

# POTTEN END C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, as the Interim Head Teacher of Potten End C of E Primary School. I feel very fortunate to have joined such a lovely team. Everyone has made me feel very welcome and I enjoyed my first few days of term last week.

For the last 4 years I have been a Mathematics Teaching and Learning Adviser and have had the privilege of working with many schools across this side of the county. My role primarily focused on working with teachers, and other members of staff, to develop the teaching of mathematics as well as working with school leaders at a strategic level. Prior to this I have worked in a variety of schools in a range of leadership roles. If you would like to know more about my interests please ask your child/ren what they learnt about me in Collective Worship last Thursday!

I have a passion for all things education and some of my particular interests include developing a growth mindset approach to learning, effective use of assessment for learning and ensuring pupils receive exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. Potten End clearly has committed staff and great pupils and I look forward to working with the school this term.

I am passionate about working in partnership with the children, staff, governors, the church and yourselves to ensure Potten End remains an exciting, happy and successful school. The school clearly has excellent relationships with parents and I look forward to meeting you over the coming few weeks. Please do introduce yourselves to me when you see me at the gates before or after school. I would like to thank you for your continued commitment and support of the staff and pupils of the school.

## DVDs

We understand that there was a production problem with a number of the DVD recordings of It's Christmas. We, and the production company, apologise for this and the process is underway to replace them all. Please look out for this in your child's book bag.

## Breakfast Clubs

If your child attends a Breakfast Club, please could they be brought to the hall via the main office entrance and remain with a parent/carer until the instructor arrives.

## World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 1 March. This year we are asking all pupils to bring their favourite book to school and there will be an opportunity to share this within their class at some point in the day. Also each of the KS2 classes will be visiting either a FS or KS1 class to read with the younger children. I look forward to hearing about the many different books on the day!

## Federation Consultation

Victoria and Thomas Coram schools are launching a six-week consultation on creating a Federation. If you would like to register your opinion, please contact and click on the links below:

[www.victoria.herts.sch.uk](http://www.victoria.herts.sch.uk)

[www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk](http://www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk)

## Valuables!

Please ensure that your child does not bring anything valuable into school. Jewellery including earrings and watches should be removed for PE and it is upsetting for all when they cannot be located again.

## Hosanna House & DENS

Thank you for your support for the Hosanna House 'Wear Something Christmassy' day - you raised £174.80 which will go towards taking nine disabled children away this Easter. Also, your incredible generosity enabled us to send an amazing £453.20 to DENS in time for Christmas. Thank you.

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