

It has been an amazing how quickly this term is flying by as we seem to be fast approaching the end of this academic year!

Nursery

Since last writing to you, I must comment on our wonderful Nursery children. They are joining us for our special person collective worship on a Friday. During this time they are sitting quietly, listening to all the special people awards. They are especially excited when their friends are nominated and have to come to the front of the hall for their certificate. In addition to this I must say I am so impressed with their maturity as they join the school for their transition sessions.

Staff news

We are very pleased to announce our new teacher for Year 5 next year. We would like to welcome Mrs Sharpling to our complement of outstanding staff in KS2. Mrs Sharpling is an experienced teacher with a background in computing and a passion for education and creative learning. She is joining us from a primary school in Hemel Hempstead where I know she will be deeply missed.

Exciting opportunities

Year 4 are off to Hudnall next week for 3 days (and 2 nights!) of exciting outdoor activities. We hope that the weather is kind and the nights not too long! It does mean that I will be out of school for the beginning of next week with the children, so if you have anything that you wish to discuss urgently, I would ask that you speak to my Deputy, Mrs Hood.

Parent view

Many thanks for those of you who have completed the online questionnaire about our school. We welcome this feedback and are always keen to listen to ways in which we can

improve our partnership and, more importantly, the learning of your children within school. I would however like to ask that if you have an issue you are unhappy with, that you come into school and talk to the relevant staff member. This will hopefully ensure that any issue can be dealt with effectively and we continue to develop our great working partnership. Another opportunity to ask questions is by using our Parent Forum. Each class has representatives and our next meeting is on the 19 June. You can raise your views by contacting your parent representative or by emailing the Parent Forum address parentforum@pottenend.herts.sch.uk.

Summer

When sunny weather is forecast, please apply a high factor sun cream before school - it should last up to 6 hours. School staff cannot apply creams and children should not have non-prescription creams and lotions in school. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat, a clear water bottle and suitable footwear including socks. Flip flops, crocs etc are not suitable for school.

Scooters

We would be grateful if you could encourage your child not to ride their scooter on school property. Whilst we recognise the importance of keeping fit and healthy, we have had a few 'near misses' this week with children almost hitting younger children and older grandparents when 'whizzing around' our site. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Long hair

If your child has long hair - or a long fringe, please ensure that their hair is tied back off their face in order that they can see clearly.

PE

During the warmer, drier weather, we try to

cover as much of the outdoor PE curriculum as possible. Children need suitable trainers or plimsolls for outdoor games. Years 3, 4 and 5 are using the Spencer Holland sports' field again for their athletics and striking and fielding games, so sun hats and water bottles are necessary.

Business Cards

If you have any old business cards that you don't need/use any more, Mrs Barber would be very grateful for any donations. Within school we use the blank reverse side to support the children with their phonics and word building knowledge by using them as flash cards.

Childcare Vouchers

We are now accepting childcare vouchers for payment for **out of school hours clubs**. Due to the restrictions that are placed on these vouchers they cannot be used for payment for school trips or dinner money payments. If you

wish to find more out about this scheme please visit the government website which will provide more information <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/childcare-vouchers> .

Church Fete

As you will be aware, the church fete is going to be happening on 27 June. It would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible supporting our church. The school choir will be attending and offering a short singing selection as well as joining in with the pets' service which is happening on the green.

Events

Please keep your eyes peeled for all the events that are occurring this term. There will be reminders in the bulletin as always, and also listed on the calendar on the website.

Many thanks for your continued support.