



Poulton Press Newsletter

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School

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We now have a post box outside the main office for you to leave letters when our office is closed.

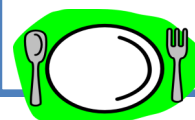


Dear Parents

Our children have enjoyed a very busy and successful Half-Term with a wide range of events and activities experienced. Our newsletter will give you a sample of what they have achieved and some key dates for things coming up after the holiday. Many thanks for your continued support..

Mrs Arnold

School meals will start on week 1 for the week beginning 29th October



Attendance

We wrote to you before the holidays detailing the Local Authority new Code of Practice for school attendance and our school procedures in the event of needing to request absence. As part of this drive to ensure that our pupils maintain high levels of attendance we track closely, write to parents when needed and have issued a fixed-penalty notices this term. This term, the vast majority of our pupils have attended school every day. If you are concerned about your child's attendance and require support Phase Leaders and Mrs Simms can be contacted via the school office. Thank you for supporting us with high levels of attendance for your child.

School Council

Our new School Council have been voted in by their year group peers and have begun to work together on their first project - The Shoe Box Appeal. Many thanks for the kind donations already sent into school, it is heart warming to see your kind generosity and support for this project.

This year the School Council will also be working hard to help promote our School values of CARE - Cooperation and Collaboration, Achieve excellence for all, Raise aspirations and inspire imaginations and Explore new interests and new ideas. We will do this through our meetings, work we carry out following our meetings and assemblies throughout the year.

The School Council welcome suggestions from all children in school, these can be passed through the year group representative to be discussed at our meetings.

Mrs K Thompson

PAPERLESS SYSTEM

Please ensure that the office has your up to date email address in order that you receive letters from school. Paper copies are available in the foyer in front of the school office. All letters are also available on our web-site. Remember to check regularly for updates.

Sports Events

Following our successful 'Bike It, Scoot It, Walk It "Breakfast"' in the first week of the half term, we have had a great start to this academic year with many children attending numerous sports clubs across the school such as circuit training, tag rugby, netball and multi-skills. We have also attended various competitions including cross country, football and tag rugby. I would like to say how proud I am of all of our children for their dedication to sport and physical exercise and I look forward to continuing to develop our PE and sport curriculum as the year continues.

Mr Smith

Bikeability

Year 5 have been working extremely hard on their bikes to earn their level 1 and Level 2 badges with 'Bikeability' this half term. This involved lots of practise on the playground and then finally practising all their skills on the roads. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to our 'Bikeability' instructors for helping us.

Computing This half term we have invited Hi-Impact into school to deliver some exciting workshops to children in lots of year groups. They have included: Year 3, who learnt how to use the app 'Morpho' to bring their learning about rocks to life; Year 5, who put their rain-forest knowledge to the test during a lesson about Google Earth and Google Tour builder and Year 4, who learnt how to use the app 'Puppet Pals' and linked it with their Australia topic. We are looking forward to more exciting computing opportunities next half term.

School Procedures for Leave of Absence Requests

We discourage parents from withdrawing their children from school during term time. Amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulation 2006 removed references to family holiday and extended leave. The amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If leave of absence is required due to possible exceptional circumstances parents must complete an "Application for Leave During Term Time" form and make an appointment to discuss the specific circumstances with Phase Leaders or Deputy Headteacher

Miss Haworth - EYFS Lead (Acting Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs Parkinson Y1/2 Phase Leader

Mr Milne - Y5/6 Phase Leader

Mrs Swift - Y3/4 Phase Leader

The form must be returned to school **at least 2 weeks in advance of the proposed leave and before committing to any expense.** School will inform parents in writing of the decision for authorised/unauthorised within 2 weeks of receiving the application.

Parents who withdraw their child/children for unauthorised holidays in term time may be issued with an Education Fixed Penalty Notice.

TERM AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES 2018/2019

Academic Year 18/19 - Autumn Term

Inset Day Friday 19th October - School Closed
Half Term Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October
School Opens Monday 29th October
Christmas Holiday Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January 2019

Spring Term

School Opens Monday 7th January
Half-Term Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February
Inset Day Monday 25th February - School Closed
School Opens Tuesday 26th February
School Closes Friday 29th March
Spring Break Monday 1st April - Friday 12th April

Summer Term

School Opens Monday 15th April
Easter Bank Holidays Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April - School Closed
Inset Day Thursday 2nd May - School Closed (Polling Day)
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May - School Closed
School Closes Friday 24th May
Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
School Opens Monday 3rd June
Inset Day Monday 24th June - School Closed
School Closes Wednesday 24th July

Academic Year 19/20—Autumn Term

Inset Day Monday 2nd September - School Closed
School Opens Tuesday 3rd September

MAT English challenge

At Poulton Lancelyn, we are looking forward to entering the exciting MAT Reading Competition "Sell Me a Book" in Autumn Term 2. This year's competition is to encourage Reading for Pleasure, Writing and Speaking and Listening skills. Further details will be sent home.

