

POTTER STREET ACADEMY NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

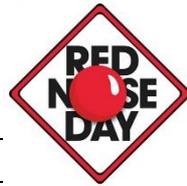
We are all delighted to have the children back in school. All school staff are supporting the children through this transition back into full time school. They continue to impress us with their resilience and adaptability.

As always, we have high standards and expectations of work and behaviour in school and in the wider community.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher
Potter Street Academy*



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day celebrations were in full swing today when the children were asked to wear "break the rules" non-uniform.

The children had great fun on Friday afternoon celebrating their personal superheroes and sharing jokes with their class friends and adults.

Thank you to the School Council for organising such a great day. A whopping £188.77 was raised.

Track and Trace

Over the Easter holidays, if your child develops symptoms and then tests positive for COVID19 before or on 2nd April (Good Friday) you will need to let the school know. You can do this by emailing admin@potterstreetacademy.com

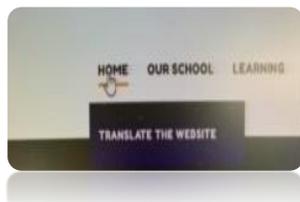
On behalf of track and trace, we will then contact all children and staff who have been in school and in the same room as the positive case to tell them to isolate within the family home. We will do this by email and Class Dojo. It is important that all parents still regularly check their emails and Class Dojo until 2nd April.

Google Translate - Website

To facilitate the users of the Potter Street Academy website we have now added the option to use the Google translation service.

By choosing a language from the Google Translate option, the user will see the website translated to a language other than English. We do strive for accurate translations; however automatic machine translation cannot guarantee 100% accuracy. By choosing a language from the Google Translate option, the user accepts the legal implications of any shortcomings or differences in the translations.

You will find the translation link under the Home page section of our Website.



Free School Meal Provision over the Easter Holiday

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

Class Photos

Our school photographer is booked to come into school on 6th May to take class photos of the children. The photographer will have a face mask, visor, anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitizer and will be distanced at least 2 metres from the children and all hygiene / health procedures will be adhered to.

As the Year 6 children were unable to have their individual photos taken last November we have booked for these to be done on 6th May as well.

Free Easter Activities for Children

Essex County Council and Active Essex are working in partnership to offer free activities and lunch over the Easter holidays for school children. There are several locations around Harlow you can book, one of which is Passmores.

Please use the link below if you would like to book a place for your child.

<https://www.changinglivescommunityservices.com/changing-lives-events/>

House Points

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



Dragon 5466



Griffin 4963



Lion 6102



Unicorn 5413

Breakfast Club

We are currently taking bookings for next half term's Breakfast Club.

All spaces for Breakfast Club must be booked in advance every half term. Children will not be able to just turn up or attend on an ad hoc basis.

Please email admin@potterstreetacademy.com by 9am on Tuesday 23rd March telling us the name of your child / children, Year group and which days you would like them to attend each week. You will then be charged via SIMs Pay prior to them attending.

If you do not book a slot we will not be able to support your child before school.



After School Club

We are currently taking bookings for next half term's After School Club.

To help keep everyone safe, all spaces for After School Club must now be booked in advance every half term. Children will not be able to just turn up or attend on an ad hoc basis and we will not be able to support parents who are running late for collection.

Please email admin@potterstreetacademy.com by 9.00am on Tuesday 23rd March telling us the name of your child / children, Year group and which days you would like them to attend each week. You will then be charged via SIMs Pay.

For the safety of everyone, if you do not book a slot we will not be able to support your child after school.

23rd March – Minutes Silence

On Tuesday 23rd March we will be marking the day that we went into the first lockdown. We will be taking part in a minute's silence at 11 o'clock to remember the loved ones we have lost due to COVID 19.

Along with the other schools in the Trust, we would like to show a presentation, during the silence, of the names and appropriate photographs of any family or friend that have lost their life to COVID.

Therefore, please email memorial@passmoresacademy.com

by 22nd March at 9am with the name/picture of those you have lost so the presentation can be created in time.

We would also encourage all of the community to take part in the national 'Beacon of Light' event taking place at 8pm standing on your doorstep to shine a light in remembrance.

Having lost family and friends ourselves, we recognise that this could be a difficult day for some of our children and we will put support in place for those who need it in school.

Thank you for continued support and we will share the video with you when finished on Twitter or through the website.

Staggered Leaving Times – 26th March 2021

School closes for the Easter holidays from 12.30pm on Friday 26th March, with a staggered leaving time. All children will have their school dinner / packed lunch and the times below coincide with the staggered lunch times in place.

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

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and we have permission for them to walk home alone, they will be allowed to leave at the allocated time.

There is no after school club.

Parents Consultation

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join us for a parent consultation the week beginning 19th April. The teachers will conduct these via Teams and will contact you via Class Dojo on Monday 12th April to arrange a convenient time.

