

It is 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 now joining us for our Special Person Collective Worship each Friday. During this, 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

I am sad to announce that Miss Prestedge has decided to leave our school and leave teaching. She has been a real asset to Potten End and will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness in the future and know that she will be a success in her new adventures. I am currently recruiting for a new KS1 teacher, so will let you know who we have appointed, when I have the right candidate.

Exciting opportunities

Year 4 are off to Hudnall after half term for three days (and two 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 this time (Wednesday 15-Friday 17 June). If you have any urgent matters during this time, please speak to Mrs Stroud. We are also busy enjoying a wide variety of trips this term and I am pleased to

say that the behaviour of the children is, again, impeccable.

Parent View and Ofsted

Many thanks for your support this week with our Ofsted inspection. It is wonderful to have such fantastic support from parents and carers. We are still technically within the inspection window, so I am not allowed to release any details until the report is published after half term. What I can say is that your children are a privilege to work with and the inspector commented on their politeness and behaviour. It continues to be an honour to be the Head Teacher of a school with such fantastic students, amazing staff and supportive parents.

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 now have a small scooter park on the main playground where scooters can be left during the school day. We would be grateful, however, if you could encourage your child not to ride their scooter on school property, as in the past we have had some near misses.

Long hair

If your child has long hair - or a long fringe,

please ensure it 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, 5 and 6 are using the Spencer Holland sports field again for their athletics, striking and fielding games, so sun hats and water bottles are necessary.

Internet safety

It has been brought to my attention that many children in upper Key Stage 2 have social media accounts (Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat etc.). Can I please remind you that these sites are **meant for children and adults over the age of 13**. This is clearly stated in their terms and conditions and as such, some of the material is inappropriate for children of Potten End school age. Some profiles have been highlighted to me that have 'public' as their privacy setting. This is extremely dangerous and could pose a serious risk to your child. Please check whether your child has an account and monitor their internet use. As you know I am a passionate user of technology, but I cannot stress enough the importance of online safety.

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 having to write 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 school when 'quickly dropping off' and the dire consequences that could occur with your own or somebody else's child.

Also, again for safety, can I reiterate that children are not allowed to play on any of the school equipment unless supervised by a member of Potten End School staff. Therefore, please ensure that children are not on any equipment whilst waiting in the playground. Thank you.

Sporting success

We are endeavouring to continue to support the childrens' sporting achievements within school and I am pleased to announce that this week both our Year 3 and Year 4 rugby teams won their tournaments. Well done!

The roof!

I am pleased to announce that I am expecting the work to finally be completed on the roof over half term. It seems as if we have reached a point where our kitchen roof is not leaking! My thanks go to all the team in the kitchen who have worked tirelessly through difficult situations and have cleaned and removed gallons of water during the duration of this project.

Please keep your eyes peeled for all the events occurring this term. They will be appearing in the Bulletin and are always listed on the calendar on the website with appropriate letters and correspondence.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Andrew Morris
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