

POTTEN END C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

October 2014

It seems to have been an exceptionally busy September!!! We have been blessed with some glorious weather for the start of the new academic year.

The Tour of Britain passing the school was certainly an exciting and very enjoyable event. The Big and Small Walks were a great success too - we are so lucky to have such wonderful countryside around our school. Last Thursday's ceremony rededicating our school as a Primary School and the official opening of the new building was a moving and memorable event - especially for me! I am deeply honoured to have the building named after me. The children's behaviour that afternoon was impeccable, their singing was amazing and the Bishop and all the visitors were really impressed. Earlier, the children all enjoyed a celebratory lunch together - thanks to Mrs Brazer and her staff for managing to cook over 160 very tasty lunches.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Harvest Festival takes place on Friday. Please send any contributions for DENS in to school by tomorrow. **Please note that with our ever-swelling numbers, we can only accommodate one family member at each Harvest Festival.** A crèche will be provided for children of Pre-School age - (please ensure you book in beforehand!)

MOBILE 'PHONES ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Please refrain from using your mobile 'phone on the school site at any time. The taking of photographs on the site by anyone not employed or licensed by the school is not allowed, and therefore, for

everyone's protection, it is better that your phone is not used once you are on site.

WALK TO SCHOOL - PARK AND STRIDE

Please continue to support us by not parking on Church Road, The Front, The Green and at the eastern end of Vicarage Road. Children are using the Travel Tracker and if they walk from an approved parking location (or all the way!) once a week, they will receive a badge at the end of the month. I am continuing to "liaise" with HCC to ensure they provide the additional pavement and parking spaces that were promised.... and that they paint the appropriate road markings to ensure safety around the new Pre-School entrance.

YEAR 5

If your child is in Year 5 and you live in the village, I would encourage you to work towards allowing them to walk home or to school unaccompanied. If you drive to drop off and collect your Year 5 child, perhaps they could walk to and from a designated parking spot, along a safe and rehearsed route. Please ensure that Miss Whyte or Mrs Hingston is informed - a short note will suffice.

COATS, WELLIES and BOOKBAGS and LETTERS FOR THE OFFICE

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for the weather. I noticed several children on the very wet Monday this week who arrived at school not wearing their coat. If your child needs to wear wellies to walk to school and is in Year 1 or above, they should be able to change into their shoes unaided - I'm

afraid the cloakrooms are not spacious enough to accommodate parents. Please ensure that your child carries their own book bag and other equipment - this develops independence and also ensures that the child enters the cloakroom with all of their belongings. Letters for the office should either go to the classroom via the book bag, or can be dropped off in the postbox in the foyer.

OUTSIDE CLUBS

If your child attends a club, provided by an outside organisation, please could you ensure payment is made promptly, as per their terms. Thank you.