



Potten End C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter 3

Date: 10 May 2019

Attendance

Well done to Year 1 who are this week's winners with 97% attendance.

Fantastic!

Please Remember

Although we are now in the Summer Term, please remember to send your child with a coat every day as it can be very cold on the playground. Many thanks.

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend despite the weather. It has been nice to see some sunshine today!

Next week sees a big week for Year 6, as they complete their SATs (National testing for Year 6). As I mentioned last week, SATs are not the be all and end all of Potten End, they are just a part. I saw the poem below on Twitter this week and thought it summed up our school;

SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons
You were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.
SO sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember you're the best!

Our school prides itself on all of the above, plus high academic aspirations – for me the perfect balance. This group of children have been, and will continue to be amazing, I would wish them luck but I know they won't need it as Mrs Sharpling and Mrs Hingston have worked so hard – the children are ready!

Finally this week, I need to inform you all that Mrs Brown will be leaving at the end of this academic year. She will be greatly missed but I know that over this next term she will continue to build lovely memories of the school which she will cherish.

Have a super weekend all and see you all next week!

Kind regards

Denise Kennedy, Interim Head Teacher

Thank you

To those wonderful children who have remembered not to use their scooter in the playground.

Reminders

- ◆ We have had a report of head lice in Year 5. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat accordingly if eggs or lice are found. Many thanks.

News from the classrooms

Year N & R have continued their learning about the Great Outdoors



Continuing the theme of "The Great Outdoors", Nursery and Reception, during their joint small group time session, have been searching the Wonder Wood meadow for the many colours in nature. The children were able to almost complete their colour wheels, with red the missing colour amongst the hundreds of wild flowers growing and everyone finished just before the grass was cut.

We have been learning about the life cycle of a frog and a butterfly.

We have read: *The Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly*, *The Hungry Caterpillar*, *Tadpole's Promise* and *The Bad Tempered Ladybird*, completing fun activities based around these books.



Year 6 Preparation for SATs Week

This week has been another busy week for year 6. Their SATs start on the 13th May 2019 and they have continued to work extremely hard on their preparation for these assessments.

The children have developed a strong, positive attitude to their learning this year and Mrs Hingston and I are extremely proud of all their hard work.

Good luck year 6, you have done an amazing job!



Years 3 & 4 Boys' Football Tournament winners

A member of the coaching team from ProFormance Global recently attended our Friday Celebration Collective Worship to present the Year 3 & 4 Boys' Football Tournament team with the Plate Cup which they won in the Spring Term. Congratulations!

Special Person Awards

Year N: William
Year R: Edward
Year 1: Amelia-Mae
Year 2: Charlotte
Year 3: Michael
Year 5: Cameron
Year 6: Lily



Head Teacher's Award

Ben - Year R

Teddy Awards

Tidy Ted: Year R

Clean Colin: Year 1

Organised Oscar: Year 3

Diary Dates

This Week

- Sunday 12 May 4pm: Messy Church in school hall - all welcome
- Monday 13 May: Year 6 SATs week
- Tuesday 14 May:
 - 9.00am: FOS Bags2School collection
 - 9.30am-11.30am: Years N & R Mini Beast March

Next Week

- w/c Monday 20 May:
 - Years N & R Open Classrooms - times tbc
 - Walk to School Week
- Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 May: Year 4 Trip to Hudnall Outdoor Education Centre
- Monday 20 May 11.00am: Year R Dental Talk

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.

- Arrangements for 17 May email - Yr 6
- Tag Rugby cancellation email - Yr 3
- Prop making at Half Term Itr - Yr 6 parents who have offered to help - *via email*
- Mini Beats March Itr - Yrs N&R - *via email*
- Staffing at Hudnall email - Yr 4
- Staffing in Yr R email - Yr R

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

- Bags2School Itr

Parent Giving

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

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