

Polehampton C of E Schools ~ 6th September 2024

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:16

The children have been brilliant this week, diving straight into their learning with enthusiasm and curiosity. Blue Class are probably exhausted after their first full week at school but we are so proud of how they have settled in. The leak-free roof has come in very handy with this autumnal weather we've been experiencing! The children across Years 1 to 6 have been happy, engaged and living up to the expectations we reminded them of at the beginning of this school year.

Thank you so much to everyone who has been able to get their children to school promptly. It has been fantastic to have the playground cleared so promptly, maximising the time the children are in school. Phonics is happening more promptly at the infant site and the juniors are able to have longer maths sessions because of this. Thank you.

We are very disappointed with the issue we've had with our new gates at the junior school; there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to get this resolved. Please can we send a gentle reminder that adults are aware of their frustrations and not take these out on children (or staff). This will be resolved as soon as it possibly can be.

REMINDER

A reminder that on Monday 16th September, children looking for a Young Leader position (from Years 1 - 6) will have the opportunity to present their manifesto. They will do this in their classroom, to their own class, at both schools. More details about this are on last week's bulletin (available on the website).



Infant Diary Dates

Manifestos
 Monday 16th September
[Census Day - Menu Change](#)
 3rd October
[Year 1 Autumn Assembly](#)
 4th October, 2:45pm
[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](#)
 4th December (New date added)
[Year 1/2 Nativity](#)
 5th December

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
[Year 6 Measurements](#)
 20th 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](#)

Please note, from August 2024, a new National Framework directs all local authorities to ensure schools are implementing the following:

Absence	Penalty
Non-authorized holidays	£80 fine if paid within 21 days - Increasing to £160 if not paid
Further leave - taken on a non-authorized basis, within a 3-year period	£160 if paid within a 28 period (this fine is per child, per parent)
Further unauthorised leave - taken within a 3-year period	Prosecution - No third penalty notice will be issued
10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons within a 10-week period	£80 if paid within 21 days - Increasing to £160 if not paid
Unauthorised absence is classified as an absence not agreed by your child's school.	

Feedback Friday is back! In our desire to improve communication and transparency within the school, we have our half-termly Feedback Fridays. The first Friday of every half term is **FEEDBACK FRIDAY**. We send out an online form, in the first week of each half term, which parents can access to give us feedback on all things related to our schools. We then add all points from parents and our responses to our website (Parents / Parent feedback). Parents can add any feedback, ideas or (constructive) criticism, and we endeavour to respond to every point. We thoroughly appreciate all constructive and supportive feedback that is sent in to us in the spirit of our school values. Together, we can work to continue to developing and improving our schools.

Feedback completed last term:	September and onwards, this term:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaunched uniform expectations. Held a visioning meeting ahead of September 2024 for parents to explain vision and rationale. Added photos on letters. Ensure comments in reading diaries is in place for September. Trimmed the hedge! Look at more how we include more infant representation on the bulletin. Invite more visitors to support curriculum (some held in summer term). Non-uniform for Houses – now being added to the bulletin. Developed the school entry systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce half-termly class newsletters Consider additional clubs (i.e. not always sports), e.g. languages. Share yearly learning and knowledges organisers etc. via the website. Put on more sessions from Mrs Castell on therapeutic behaviour for parents. Review Behaviour and Anti-bullying policy. Publicise the census day for all families. Ensure staff representation on the playground in the mornings via a rota. Continue getting even more volunteers in. Enhance trip communication from school to parents. Consider increasing social media options or communication options. Communicate any reading / library log system changes.

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Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.		

JOIN OUR TEAM!

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

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Medcalf and Mrs Castell

