

Potter Street Academy News

Dear Parents / Carers

I heard this week that it has been 9 months since the first lock down in March and I'm sure, like me, many of you are amazed by how quickly this year has gone. Looking back through the photos on my phone reminds me of how much life has changed during this time and sacrifices we have made because of the pandemic. The Autumn term has been like no other, regular updates from the Government, families isolating and children having remote learning have all kept us on our toes. Whilst we haven't been able to welcome you all into the building this term, we hope you have still felt part of our school community through our regular communication, telephone calls, teams meetings and videos. I have been extremely proud of how we have responded to the pandemic and worked together as a whole community to support each other. The resilience and determination shown by our children, along with their ability to adapt to new routines, has amazed us all. Our school attendance is currently 97.5%, this is well above the national average, and I would like to thank all parents and carers for trusting that we are doing everything we can to keep you all safe. Our work will continue throughout the holidays to ensure we contact anyone on behalf of track and trace and make sure we are fully prepared for January 2021.

Implementing our risk assessment along with teaching a class and supporting those learning from home, has been very challenging at times and I am sure you will join me in thanking every member of staff who has gone above and beyond to support all of our families.

On behalf of everyone at Potter Street Academy I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please continue to follow guidance and keep you and your families safe over the holidays.

Miss Bloomfield

Staggered Leaving Times – 18/12/20

School finishes on Friday 18th December from 12:30pm with a staggered departure time for all classes as detailed below:-

12.30 - Year 6
 12.35 - Year 5
 12.40 - Year R
 12.45 - Year 1 and Year 4
 12.50 - Year 2
 12.55 - Year 3

Thank you

Thank you to all the staff and customers at Dunelm who donated 59 Christmas presents to children at the school.



Year 2 – Colchester Zoo

Year 2 went to Colchester Zoo to find out about animals and their habitats. They saw lots of different animals and even got the chance to see penguins up close before meeting a very special person... Each child received a gift from Father Christmas and had the opportunity to have their socially distanced photo taken with him.

It was a lovely day despite the rain!!



Attendance



Well done to Burman Class who achieved the best overall attendance for the Autumn term at 98.8%

Also, well done to Griffin House for achieving the best attendance for the Autumn term.



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Web: www.potterstreetacademy.com

School Values

Well done to Dragon House for winning the School Values trophy for the Autumn Term.



House Points

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



Dragon 2586



Griffin 2428



Lion 2937



Unicorn 2466

Congratulations Lion House for winning the House trophy with the most house points during all of Autumn term!



Reward Prizes

On Friday, the three children from each class with the highest house points were awarded with a Christmas gift as we were unable to organise a reward trip at this current time.

Well done to you all!!!

Children's termly total now returns to zero so everyone has a chance to win a place at next terms prize / trip.

Christmas Jumper Day

Following our Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £190.70 for Save the Children. We are very grateful for your support. Thank you all!!!

Christmas Dinner

A massive thank you to Mrs Gibson, Miss Jackson and Miss Delanbanque for providing the children and staff with Christmas dinner.



Face Masks

Following the decision to move Harlow in Tier 3 we will continue to ask all visitors over the age of 12 years old to wear a face covering whilst on school grounds. Thank you to everyone who has fully supported this.

COVID Symptoms

Please remember to email us if your child has been in school on Wednesday / Thursday / Friday and develops symptoms of COVID19 up to Wednesday 23rd December. This is so we can contact others within the bubble and ask them to isolate.

Free School Meals Over the Christmas Period

If you are in receipt of free school meals for your child/children, you will shortly receive an email from Mr Goddard with guidance on how to redeem your FSM vouchers of £30.00 which can be used over the Christmas period.

Children Remote Learning, 16 – 18 Dec 2020

Thank you to all the parents who have already told us they are choosing to keep their child at home this week or from tomorrow. If you are keeping your child at home and haven't told us yet, please email admin@potterstreetacademy.com or call the pupil absence line. We have a duty of care for all pupils until the end of term so will need to call anyone we haven't heard from.

Harlow Educational Awards

The Educational Progress Awards celebrate young people who have made significant progress in their education and who have made a real contribution to their schools and the community. Potter Street Academy are so very proud that one of their young people has been awarded overall Winner for Outstanding Progress between KS1-2.

School Tours

Unfortunately, we are unable to show prospective parents around our school. If you are currently looking at schools for your child to start in September, please go to our website for our prospectus and tours of the school. We will be happy to answer any questions over the phone.

Parking

Once again, we ask parents to be considerate of our neighbours.

We were contacted by a local resident whose access to their driveway was blocked off by one of our parents at collection time.

We ask that you are considerate of others.

Many thanks for your support.



Friday 18th December

Finish for Christmas Holidays, school finishes at 12:30pm – please note Collection times for your child's class
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Monday 4th January

Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January

Children return to school

Friday 15th January

Closing date for reception new intake 2021/22.

Friday 29th January

Inset Day