

POTTEN END C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

20 March 2015

Staff Changes

As you know, Mrs Stroud will shortly be returning from maternity leave for 3 days per week. We are delighted that she will be being joined by Mrs Brown who will be teaching for the remaining 2 days. Mrs Brown is an experienced teacher who has worked previously with Mrs Stroud and brings enthusiasm, passion and a love of drama and the arts to Year 5. This does mean we will be saying goodbye to Miss Whyte at the end of this term. We would like to thank Miss Whyte for all her hard work in our school and the care she has shown the class. We wish Miss Whyte all the best in her future endeavours.

Mrs Kemp, who was on maternity leave, has decided not to return to the school after finishing her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Kemp and her family all the best and lots of luck with the future. This, therefore, means that in the Summer Term we will be recruiting a new KS2 teacher to join our team.

Miss England who worked with us in Year 2 as a Teaching Assistant has decided to resign after many years of working in our school. We are very grateful for all her hard work within our school and wish her good luck in the future.

Thank you

Thank you for all your support with our many charities. I am thrilled to report that the school community managed to raise £746.82 for DENS, £161.15 for the Poppy Appeal, £184.60 for the daffodil appeal and £313.01 for Comic Relief.

This amount of money is a credit to the children and members of Potten End School community. Thank you and well done!

Parking

Within our village, parking continues to be an issue. I have been spoken to by Dacorum Council because of inconsiderate parking near to road junctions and across the drives of local residences. The particular roads in question are Common Gardens, School Gardens and Vicarage Road. Within these three roads, cars have

been parked across driveways and too close to the road junction. We have an agreement with the Village Hall where parents can park there during drop off and pick up times. Please remember that inconsiderate parking can lead to safety issues which will impact on our children. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Attendance

I am pleased to announce that there has been an increase in attendance from last year. We are currently 0.5% higher than last year (we are now at 96%), so hopefully we can aim to keep up this improvement and get it even higher!

Mothering Services

Thank you to everybody who attended the Mothering Service last week. It was a real privilege to be the Head Teacher and welcome you to such a fantastic celebration. I thought the children all performed wonderfully and I was impressed with the quality and diversity of the individual classes' performances. I hope all of the 'Mums' had a well deserved rest last week.

Parent Consultations and Reports

Just a little reminder that reports are going out today and that parent consultations are happening next Tuesday and Thursday. If you haven't received an appointment yet, then maybe a check in a book bag is necessary. I hope you find your child's school report useful and informative. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading all of the reports and finding out what their favourite topics have been and how they have been progressing. I look forward to seeing you at the parent consultation meeting.

End of Term

Term ends at 1.30pm on Thursday 2nd April. The Summer Term starts on Monday 20th April.

Have a lovely Easter Break – hopefully there will be some lovely Spring weather for us all to enjoy!