

Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 8th September 2023

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16

WELCOME BACK!



We hope everyone in our Polehampton community had a wonderful summer break filled with happiness and time to rest and recuperate. This coming year we will have a joint bulletin for both schools and endeavour to keep the information concise and precise! It is really important for everyone to read the bulletins, in order to keep up to date and know what is going on in and around school.

This coming year is one of big change and new adventures for Polehampton. First and foremost for our children who, this week, have experienced new learning environments, new people and new routines. Our new-to-Blue children have experienced something 'other-world like' as they've had their first week at 'big school'!

Staff are excited to get to know new children, new families and new colleagues. The school as a whole is embarking on a new model with a larger senior leadership team, working across both schools, to ensure our children's journeys are the best they can be, from Reception through to Year 6.

Infant Diary Dates

Reception Curriculum Mtg

Tuesday 19th Sep, 9am

Maidenhead Advertiser

Photo (Blue Class):

19th Sep, 2pm

Year 1 Curriculum Mtg

Wednesday 20th Sep, 9am

Year 2 Curriculum Mtg

Monday 25th Sep, 9am

Immunisations: 5th Oct

Harvest Assembly:

Friday 6th October, 10am

Half Term: 23rd-27th Oct

School Photos: 7th Nov

(individual and siblings)

Junior Diary Dates

Year 3 Curriculum Mtg

Tuesday 26th Sep, 9am

Year 4 Curriculum Mtg

Wednesday 27th Sep, 9am

Year 5 Curriculum Mtg

Monday 2nd Oct, 9am

Year 6 Curriculum Mtg

Thursday 28th Sep, 9am

Immunisations: 5th Oct

Harvest Assembly:

Friday 6th October 9am

School Photos: 16th Oct

(individual and siblings)

Half Term: 23rd-27th Oct

Year 7 School Applications:

31st Oct

Mrs Medcalf and I are very excited to be working across the two Polehampton schools. Having both been in the Polehampton community for more years than we care to admit, we love everything about what Polehampton 'is' and look forward to growing our schools in what are very testing times for schools, and society, in general. We look forward to working with Mr Sherwood, other leaders within The Keys Academy Trust and our own team. With the support of our newly established senior management team, we are confident that we can support teachers and teaching assistants to facilitate the best possible learning environments for your children - so they can let their light shine! We look forward to seeing many of you on the playground.



Interim Leadership Structure for Autumn 2023

Executive Head	Head of Schools	Interim Assistant Head (one day)	Interim Assistant Head (one day)	Interim Assistant Head (one day)	Interim Phase Leader EYSF/KS1	Interim Phase Leader KS2
Mr Sherwood (1.5 days)	Mrs Castell/ Mrs Medcalf (3 days each)	Mrs Scott Infant Based	Miss Ackerman Junior Based	Miss Davis Junior Based	Miss Heckert	Mrs Petrie

We are advertising for permanent Phase Lead and Assistant Headteacher positions to start in January 2024. The Assistant Headteacher will be full time with no whole class commitments.

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Key Reminders

- Both: There is a wealth of information on our [website](#) - please do have a little explore for anything you're unsure of.
- Both: Please do not allow children on the play equipment outside of school hours.
- Both: Water only in bottles please - fruit or veg for snacks, we provide a fruit snack.
- Both: We will share photos and examples of shining lights on our X (Twitter for most of us!) page, [@polehampton](#).
- Both: If you are entitled to certain benefits, please speak to the school offices to see if your child is entitled to free school meals (KS2: Juniors)/pupil premium grant (EYFS/KS1: Infants).
- Both: Shining Light Assemblies will be on a Friday. If you have a photo/certificate/example of your child shining their light, outside of school, please do send in a photo/explanation to be shared. Please ensure photos are sent in by the end of the school day on a **Wednesday** to make that week's assembly.
- Both: Please ensure children are in the current uniform, as per our policy (available on the website).
- Both: Children come in to school in their PE kits, on their PE days.
- Both: Please can we request that parents are considerate of our neighbours when parking at the schools (and for the pool at the juniors) - please be mindful of driveways and grass verges.
- **Infants: Please return the red book bags and the six books that were inside.**
- **Juniors: Please supervise your child until gates open; and inform the school office if you are running late for pick up.**



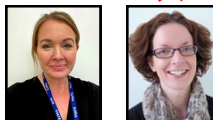
The juniors are looking for a site controller, following the retirement of our wonderful Mr Wickens. Please look at the [vacancy page](#) of the website for more details - and kindly spread the word!

Help Needed

If you have the capacity to volunteer at either of our schools, please do contact the respective offices to let us know; like many schools, we will be relying on volunteers more than ever!

Autumn Term Designated Safeguarding Team

Mrs Castell/Mrs Medcalf (both schools)



Mrs Scott (Infant Based)



Miss Ackerman (Junior Based)



Mrs Gingell (Infant Based)



Have a lovely sun-safe weekend - suncream and sunhats still needed next week!

Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf