the children experience a coherent and consistent vocabulary as they move through the infants, as well as helping the children to develop effective learning behaviours. Comments such as being a 'busy beaver' or 'resilient rhino' on certificates or in reading records refer to these super learner profiles.

Forest Schools

Green Class loved their first Forest School session this week! Do check our twitter fed @Polehampton for photos and other moments from the school day.
A big thank you to Mrs Potter who is leading this work for our older children!

Can you help?

If you have any **feathers or spare toothbrushes** at home, please can you donate them to Year 2 who would love to experiment painting with. Thank you.

Blue milk bottle tops- Mrs Edwards is collecting these for a display in school. If you have any spare, please do bring them in. Thank you

Junior News

Book Fair – Please see the email sent home yesterday about the book fair visiting us on **Tuesday 25th January**.

Clubs – We still have places on all our Clubs for this half term. If your child is interested in joining, the registration forms are on our website. All Clubs started w/c Monday 10th.

Year Group Newsletters – look out for our new termly year group newsletters coming home next week!



Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an afternoon teaching assistant at the Junior School. This position is to work with small groups or 1-to-1 – see [website for more information](#)

Attachments

- Knowledge organisers for each year group for this term
- Wokingham COVID flyer for parents and carers – Spring 22

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
Saturday 15 th Jan - TOMORROW	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	
Tuesday 25 th - Friday 28 th Jan	Junior School book fair	
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

*please call the school to book a place

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