

# Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 9th February 2024

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

It's a been a busy week here at school with Feathers and Fur Visiting the infants; e-safety day, a junior school football match (a special thanks to our own Sarina Wiegman, Miss Beard, for this) and teaching the children about the forthcoming Lunar New Year. With a growing community of families from mainland China and Hong Kong our Lunar New Year discussions have had a wonderfully personal feel this year with many smiling faces in our assembly today.

It's hard to believe we are half way through the academic year already; we hope you are all looking forward to a break during half term next week (albeit if that just means slightly slower mornings). It's really important that the children get some downtime, where possible; school really is super busy for them and they are all in need of lots of play - and lots of fresh air!

Thank you for all your continued support.

The PTA raised £1600 from the infant flip-a-thon yesterday and we are still receiving sponsorship forms now! Thank you to all for your sponsorship.

## Infant Diary Dates

### Half Term

Mon 12th - Fri 16th

### Parents Evening

4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March

19<sup>th</sup> March (Blue Class)

Purple Reading Museum

12<sup>th</sup> March

Yellow Reading Museum

13<sup>th</sup> March

### Comic Relief

Friday 15th March

Year 1 Aviation Museum

19<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 Fair Trade Coffee

Morning

27<sup>th</sup> March, am

Easter Holidays

Thursday 28th, 1:40pm

## Junior Diary Dates

### Half Term

Mon 12th - Fri 16th

Cross Country

Thurs 29th Feb

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Year 6 Cake Sale

Friday 1st March

Parents Evening

5th & 18th March

Year 5 Residential

Mon 11th-Wed 13th Mar

Cross Country Relays,

Thursday 21st March

Comic Relief

Friday 15th March

Year 5 Cake Sale

Friday 15th March

Easter Holidays

Thursday 28th, 1:50pm

## SEN Support

It is a very different experience teaching children with SEND, than it is parenting; just as it is different to parenting children who are largely 'neurotypical'. We know there are lots of support groups online but having people in the local setting, with the local offers of services and availability, would be extremely useful for parents to have. With national and local services and external support for families dwindling, we would like to facilitate support for families with children who have additional needs; from others who have experienced similar. To do this, we need to ascertain who, within our community, would have the capacity to lend an ear, offer words of wisdom and/or be there for a coffee when things can feel overwhelming. Please can you complete the MS Form in the bulletin email to see if we can restart this support for our parent community.

## Infant Illness

We have seen a significant spike in infant illness and want to let parents know of that actions we are taking to combat this. After half term, we will be doing a big push on handwashing with the children; looking at the spread of germs and how we can prevent it. As we head into Spring, we have decided to turn the heating system off at school to see if this alleviates the spread of bugs - it may be worth investing in some vests for your children. If we see temperatures drop, we will of course revisit this.

See attached fliers for anxiety/sleep/behaviour courses with Wokingham.

## Food Bank

A reminder that our food bank is still running for our families. Please email the school office and collect at a time that is suitable for you.

**Please be assured that this is treated in the strictest confidence.**

## Celebrate the Lunar New Year

Sunday 18th February 2024

11am to 3pm

Market Place, Wokingham

Free Entry



We hope you have a lovely week and, to those celebrating, a lovely new year.  
Mrs Castell and Mrs Medcalf