Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 5th January 2024

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. The children have returned refreshed and ready for action; we've had a wonderful (albeit rainy) three days with your children We hope the return of the school run and adjustment to not having chocolate for breakfast has gone seamlessly for you all

This half term's value is perseverance; much of our collective worship will be centred around this. Our children exhibit this in abundance, right through from reception to Year 6, so it's important to look at why it's so important and what to do when your light is starting to dim. As always we will explore this through a variety of text such as 'Stuck', 'Izzy Gizmo' and 'Rain Before Rainbows'.

ADMISSIONS DEADLINE - 15th January

The primary school admissions deadline is creeping up on us; there are 9 infant children who have not yet applied to the junior school so please do this ASAP. We also have spaces in the following year groups; please do contact Wokingham if you, or someone you know has a child on the waiting list.

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5

Infant Diary Dates

<u>Reception & Year 3</u> <u>School Applications</u> 15th January Junior Diary Dates

<u>Piggott Leadership</u> <u>Morning Years 5/6</u> Wed 10th Jan (am)

Receptions & Year 3 School Applications 15th January

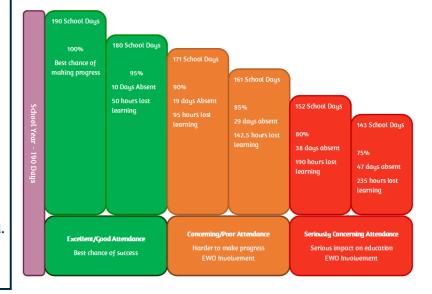
<u>Cross Country- Braywick</u> Thurs 18th Jan

<u>New Staff</u>

This week we have welcomed Mrs Lawson to Year 2 and Mrs Kilkenny to Year 1 and Reception. We hope they enjoy their new roles at Polehampton.

Weather Warning

There are currently 4 flood warnings in place that have been issued by the Environment Agency and several flood alerts. River levels on the Loddon and the Thames have not yet peaked. We have been informed this will happen in the next 24-48 hours.



Food Bank

A reminder that our food bank is still running and for families to **please** drop in to the school office, or send an email, if

you are need of this.

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

ATTENDANCE

A reminder as we go into the new term of the importance of attendance. We know that children get bugs and viruses, especially in winter so it is absolutely crucial that holidays are not taken in term time. These will almost always be unauthorised so please do consider this when making your plans for the year ahead.