

POTTEN END C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

April 2018

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of this term, I am sad to be writing my last newsletter to you.

It has been a great pleasure to work at Potten End and get to know the families and the wider community. I will leave with many memories of the children, parents, governors and staff. I have enjoyed many a session in the Wonder Wood in the last few months and it has been great to see how our new approach to maths has evolved. I have lasting memories of the amazing hampers at the Autumn Fayre and a recent highlight was attending the Young Voices event at the O2.

We have a great staff and governor team and I have the utmost confidence that the school will continue to flourish. I wish you and your children all the very best for a bright and prosperous future.

Staffing

It is with sadness that we also say goodbye to Mrs Gardner and Mrs Bailey at this time. They have both been great members of our school community and we are certainly going to miss them. We wish them every success in their new adventures.

For the first half of the summer term Miss Dent will be supporting Year 3 as a Teaching Assistant and will be temporarily joining our MSA team at lunch time. She has already been working in EYFS on occasions over the term, so will be a familiar face to the pupils.

Sadly, Mr Taylor will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. He and his family are relocating to Shropshire and we wish them all the best. We are currently

advertising for a teacher and will update you in the Summer Term.

We will be recruiting a caretaker/handyperson for one and a half days a week, flexible hours, from September, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please contact the school office.

Behaviour

This remains a school focus and we have had a number of visitors to the school recently who have commented positively on the behavior of our pupils at lunch time.

Attendance

Please can I politely remind parents that we have a focus on improving attendance, and in particular we are trying to reduce the proportion of pupils who are taking term time holidays. It is a focus for Ofsted and something that we must improve. We continue to promote attendance half termly with our attendance H.E.R.O.'s.

Sport

It has been a great term for sport in the school and Mr Ahmed has written a summary of some the key events. Please see the attached information.

Judo Grading

We are very pleased to announce that all members of Breakfast Judo Club passed their grading last week. Congratulations to: Oliver (Y6), Jack (Y1), Zak (Y6), Robert (Y5), Eva (Y4), Kiya (Y4), Matti (Y4), George (Y4), Freya (Y6), Jack (Y5), George (Y2) and Jamie (Y3).

A special mention goes to Ben (Y4) who became the youngest person to ever receive

a junior black belt from Sensei Omar. Well done to all the Judo members.

If you think your child might like to try Judo, please email admin@ipponjudo.co.uk.

Holy Trinity Church Services

Please find attached, information regarding forthcoming events.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who made a Dress Down Day donation to this charity.

Through your generosity, we raised £295.13!

Enjoy your Easter break!