

POTTER STREET ACADEMY NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to have a full school for the last three weeks and to observe how happy the children have been to return to the school environment.

It is a privilege to be part of this fabulous community and proudly reflect upon the wonderful effort every family, with the dedicated support of school adults, has put in to ensuring the Wellbeing of our pupils is at the heart of all we do, whilst maintaining our high standards.

With the optimism that spring and Easter bring, I look forward to returning to school together again on Monday the 12th April, 2021 for a successful Summer term.

I wish you all a happy Easter.

*Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher
Potter Street Academy*

Easter Holiday Lunch Club

Our friends at Changing Lives and The Red Balloon Foundation are running clubs with food, sports and activities for up to 60 primary age children at the following venues: Paringdon FC, Pemberley Academy, Passmores and Fawbert & Barnard School. In addition to this, Harlow Holiday Lunch Clubs are offering complimentary clubs with hot food and table activities for whole families at various church halls across town. The church clubs have been set up so that it would be possible for families to drop children at the big clubs and bring any remaining family members to the church clubs, have lunch and then return to pick their children up afterwards. Of course, any families not wanting to use the big children's clubs are welcome at the church ones anyway!

Please contact www.harlowlunch.org.uk where you can book all of the various clubs.

Stars of the Term

Well done to

EYFS	Olivia, Olly & Paige
Year 1	Tamera-Anne, Ollie & Leo
Year 2	Anthony-James, Ollie & Indie
Year 3	Calum, Molly & Kai
Year 4 Burman	Mikayla, Chloe & Dylan
Year 4 Lowry	Jayden, Archie & Ella
Year 5 Anderson	Ronnie, Sailajan & Laura
Year 5 Ofili	Thea, Chloe & Brody
Year 6 Banksy	Daniel, James & Lily-May
Year 6 Hirst	Ollie, Alix & Jordan

They have all been awarded a £5.00 Amazon voucher.



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.

Can You Help?

We are always updating and purchasing resources to support our curriculum and one of the companies we regularly work alongside is Pearson Publishing. Pearson have always had a good relationship with schools and as an employer in Harlow they offer a discount on their products if the children of their staff attend a local school.

Therefore, if you are employed by Pearsons it would be helpful if you could let us know by contacting the school office. We would then be able to receive a 50% discount on anything we order.

House Points

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



Dragon 5678



Griffin 5157



Lion 6367



Unicorn 5690

Testing

We just wanted to confirm the COVID tests available to you, which ones to use, when and other procedures as we know it can be confusing.

Regular Testing

Any household or support bubble with a member of school staff or a school age child can regularly test everyone in the house using a lateral flow test. School staff and secondary aged children are given tests, the rest of the household can order tests to be delivered to your home from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

If you test positive from your lateral flow test you must book a full PCR test at the test centre, your household must isolate from this point until you have a negative PCR test or track and trace tell you your isolation period has finished.

If someone in your household has symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature, loss of smell or taste)

You must book a full PCR test at a test centre or get one delivered to your home. Everyone in your house must isolate straight away until a negative test result is received or if the test result is positive and track and trace tell you your isolation period has finished.

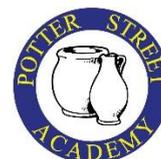
If someone is told to isolate by track and trace.

If you have come in to contact with someone who has tested positive you must follow the advice from track and trace, even if you have tested negative. This only applies to those who had contact unless someone in your household / support bubble later tests positive.

My child tests positive over the Easter Break

If your child tests positive for COVID19 during the Easter break please email -

admin@potterstreetacademy.com to notify us. We will still be working our track and trace system during the holidays and will need to



contact anyone within your child's bubble to tell them to isolate.

23rd March – Minutes Silence

On Tuesday 23rd March we marked the day that we went into the first lockdown. We took part in a minute's silence to remember the loved ones we have lost due to COVID 19. I was so proud of the children's respectful, thoughtful behaviour whilst observing this silence and the level of discussion and empathy it promoted.

Easter Packs

A home learning pack has been sent home today to help assist in supporting catch up. These need to be returned to school on Monday 12th April.

We are mindful of the need for family and down time, so we have ensured that this home learning is achievable.

School Lunches

After Easter we will not be allowing anything containing chocolate (including chocolate cake or anything containing chocolate chips) within the packed lunch boxes except for on Fridays. The school menu will also reflect this.

The new school menu, which starts when we return on 12th April, has been emailed to all parents and is also available on our website and APP.

Nuts – we have several children in school who are very allergic to nuts, as this can be an airborne allergy we ask parents please not to pack nuts of any kind in their child's lunch.

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.

Wellbeing

This month's mindfulness wellbeing calendar focuses on being active. Why not as a family take part in the Active April happiness calendar! <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/active-april>.

A great way to keep active and support one of your 5 ways to wellbeing! For more information about the 5 ways to wellbeing please visit our wellbeing page on our school website. The children have been thinking about different ways we could take part in 5 ways to wellbeing, why not ask them about what their suggestions are!

Mind West Essex are running two new upcoming programs due to start after Easter with a choice of course days/times. These will be held over zoom. (To access these courses the parent/carer needs to have a child at any Harlow school)

Details are as follows:

1) Helping you to support your child's emotions

4 weekly sessions held on Mondays 10:30-12:00pm

12	April	–	Session	1
19	April	–	Session	2
26	April	–	Session	3
10	May	–	Session	4

This course is suitable for parents with children aged 4-11 years old.

2) Helping you to support your child's emotions

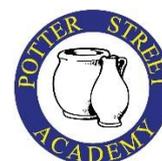
4 weekly sessions held on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm

13	April	–	Session	1
20	April	–	Session	2
27	April	–	Session	3
04	May	–	Session	4

This course is suitable for parents with children aged 4-11 years old.

To benefit from the program you will need to be able to attend all 4 sessions.

To book a place please email



trailblazer@mindinwestessex.org.uk and confirm you are able to attend all sessions and indicate which course you would like to enrol on (1, or 2).

Please include your **name, child's school, contact telephone number and email address**. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact **Kerry Lawson** 07935 067 383 www.mindinwestessex.org.uk

