



# Poulton Lancelyn Primary School



Dear Parents,

17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

I was pleased to see all of the pupils smiling and happy after their return to school last week. Many of them have been informing me of what a lovely Christmas break they had.

Please find below details of the different events taking place this year and a few polite reminders about school.

## **Parking**

A recent Wirral Travel Wise survey highlighted concerns about parking and road safety around Poulton Lancelyn. Miss Slater has now created a new Road Safety team at school, who will be promoting safe travel to and from school. Please support us in making our roads safe by parking appropriately around the locality – not on zig-zag lines, across neighbours' driveways or near the corners of roads.

## **Punctuality**

Our gates open at 8.45am. Pupils can line up before then, but as gates are not staffed until this time, parents are still responsible for their children. Gates close at 9:00am. As staff have teaching and support duties starting at 9:00am, they cannot keep gates open beyond this time, therefore please ensure children arrive at school before then. If they do arrive after this time, they will have to enter via the school office.

## **Uniform**

At a recent parent forum, I discussed uniform and looking at alternatives to the school tracksuit from September 2024. Currently, pupils are expected to wear correct Poulton Lancelyn uniform; examples can be found on the school website, with black school shoes and not trainers. On PE days, pupils are able to wear the full Poulton Lancelyn tracksuit. Alternatively, they can bring a PE kit into school; they will be given time to get changed before and after the lesson. We also ask that long hair is tied back and that no earrings are worn in school.

## **Bags and water bottles**

In order to support us with health and safety, please refrain from bringing large bags to school. Please bring books in smaller bags, which can then be placed in trays. Water bottles should be brought in to school daily. They are kept at the back of the classrooms and pupils are able to access these independently when necessary.

## **Communication**

We use many different platforms to communicate with our school community. This term, we aim to use the Arbor App more extensively so please access this if you haven't already. The office will be adding further features to the app such as a termly calendar. 'Week Ahead' messages will be sent out using this. We also use X (formerly known as Twitter) to promote school activities; we will be looking into other social media platforms this half term such as Facebook and WhatsApp Business. Our website is also kept up to date weekly, with news sections and key information such as lunch menus.

## **Volunteers**

We value the contribution that our community plays in supporting the education of the pupils. To support us further, we are looking for volunteers to come to school, particularly to listen to pupils read. Reading daily, for 10-20 minutes per day, has a significant impact on vocabulary development, which enhances speaking and listening, reading and writing. If you or a family member would like to volunteer time weekly to support school, please email the school office.

[schooloffice@poultonlancelyn.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@poultonlancelyn.wirral.sch.uk)

## **EVENTS THIS HALF TERM**

### **School Clubs – 15th January**

Access to extra-curricular clubs went live on School Cloud on Monday 15th at 8:00pm. Clubs will begin next week.

### **F1 Phonics Workshop - 25th January 9.15-10.15**

Phonics provides the building blocks for both reading and writing: children begin to associate letters with sounds from a very young age. This workshop will help parents to support their children with phonics at home and will explain the phonics system used in school. Pupils will also participate in this workshop. An Eventbrite link to the workshop can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/f1nursery-phonics-workshop-tickets-796040738277?aff=oddtcreator>

### **F2 Motor Skills workshop – 26th January 9.15-10.15**

This workshop will highlight how to build both fine and gross motor skills at home. Motor skills are essential in developing gross and fine motor skills such as being able to hold a pencil. Pupils will also participate in this workshop. An Eventbrite link to the workshop can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/f2-motor-skills-workshop-tickets-796039374197?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Maths workshops - W/B 29th January**

Year groups 1-6 will have an interactive maths workshop. These sessions will enable parents and children to work together, playing games to develop understanding of the different strategies used to complete maths related to the year group curriculum. An Eventbrite link to the workshop can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/poulton-lancelyn-72658301603>

### **Y4 Tatton Park Trip- 1st February**

Year 4 will visit Tatton Park as part of the history learning about Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

### **Parent Forum – 1st February**

The next parent forum will be at 2:00pm -3.15pm. Parents are invited to the session discuss a range of items.

The link to the event can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-forum-tickets-796042252807?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Film Nights**

KS1 and F2 film night will take place on Tuesday 6th February. The KS2 film night will be on Thursday 8th February. Further details about the events will be shared by the PTA shortly.

### **Y2 Barnstondale Trip – 7th February**

Y2 will go on their challenge day to Barnstondale on Wednesday 7th Feb. Further details about this exciting day will be sent out shortly.

### **Y6 Slavery Trip – 8th February**

Y6 will visit the Maritime Museum on Thursday 8th Feb as part of their history studies around human rights.

**Share a bear – 9th February**

If you have any cuddly toys that could be given a new home, you will be able to bring them to school on Thursday 8th February. These toys need to be marked with a CE label. Further information will be provided through Mrs Higgins-Carter's charity letter.

**House Winner Non uniform Day – 15th February**

The half termly winning house will be able to come to school in their own clothes on Thursday 15th Feb. The winning house will be notified prior to the day.

**Break The Rules Day – 16th February**

The PTA will hold a break to the rules day to finish off the half term. Information about the rules will be sent in February.

**Parents' Evening – W/B 29th January**

Based on feedback received, we have identified there is a need to offer both face-to-face and online parents' appointments.

This term, we will conduct online meetings on Wednesday 31st January. Times will be available from 2:00pm-6:00pm.

Face-to-face meetings will be held on Thursday 1st February. 10-minute slots will begin at 3:40pm and with the final slot at 7:20pm.

Slots for all parents' appointments will go live at 7:00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

These appointments will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress during autumn term, including autumn assessments.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Milne**  
**Headteacher**