

# Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 29th September 2023

*"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16*

## Reminders:

- Census Day on Thursday 5th October, **see attached menu**
- Please complete your flu immunisation consent forms

## Attendance

It is incredibly important that your children are in school (when they are well enough to be); there are numerous studies which demonstrate a clear link attendance and attainment/progress. We monitor attendance frequently to ensure that children who are missing chunks of school are identified and parents are spoken to discuss how this can be improved. We have a new Educational Welfare Officer who will advise us, and families having difficulties, on what can be done to improve attendance. This also includes punctuality - please, please try ensure that you are arriving at the start of the day so your child goes straight into their classroom with their peers.

**Our school attendance targets:**

**Infants: 96% & Juniors: 97.5%**

It is the Twyford Fun Run on Sunday 8th October, as schools of keen runners, it would be lovely to see Polehampton represented at this event!

## Infant Diary Dates

### Harvest Assembly:

Year 2 Harvest:

Mon 9th Oct, 2:45 pm

Year 1 Harvest:

Tues 10th Oct, 2:45 pm

Immunisations: 5th Oct

Year 1 Cake Sale:

Fri 6th Oct

Reception Cake Sale:

Fri 20th Oct

Half Term: 23rd-27th Oct

Parents Evenings:

Monday 13th November

Tuesday 14th November

## Junior Diary Dates

Year 5 Curriculum Mtg

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 9am

Immunisations: 5th Oct

School Photos: 16th Oct

Harvest Assembly:

Friday 6th October 9am

Half Term: 23rd-27th Oct

Year 7 School Application

31st Oct

Cross Country

*Changed Date*

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

(Blue Coats)

Cross Country

*Changed Date*

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

(Lightwater)

The David George Field Study Trust manages income generated from the sale of Oakdale, a property bought and donated to the school by former Junior Head David George. The Trust uses the money to subsidise school trips, to support workshops and language tuition and to buy equipment the junior school requests. Every year group benefits from the funds on offer. The Trust can help with everything from Chrome books to wheelbarrows! Now the Trust needs new parents to join its committee of Trustees. Could you volunteer for this small but important role? The Trust meets just once each term, with the next AGM due to be held in October. We would be keen to welcome new Trustees at the AGM. For an informal chat and to express your interest, please get in touch with the current Chair Vanessa Holburn, via her email [vanessajanethewriter@gmail.com](mailto:vanessajanethewriter@gmail.com).

This October half term Polehampton PTA are joining forces with The Colleton to bring you Twyford's very own movie themed Scarecrow trail! We are taking registrations for scarecrow creators now, so if you live in Twyford and would like your scarecrow featured on our trail map, please sign up before 13th October!

<https://forms.wix.com/f/7112102530615608180>



We have spaces available in Year 1, 4 and 5. If you know anyone who wants to join the Polehampton family, please let them know and encourage them to contact Wokingham admissions.

- The juniors are looking for a **site controller**
- Both schools are looking for **teaching assistants**; we are particularly looking for someone who is familiar with, or has enthusiasm for, early years!

We hope you have a lovely weekend, Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf