

POTTEN END C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

20 October 2017

Thank You

I would like to thank you for all the support you have shown me and the staff since I announced that I would be leaving at Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that the governors are working very hard, behind the scenes, to ensure they find a replacement who is right for the school. The staff have also offered me their unfailing support and I would like to assure you of their commitment to the school and the children here. I know they will continue to provide the very best care and education for the children into the New Year.

Sporting News

We have started this term off with a real sporting feel. A fantastic Sports Week (kindly organised by Mrs Loria) has meant the children have had a fantastic opportunity to try lots of different sports. We now have a great Netball Club on a Wednesday being run by Mrs Packard and assisted by some very helpful parents. We have also played two football games with our mixed Year 5/6 team where our children did us proud. They lost the first game by a small margin, but won the second game with a fantastic 10-0 score. As I write this newsletter our Girl's football team will be playing their first ever league match. My fingers are crossed for a good result.

Parent Consultations

Appointment times for parent consultations will be coming out w/c 30 October. Please complete these when you see them and return them to school, via your child's book bag.

Lunch Boxes

Please ensure that packed lunches are sent into school in a named lunch box and that it is taken home every afternoon. **We have a growing amount of**

rubbish that gathers on the lunch trolley from old containers, plastic bags etc. This is unpleasant and can attract unwanted pests!

Footwear

Please ensure that your child has appropriate shoes for outdoor PE and that there is a change of shoes available in school. If your child wears boots to walk to school, they need to change into shoes for the school day.

Winter!

After half term I am sure we will see the weather becoming a lot colder. I would therefore be grateful if you could please name all hats, gloves and scarves and ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat for outdoor play.

Road Safety Week

Week beginning 20 November is National Road Safety Week and we will be focusing on keeping ourselves safe. Throughout this week we will be looking at lessons focusing on this topic and we will be having a fun quiz on the Friday to end the week.

Parking and Child Safety

I would like to remind parents not to park on the yellow lines in Church Road. **The parking restrictions in this road are there for child safety.** I cannot imagine writing a letter to you all talking of a tragic accident. It is beyond comprehension as all the children within the school are so precious. I would therefore like **you** to think of all the children within the school when 'quickly dropping off' and the dire consequences that could occur with your own or somebody else's child. **I will be endeavouring to be out in the mornings checking how people are parking, as I genuinely care about the safety of the children within our school and I want us to keep them safe. Please pass this**

safety message to anybody who collects on your behalf.

Staffing

We are sorry to announce that Mr Durrant and Mrs Hazzard left school during this half term. We would like to thank them for everything they contributed to our school and wish them well for the future.

Nits!

We are sorry to say that we have a number of cases of nits and a few cases of worms in school at the moment. Please could you take the half term holiday as an opportunity to check your children and treat, if necessary, thank you.

I hope that you all have a restful half term and enjoy the time with your children.

Andrew Morris