Our Extreme Reading displays in school look fantastic! Extreme Reading photographs can be sent into school at any time and will be displayed around school. Where will you read next?

Year 6 Residential Meeting 30th October—5:30pm

Year 6 £5 challenge

During the Summer Term, Year 6 participated in the £5 Challenge. After being given an initial £5, the pupils were tasked with setting up their own small business - some of which included washing cars and selling cakes - in order to make profit. As well as developing key life skills such as recording expenditure and income, and developing communication skills, the pupils raised over £1200 profit. We were delighted with the outcome of this project especially as this money has been used by school to develop reading areas and to purchase new books to develop reading for pleasure around school. We would like to thank the pupils from last year for their efforts and we are already excited to see the businesses that this year's pupils create.

Morning Arrangements

Arriving at school in plenty of time is very important for children to have a positive start to the day.

8:30am

Gates will open.

Junior children to assemble on the KS2 Playground. Infant children to assemble on the KS1 Playground. Children **must** be supervised by parents until school staff are on duty at 8:40am

8:40am

School staff on duty to supervise each playground. Foundation 2 children will be welcomed straight into their classroom via the F2 outdoor area gate.



We will politely encourage parents to leave the site in order to alleviate parking congestion.

A staff member will be present on each gate into the playground to receive any messages that you might have. In order to ensure safety on our playgrounds during these busy times we remind the children to be calm and show courtesy to others. Therefore, no ball games are permitted at this time. Scooters and bikes should not be ridden on either playground, once inside the school gates.

8:55am

Whistle will be blown and children will line up with class teachers and taken into school.

9:00am

Registration and lessons begin. Gates will be locked.

Dates for your Diary

PARENTS EVENING—12th and 13th NOVEMBER—details to follow

E-safety workshop for parents—15th November 2:30pm

Children in Need (Wear spots) - Friday 16th November

PTA KS2 Movie night—Monday 19th November 3:45pm

Flu immunisation—Thursday 22nd November Years F2, 1 –5

PTA KS1 Movie night—Monday 26th November 3:45pm

Year 3 music concert for parents—Thursday 29th November—2:45pm

RWI phonic workshop for Y1 parents—6th December 9:15am—10:15am

RWI phonic workshop for F2 parents—6th December 2:30pm—3:20pm

KS1 Disco 4:30pm—5:30pm and KS2 Disco 5:45pm—7:00pm—7th December

F2 Carol Concert for parents - 12th December 2pm (2:30pm performance)

Year 1 & 2 Christmas play—14th December 10am performance

KS2 Christingle service for parents 17th December 1:30pm 2:00 performance

KS2 Christingle service for parents 18th December 9:00am 9:30 performance

Whole school pantomime at the Floral Pavillion—19th December (afternoon)

Uniform

- Grey trousers/skirt/checked pinafore dress
- Purple sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan
- White shirt
- PL Tie (optional)
- Grey PL Blazer (optional)

Children with long hair **must** have their hair tied up with a plain bobble/hair ties/slides in school colours purple, black, white or grey. **Large bows will be discouraged.**

Black sturdy shoes (**trainers are not permitted**)

Earrings must be removed/covered for PE

Polite Notice:

Please **DO NOT** allow the children to ride scooters or bikes within school grounds to avoid any



Governor Update

Dear All,

My name is Amaya Maple, originally from Spain I have been living in the Wirral for nearly 20 years. I'm married to David and I have two children, Luis aged 14 and Alex aged 10.

I first volunteered to become a parent governor in 2012, after my 4 years term I was invited to continue, as Co-Opted Governor.

I'm committed to the school visions and values, based on our **CARE** philosophy of **Cooperation** between parents, children & staff; I think in the past years the school has opened new ways of communication to make our children's time at school a collaborative experience. We aim to **Achieve** excellence, our standards are improving year on year, the staff are working very hard to ensure the curriculum is delivered the most effective and interesting way possible. We **Raise** aspirations and inspire imagination, our aim is to bring our children up to become valued members of society, we want to develop them as individuals, to be confident, to respect others and to be responsible for their own acts. And finally, we **Explore** new interests and ideas, our extracurricular activities are as important as the core subjects, we want to raise healthy children both physical and mentally, so we have encouraged school to promote as many clubs as possible.

The job in hand is not an easy one but thanks to the dedicated staff and the very committed Governing Body I find the role very rewarding.

Mrs A. Maple - Vice Chair (Co-Opted Governor)

New Members!

The new Rights Crew and Road Safety Teams have now been selected for this year so congratulations to all the new members