



# Potten End C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter 1

Date: 26th April 2019

## Attendance

Well done to Year 1 and 2 who are this week's winners with 100% attendance.  
**Fantastic!**

## Uniform Expectations

Please can we ensure that children are wearing the correct shoes to school. Sensible black shoes should be worn and not trainers.

Can we also ask that long hair is tied back and that there are no hair accessories being worn. We also have recently seen a selection of hair bands being worn. E.g: some with ears, large Jojo bows and pompoms. Simple hair bands which are the school colours may be worn.

Thank you for your cooperation with this simple fix.

## Huge Congratulations

Massive congratulations to our HCL catering staff for achieving a Five Star Food Hygiene rating from the Food Standards Agency during a spot check today. What a fantastic catering team we have!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your children and families, enjoying the glorious weather that we had - lets hope it returns very soon!

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new interim head teacher of Potten End C of E Primary School. I feel very privileged to have been appointed by the governors.

I have previously been head teacher of Hammond Academy in Hemel Hempstead and more recently Acting Head of a School in Kenton. I have been teaching for over 20 years! Over my career I have taught in big schools, small schools, and city schools. I am a mother of two children so know what it is like to have children in Primary school.

I have really enjoyed my first week. The whole community has made me feel very welcome indeed and I already feel part of this special and caring school, thank you so much for this. I have loved meeting and greeting a lot of you at the gate in the morning - it's fantastic seeing the children coming in to school: beaming smiles and lots of happy "Good Mornings".

I am very excited about working in partnership with the whole community and I'm thrilled to be given the opportunity to play a key role in shaping the education and raising the aspirations of our young people.

In a few weeks there will be a tea and coffee morning in the church hall (please see diary dates) where I'd love to chat to you all for longer and perhaps discuss opportunities for continued school improvement.

Before the Easter holiday, I joined the leadership team in their meeting with the local authority school improvement partner. She reported that one of the strengths of the school was pupil behaviour not just in the classrooms but also at break and lunchtimes.

This has been demonstrated time on time this week by the children as I have walked the school numerous times throughout the day. Each time I spent enjoyable times in the classrooms, chatting to the children about their learning as well as observing their attitudes and how they conduct themselves. They really are a credit to the school.

We really have a committed staff and wonderful children which is a great place to start. I believe that Potten End has many great strengths and the relationship between parents, staff and pupils is crucial to the success of the school. By working together we can ensure that children enjoy their time at Potten End, make good progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to be successful in their secondary schools. I have high expectations of the children and will continue to expect excellent behaviour, a positive attitude to learning.

I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school each day and I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

**Denise Kennedy, Interim Head Teacher**

## Reminder

A reminder to all parents that PE kit need to be in school on a Monday. Children will then be ready and prepared for PE for the week ahead. If necessary please take kit home on a Friday for washing. Also children are not permitted to wear earrings in this lesson for health and safety reasons. We therefore request the children either refrain from wearing earrings on PE days or remove them themselves before the lesson commences. The school are not responsible for any loss or damage to these item.

## Special Person Awards



Year N:	Daniel & Pom
Year R:	Freddie
Year 1:	Christopher
Year 2:	George
Year 3:	William
Year 4:	(on school trip)
Year 5:	Jack
Year 6:	Zak

## Teddy Awards

Tidy Ted:	Year N
Clean Colin:	Year 2
Organised Oscar:	Year 4

## Diary Dates

### This Week

- **Monday 29 April:**
  - Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony
  - 8.30am: **Coffee** in the Church Rooms followed by
  - 9.30am: **Church service** at in Holy Trinity Church - for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 only - all welcome
- **Tuesday 30 April 1.30pm:** Selected Year R Health re-checks
- **Month of May:** KS1 SATs
- **Wednesday 1 May:**
  - 11.00am: Tag Rugby Festival selected Year 5 & 6
  - 3.00pm: Parents/carers to collect participating Year 5 & 6 children from Camelot Rugby Club
- **Friday 3 May:** Year 4 commence Swimming

### Next Week

- **Monday 6 May:** BANK HOLIDAY - school closed
- **Tuesday 7 May:**
  - 8.30am: **Coffee Meet & Greet Mrs Kennedy** (Interim Head Teacher) in the Church Rooms - all welcome
  - 9.30am: **Church service** at in Holy Trinity Church - for Years N-1 only - all welcome (*please note Year 2 will not be attending*)
- **Thursday 9 May:**
  - 11.00am: Tag Rugby Festival Year 3
  - 3.00pm: Parents/carers to collect Year 3 children from Camelot Rugby Club
- **Friday 10 May:** DEADLINE to accept Nursery places
- **Sunday 12 May 4pm:** Messy Church in school hall - all welcome

A full calendar including club dates is available on our website

## Recent letters

School sent out the following letters and emails. Copies of letters are also available on our website.

- Tag Rugby festival - Yr 3 - *paper copy*
- Summer Term ltr - Yr 1 - *via email*
- Multi Sports Club flyer - Yrs 1-4 - *via email*
- Game On Sports Clubs flyers - Yrs 1&2, 3&4 - *via email*
- Summer Term Diary of Events - all Yrs - *via email*

Friends of the Schools sent out the following letters and emails. Copies of letters are also available on our website.

- None

## Parent Giving

- For more information on Parent Giving, please click on the following link:  
<http://www.pottenend.herts.sch.uk/parent-giving/>

## Collective Worship Value

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