

Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 6th September 2024

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16

It's been absolutely lovely to have your children back with us in school - they all look so happy and engaged, not to mention tall!

As per previous feedback, we are working to get our website calendar back up and running effectively so that you can pop there to look if and when there are amendments. For now, we will attach term dates (seen on the right and are subject to change) to the website.

Thank you so much to the parents of children at the infant site who were able to send them in with a book bag today - the corridors are so much more pleasant to walk round through and, naturally, a lot safer. We really appreciate this.

Our Collective Worship on a Friday will look slightly different this year. Instead of celebrating outside-of-school achievements in this, we will be celebrating them in classes and having photos up on display in/near the hall for the children to see. Please do keep sending these in: infants, we get lots; juniors, we'd love to see more. Those that particularly stand out may still get a mention and I know myself and Mrs Medcalf would still love to have visits from children who are particularly proud of their achievements outside of school.

The school relies very heavily on volunteers and we would always welcome the support of parents to listen to children read and help in areas such as the library. If you have the capacity to volunteer, please email the school office and/or your child's class teacher (even if you have volunteered with us before please) and we will be in contact in due course.

Message from the PTA:

PTA AGM 8pm 12th September at Burratas, all are welcome!
Please email polehamptonpta@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Infant Diary Dates

Manifestos

Monday 16th September

[Census Day - Menu Change](#)

3rd October

[Harvest Donations](#)

10th October

INSET Day (School Closed to Chn)

Friday 25th October

HALF TERM

[Individual & Class Photos](#)

Monday 4th November

[Flu Vaccinations](#)

7th November

[Year 2-3 Open Evening](#)

14th November, 18:30

[Children in Need](#)

15th November

[Panto](#)

29th November

[Christmas Fayre](#)

30th November

[Blue Class Nativity](#)

3rd December

[Year 1/2 Nativity](#)

5th December

[End of Term](#)

20th December, 1:40

Junior Diary Dates

Manifestos

Monday 16th September

[House/Vice Captain Manifestos](#)

23rd September

[Census Day- Menu Change](#)

3rd October

[Harvest Donations](#)

10th October

[Individual Photos](#)

16th October

INSET Day (School Closed to Chn)

Friday 25th October

HALF TERM

[Year 3 Tea & Songs](#)

(Y3 Parents Invited to attend)

8th November

[Children in Need](#)

15th November

[Christmas Fayre](#)

30th November

[Panto - South Hill Park](#)

4th December

[Year 4 Christmas Play](#)

11th December, 19:00

[Year 5/6 Carol Concert \(TBC\)](#)

17th December, 18:30

[End of Term](#)

20th December, 1:50

On Monday 16th September, children looking for a Young Leader position (from Years 1 - 6) will have the opportunity to present a manifesto and be voted into role.

The roles are School Councillor, Planet Protector (Infants)/Eco Warrior (Juniors), Value Leaders and Librarians.

- School Councillors are the voice of the children; suggesting and making decisions to benefit our school and wider community.
- Planet Protector/Eco Warriors undertake work to help the Polehampton community reduce its carbon footprint.
- Value Leaders support the work done in Collective Worship and help develop the work of their designated value
- The role of librarian is under review but will involve working to get the best from our school library

Year 6 will also be looking for house captains **separately to the above.**

Manifestos should be written at home and tell the other children: what position they would like, why they would be good at it and one idea that they would like to introduce (presenting for up to two minutes). Children who feel less confident presenting in front of their peers can ask a school adult to present on their behalf. We would strongly encourage them to give it a go though. The children, and staff, will then vote on the most suitable candidates for each year group. This will be announced on Friday 20th September with it being made clear that these are Leaders of the area but everyone plays a crucial role.

We would love to see certificates from the summer reading challenge so if your child received one, please do send this or a photocopy into school for us to celebrate. If they took part but didn't get the certificate, we would love photos of them reading!

We are looking to recruit new lunchtime controllers (12:00 - 13:30) at the junior school. If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be, please do get in touch via the admin email.

Reception Children starting in 25/26 - Polehampton Open Mornings

4th October

15th October

24th October

6th November

12th November

25th November



If your child has grapes or cherry tomatoes in their lunchbox, please ensure that these are cut in half - lengthways. Please also remember we are a nut-free school (no Nutella please!).

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely (slightly sunnier) weekend.

Mrs Castell & Mrs Medcalf