

POTTEN END C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

12 September 2016

Welcome back to the Autumn Term and a new academic year. I hope you have all had a lovely, restful summer break; although the weather was not great, it is always nice to enjoy time with the children.

I am delighted with the way the children have settled back into school and particularly how our Reception and Nursery children have settled in. They have all been a credit to you and it has been wonderful seeing them making friends and enthusiastically joining in with all their learning.

Staffing

I would like to welcome new staff members joining us this term. Teachers, Mrs Paton and Mrs Loria have joined us in Year 1. Mrs Harris has joined us in Year 6 as a Teaching Assistant. It is fantastic to have such an experienced and knowledgeable staff at Potten End School. I have spoken to the children in these classes and they have told me how much they are enjoying talking to and working with these new adults.

Getting to School

Can I also offer a friendly reminder not to park on Church Road, The Front or The Green. Please also remember that if you park in the Village Hall car park, that this is only to be used for very short drop off and collections. The Village Hall management allow parents to use their car park as a gesture of goodwill.

We will be starting the Walk to School initiative again from Monday 19 September

and children who walk part of the way to school will be able to collect badges once again. Children need to either walk or 'park and stride' at least eight times in a calendar month, in order to collect their badge.

Curriculum and Clubs

You may have noticed from the school website, that changes to the yearly curriculum for each class are being made and a curriculum letter will have either been e-mailed, or will be e-mailed, shortly. We also have our Information Meetings taking place next week, so please check your letters carefully for confirmation on timings.

Other News

I am extremely pleased to announce that Mrs Stroud and her husband will be expecting their second child in February 2017 and we are extremely happy to be welcoming another 'Potten End' baby. I am currently making arrangements for this maternity cover (which will begin after the Spring half term holiday and will let you know when arrangements have been finalised.

As I am sure you are all aware, we have our Autumn Fair taking place on 1 October. I would like to thank Friends of School for all their hard work and I look forward to seeing you all at this event. I am sure many of your children have told you that the laptops kindly donated by the Friends of School are in full operation across the school. The children are very happy to have

computers that are new, fast and connect to everything they should.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Andrew Morris
Head Teacher