



Dear Parents,

16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

As we come to the end of another eventful and challenging year, on behalf of all Staff and Governors, I would like to thank families for continuing to persevere, be resilient and remain supportive of your children's learning, and of the many changes and difficult decisions we have continued to need to instigate following both Government and Local Guidance to keep our school community safe and well. The children have continued to work hard and enjoy the many varied experiences on offer this year. They have continued to make us proud every day with their endless positivity and eagerness in their learning – a huge well done to them!

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Boards look lovely and many thanks to Mr Lacey CEO, Mr Martin School Improvement Lead, Jane Owens Chair of the Trustees and Sue Cotton, Chair of Governors for attending the ribbon cutting and thanks to all those that sent us photos. It was a shame that our celebration event had to be postponed however, you are all very welcome in the summer to come and look at the boards when the gates are open during the break if you would like to.

Although we had been hopeful for a smooth end to this difficult year, rising numbers of infections have forced some 'bubble' closures this week due to the need to follow close contact advice – this is frustrating for all concerned and not the end to the year that anyone would have wished for. In order for us to continue to adhere to Local Authority guidance across the weekend and into the early part of the holidays, we politely request that any confirmed positive cases should be reported to the [schooloffice@poultonlancelyn.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@poultonlancelyn.wirral.sch.uk) in order that we can contact trace. This is required until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Below are some useful links to follow should you require further information:

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/what-to-know/early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/07/06/parents-pupils-teachers-and-students-find-out-what-step-4-of-the-covid-roadmap-means-for-you/>

Last week, I wrote to you to set out our plans regarding our September return arrangements. Should DFE or Local guidance change during the holidays that impact those plans, I will write to update you.

### Farewells

We have a number of staff leaving us today to explore new ventures. We say a fond farewell and very best wishes for the future to Mrs Mainwaring, Miss Bell, Miss Hankinson, Mrs Gould and Mrs Parkinson. They have all contributed tirelessly across many different aspects of school life and have made a positive impact on many children during their time at Poulton Lancelyn.

### Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET day – school closed to pupils

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Pupils Y1-Y6 return (F2 pupils follow start date given)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Y5JC Swimming all week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Y5AM/BG Swimming all week

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Reading/Phonic workshop for Year 1 parents (details to follow in September)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Extra Curricular clubs start (details to follow in September)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee morning event (details to follow in September)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September – PTA AGM 3.30pm Main Hall

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Reading/Phonic workshop for F2 parents (details to follow in September)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Bike-it, Scoot-it, Walk-it Breakfast

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Individual School Photographs

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – INSET day - School closed to pupils

During the summer break, please make use of our school website as it contains all relevant information regarding Curriculum, Uniform, PTA, Calendar dates etc and copies of any recent correspondence that you might wish to refer to. **The website will be updated by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July to reflect the children's move to their next Year group.**

Enjoy a restful Summer break and I am sure, like me, you remain optimistic for a 'normal 2021-22' school year!

With warm regards,

**Mrs Arnold**  
**Headteacher**