

POTTER STREET ACADEMY NEWS

Parents Consultation Meetings

These meetings are held to give you the opportunity to discuss your child’s achievement so far this year, to inform you of where your child is currently working and to discuss how you can support your child in helping them reach their targets.

We hope you found these meetings informative. If you didn’t make an appointment, please see the class teacher who will be happy to fit you in another time.

Tye Green Library Half Term Event



Tye Green Library
 Tuesday 29 October
 10.30am-12.30pm

Ahoy me hearties!
 Join us for pirate fun crafts and activities.
 Come dressed as a pirate or walk the plank.
 YO HO HO

Suitable for children up to 12 years old

For further information visit
libraries.essex.gov.uk/events



Harvest

Thank you for the excellent response and donating the food for the harvest festival. All donations have gone to Harlow Foodbank.



School Menu

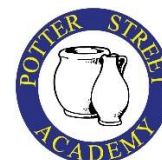


From Monday 4th November our menu will be changing and we will be on our Winter menu. A copy of this will be emailed to you and will also be available on our school app and website.

House Points

Children are busy earning house points by showing how well they keep the school values – responsibility, respectfulness, fairness, caring and trustworthiness.

	Dragon	1206
	Griffin	1254
	Lion	1405
	Unicorn	894



Mobile Phones

All pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school or on trips. If you wish your child to bring a mobile phone to school to contact you after school:

- The phone must be switched off and handed to the school office first thing in the morning, and then collected by the child at 3:00pm (after the bell); any phone is left at the owner's own risk.
- Potter Street Academy cannot accept responsibility for any loss, theft or damage of any phone.
- In case of any emergencies, the school office remains the appropriate point of contact and ensures your child is reached in a relevant and appropriate way.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Y3 – St Mary Magdalene Church

Year three were welcomed at St Mary Magdalene Church, Potter Street on Thursday 10th October, by Father James Rodley. The children had great fun spotting and investigating all the features of a church they had previously learnt about. The oohs and aaahs, along with pointing fingers and excitement, certainly captured their enthusiasm to share knowledge. It was a great local trip to consolidate the current RE curriculum.

Y1 – Walton-on-the-Naze

On Wednesday 2nd October, Year One Visited Walton on the Naze. First we went to the beach where we built sandcastles and paddled in the sea. After that we visited the RNLI and got to try on some of their uniform and found out about the great work they do to help people. Finally we all had a delicious icecream. We had a brilliant day!

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World Geography Day

On Wednesday 16th October everyone celebrated World Geography Day. Every class focused on a different country focusing on traditional foods, a day in the life, celebrations, the location and the language in that country. In the afternoon each class created a stall to display all of their hard work and samples of food from their country. From Romania in EYFS to Sri Lanka in Year 6, the children worked very hard and learnt a lot!



Sports for Champions

Sports for Champions are visiting our school on 3rd December 2019. Children will be taking part in a sponsored fitness circuit with an elite athlete. Sponsorship forms and parent letters will be sent to you after the half term giving you more details of the event. Please support this in order to raise much needed funds for the school.



Basketball

Well done to our two Potter Street basketball teams who participated in the basketball tournament! One team came second in their group and the other team came first in their group! Our Potter Street team who came 1st in their group will be moving on to the next round of finals this week! The team won all four of their matches in their group. Miss Stoneman and all of PSA are proud of all of the children who represented our school with superb teamwork! All of the children had a lot of fun and were buzzing after an exciting afternoon of basketball!



Collect and win with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

Aldi Kit for Schools

A big thank you to all our parents and children and also the local community for bringing in their Aldi stickers – we are very close to completing the second poster!!

Lost Property

Our lost property is kept by the main office. Please remember to check the lost property before the end of term. Any items that are not claimed will be disposed off.

Please remember to label your children's clothing.



Attendance

Well done to Hodgkin Class who achieved the best overall attendance for this half term with 98.5%.

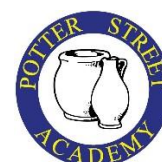
Secondary School Applications for Sept 2020 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2020) is **31st October 2019**. Applications can be made via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions



EYFS – Town Park

On Tuesday 15th October David Attenborough Class visited Harlow Town Park. All children had the opportunity to "purchase" a bus ticket from our bus driver Mr Brown who then gave them their return ticket. Once we arrived at the town park the children eagerly began their adventure around the park developing their gross motor skills. Children enjoyed looking for signs of Autumn and collecting different coloured leaves and conkers. It was a fantastic morning for all the children, who were exceptionally well behaved and we were proud to be able to take them on their first school trip.



Rock Steady

Rock Steady is here! We are very excited to be offering all children at our school the opportunity to play an array of electric instruments. All children took part in a workshop on Friday 11th of October where children experienced how it felt to be part of a band and play some of the instruments. We are pleased that so many children have signed up and are now taking part in instrument lessons, if you would like your child to learn an electric instrument then there are a few spaces left!! Please follow this link to book your child a space!

www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Dodgeball

Well done to our two Potter Street teams who participated in dodgeball this term!! All of the children had a lot of fun dodging and throwing the ball at high speeds. One of the teams even came second in their group!



School App

We would just like to remind parents to download the new version of our school APP. If you are still using the original APP you will still be able to access old information but you will not receive any updates or messages sent out from the school.

To download the APP please go to google play or the APP store, download Piota Schools and select Potter Street.



We have settled into our roles in the School Council this term. We are always looking for ways to improve the school and we have received lots of ideas from our friends in school. We appointed Jaimee as the Chair, Fatima as Vice Chair and Jesse as the Secretary. We are looking forward to our upcoming event, Children In Need on the 16th of November, where we will be holding a cake sale to raise money. Donations of cakes would be appreciated.

This Girl Can

Four girls in Y5 and Y6 (Jaimee, Gracie, Millie and Katie) went to the This Girl Can Event where they were able to try out and participate in a variety of sports such as Hip-Hop dancing, martial arts and trampolining. The four girls were recognized by other schools for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship during the event. Well done girls!

We wish you all a Happy Half Term!!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER 2019

4 th Nov	Children Return to School
4 th Nov	Sports for Champion Assembly
6 th Nov	Open Morning – 09:30 – 10:30am, Rec 2020
7 th Nov	Y5 – Trip to Kidzania
8 th Nov	Y3/4 Football Tournament Y5/6 Football Tournament
12 th Nov	Y4 – Trip to British Museum
13 th Nov	KS1 Anti-bullying Performance at Purford Green – children only
18 th Nov	KS2 Anti-bullying Performance at Potter Street – children only
15 th Nov	Children in Need
15 th Nov	Y5/6 Football Tournament
20 th Nov	Y2 – Trip to Colchester Zoo
21 st Nov	School Photos – Individual & Sibling
29 th Nov	Inset Day

DECEMBER 2019

2 nd Dec	Open Afternoon - 1:30 – 2:30pm, Rec 2020
3 rd Dec	Sports for Champion Event
6 th Dec	Y3 – Trip to Colchester Castle
11 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Performance – AM
11 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance – PM
13 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
13 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance – AM
13 th Dec	Christmas Fayre
16 th Dec	End of Term Reward Trip
16 th Dec	Carol Singing at Passmores – All, children only
17 th Dec	Pantomime, Peter Pan at Passmores Academy
18 th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Carols at Potter Street
19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
19 th Dec	Class Christmas Parties
20 th Dec	End of Term, finish at 1:30pm – no after school club

JANUARY 2020

7 th Jan	All Children Return to School
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