

Potter Street Academy News

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. I apologise to those families who were directly affected by the burst water pipe and the closure of supervision rooms today.

On a positive note, it has been a successful half term. We are delighted that we have on average over 90% of our children regularly taking part in remote learning. I am sure you will agree that this is testament to teachers and to you, our parents and carers who are working so hard to provide children with the best opportunities for learning in challenging circumstances.

It has been lovely observing the children accessing live learning and in supervision rooms. Our supervision rooms have been amended in response to increased demand. As from Monday 22nd, there will be an EYFS room, a Year 1 and 2 room, a separate Year 3 room, a separate Year 4 room, a separate Year 5 room and a separate Year 6 room. Current drop off and collection arrangements are the same for all children except Year 2 who will now be in the Year 1 classroom and Year 4 who will be in Miss Game's classroom.

When we return after half term, we will be resuming our daily Maths lessons. On Wednesday 24th February, children will be taking part in Geography lessons.

We are not expecting children to take part in any remote learning over the half term break as we feel that children, parents and teaching staff need a break and we should all have some quality family time. We are also pleased to inform families who are entitled to free school meals, that you will be given vouchers for the half term holiday and these will be issued in the same way they have been this term. We also have access to food boxes for any family who needs food, please contact the school office (office@potterstreetacademy.com) if you would like one. Have an enjoyable weekend and as always thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely half term and thank you for your continued support.

Kath Holland

Associate Headteacher

Potter Street Academy

Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars!!

Beatrix Class	Olivia
Cobb Class	Maria
Hockney Class	Indie
Boyce Class	Poppy T
Burman Class	Nafeesa
Lowry Class	Samuel
Ofili Class	Megan
Anderson Class	Sailajan
Banksy Class	Rebecca
Hirst Class	Hughie



Make sure they look out for the post!!

Dance Challenge

Over half term we are setting a dance challenge, this is a community project involving lots of Harlow schools.

To take part in the challenge you will need to learn one or more of the dance moves from the video, the link is below, parents and pupils are able to take part. If you want to do your own dance and send it in, that will be fine, as long as it is to the same song: Uptown Funk.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9Zj1BaH01c>

When you have videoed yourself dancing, please send your clips to

it@purfordgreen.essex.sch.uk

Please keep the video in landscape (horizontal) as it will take up the entire screen when editing. Try to keep the video to less than a minute otherwise it may not upload properly.

The videos will be combined with other Harlow schools to show a combination of cooperation, community and physical activity. This will then be shared online with the participating schools and their communities.

By sending in your videos, you agree for them to be used for the final version of the video that will be published online.

If you would like to take part, have a go at the videos on the link or create your own. When complete, please email them all to it@purfordgreen.essex.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible sharing your moves!

Thank you
Mr Hammond and Mrs Taylor

Supervision Room

If you require a space in the supervision room, please let the school know by the Thursday before the week that it is needed. If you do require a space, please email office@potterstreetacademy.com. Thank you for your help.

If your child is due to attend the supervision room and will be absent, could you still call the office / absence line to advise the school of the reason.

CBBC is on You Tube

There has been an exciting revamp to the [CBBC YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/cbbc).

This is something you may be interested in for entertainment at half term and outside of home-schooling hours.

The videos that have been uploaded are suitable for 5-11 year olds. There is all the top CBBC brands on here, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. Also being welcomed back is Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker.

If you are interested in this, please subscribe to www.youtube.com/cbbc - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!).



Emotional Health and Wellbeing

This week we have launched on our website an entire section devoted entirely to Wellbeing. We also have a new email address where you can contact a member of our wellbeing team if you'd like any advice, support or just a chat. We can be contacted at wellbeingteam@potterstreetacademy.com

Next week is half term, you could use this time to follow some of the five ways to wellbeing; Connect, Take Notice, Be Active, Keep Learning and Give. If you would like some more information



about the 'Five ways to Wellbeing' and some activities that you can complete with your children, please look at our Wellbeing webpage on our website - Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a restful half term, please continue to take care of yourselves and your families.

Supporting Parents Helpfinder (Young Minds)

Times are tough for many people right now. Parents find themselves pulled in many different directions and children may be struggling being in the house for so much longer than usual. A mixture of concern about Covid, work from home and children at home, along with a possible financial impact make for a stressful household. Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder'. By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond).

Find the help finder here:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

Wellbeing Champions challenge

Over half term why not make a funny face (out of fruits and vegetables) showing any emotion you like. Why not give your 'character' a name and then take a photo of it? Then ask your adult if they can send it to Mrs Littlechild by class dojo/tapestry by **Monday 22nd February**.



Your Child's Wellbeing – How are we Doing?

Please take the time to complete the quick Google Form about how you view the Wellbeing provision we have in school. It won't take long and your views really do matter. The form will close on Monday 15th February 2021 so please click this link and tell us how you think we are doing and what we could be even better at. The form can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/ufH9b8ETw2EYyyq57>

Thank you.