

POTTER STREET ACADEMY NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a great start to the half term with several events taken place already in a short space of time. This term is always an exciting time as we fast approach the festive season, please keep upto date with all of our events, holidays and training days by checking the school calendar on our School App.

Y5 - KidZania

Going to KidZania was an amazing, fabulous experience because I got to try out so many different jobs and become an adult! Once we do a job, we get paid £5 – 10 kidZo's and get a photo!

Ruby P, Year 5

KidZania is all about showing children the different jobs you can do. There are lots of jobs you wouldn't think of which are in KidZania, e.g. window cleaning and wrap factory.

For each job we get about 8 – 12 kidZo's (KidZania money). KidZania gives such a realistic experience that you chose on the spot what job you would like.

Fatima, Year 5



Be Vigilant

We have received a report of a man sat in his car in the Potter Street area, looking at children in a way that has made them feel uncomfortable. We ask that parents and children are extra vigilant especially if children are allowed to walk to school on their own. The school has been in communication with the police who are currently investigating.

School Trips and Visits

Please can we remind parents and carers of some points regarding school trips. The school office will email information regarding the school trip to you and there will be a deadline given to you to give permission by and pay a contribution towards the trip. **If we do not receive permission by/on the deadline date, unfortunately your child will not be able to go on the trip.** As a school we need to set deadlines so that teachers can complete necessary risk assessments before the trip takes place and make sure we have enough adults to supervise. To avoid children missing out on going on trips and being disappointed, please ensure you check your emails on a regular basis as we cannot accept last minute permissions. We thank you for your understanding with this matter.



An evening of Mediumship

We have organised another evening of mediumship with Becs – this will be held on Thursday 13th February 2020.

Come along and join the fantastic Becs for an intimate evening of mediumship. Becs brings humour, laughter, emotion, tears and healing to the people that often need it most; don't miss out on this fantastic evening.

Tickets are now on sale at the school office, £12.00 per person (over 16's only).

Please come along and support this fundraising event, it will be a great evening and **all** the money raised is for the children at Potter Street Academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Poppy Appeal

Every year at Potter Street Academy we help to raise money for The British Legion through the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to the School Council for selling the items.

Remembrance Day Commemoration

This year the House Captains and Vice Captains from Potter Street, Purford Green and Passmores attended the Remembrance Day Commemoration at the war memorial near St Mary's Church in Potter Street. We were very proud of our pupils who remembered our country's heroes standing alongside members of our local community.



Anti-bullying

To promote anti-bullying this year, children in KS1 watched a company perform 'The Ugly Duckling' and KS2 children 'Captain Wonderweb and the Mysterious Cake'. Children have been reminded of the importance of telling a trusted adult if they feel they are being bullied so that we can help them in school.



Children In Need

This week our School Council led our Children in Need events in school. From participating in Joe Wick's fitness session in the morning, to the Cake Sale and then a visit from Pudsey! Thank you for all your donations and thank you to Miss Niven and the School Council for organising the day and raising £548.30.



Signposts for Parents

On our school website, in the community section, we have recently added details of different organisations and services that are available for you to access support and advice on different matters relating to personal issues you may be dealing with and parenting tips. Take a look www.potterstreetacademy.com

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Y4 – British Museum

The Year 4 children in both classes had an amazing time being historical detectives, observing a range of artefacts from the Egyptian, Roman and Viking eras. The children had the opportunity to see at close range the amazing items that have been recovered and preserved over the centuries and recognise the importance of history in telling the story of the human race.



Christmas Performance – EYFS and KS1

You should have received your tickets for these performance, EYFS have been allocated 4 tickets per family and KS1, 2 tickets per performance per family. If you have any spare tickets that you know that you will not need please return them to the school office.

House Points

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



Dragon 1992



Griffin 2046



Lion 2221



Unicorn 1466

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December, we're inviting all pupils to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. The whole school will be taking part by putting on a Christmas jumper for a great cause (children are permitted to wear their own clothes with their jumper).

We appreciate parents have paid out for a number of things recently and are therefore asking for a voluntary donation of £1.00, all the money raised will go to Save the Children and will help transform the futures of children in the UK and around the world.

There's no need to splash out on snazzy new sweaters to join in the fun – why not swap, borrow or bling up an old woolly with some festive decorations!

Thank you all for your support.



Christmas Fete



Our Christmas Fete, which is being held on Friday 13th December 2019 is fast approaching!

On the 28th November, we are asking for some help with fund raising, so please could you send your child into school with a donation, this day will also be a non-uniform day.

We are asking for the following:-

Reception	Packet / boxes of sweets
Y1	Chocolate
Y2	Biscuits
Y3	Toiletries
Y4	Toys / cuddly toys
Y5	Tins / packets of food
Y6	Any bottled goods (please note alcohol MUST be brought in by an adult)

Midday Assistant Vacancy

Potter Street Academy are seeking to appoint a reliable, enthusiastic and flexible person to join our friendly Midday Assistants team. Your primary role is to supervise and maintain the safety, welfare and good conduct of the children during the lunchtime period.

Working Pattern:
Monday to Friday 12:00 – 1:10pm

If you are interested in applying for the Midday Assistant vacancy please ask at the school office for an application form. Closing date for all applications is 13th December 2019.

Potter Street Academy are committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be subject to full employment checks and will require enhanced DBS, satisfactory references and medical clearance.

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Parent Governor

The opportunity to recruit an additional parent governor for the Potter Street Academy Local Governing Body has arisen. All parents and carers with parental responsibility for a student registered at Potter Street Academy are eligible to apply.

Governance is a challenging and demanding role, but also a very rewarding one. As a parent governor you would work in partnership with the senior leadership team, and co-operatively with other governors, to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children. If you are interested in applying please pop into the school office who will be happy to give you further information.

Christmas Panto

This year our children will be watching the pantomime 'Peter Pan. The performance will take place at Passmores Academy on Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am, with the whole school walking together at 9:00am. We will be back at school before lunchtime.

There is no charge for this event, money raised during the school year will be used for each child to attend.

I am sure the children will have a fantastic time and will enjoy the show.

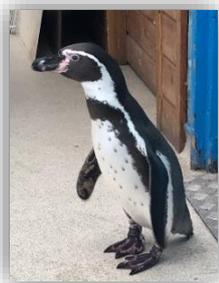
Y6 - Duxford

Last half term Y6 went to Duxford and had a fantastic time exploring the events and artefacts from WWII. The Y6 children saw planes, equipment, shelters and various uniforms from WWII. The children also had Mrs Jones give a re-enactment of what soldiers would have faced while they were on the D-day landing boat. This was an excellent trip for children to discover more about WWII in relation to what they are learning during their topic lessons.



Y2 – Colchester Zoo

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Colchester Zoo. We were lucky enough to see some fantastic animals including tiger and jaguar cubs! We even had a visit from Father Christmas and penguins! Some of us were feeling brave and held a cockroach. It was a great day and fun was had by all.



Football

Over fifty Y3/4 and Y5/6 boys and girls went to football tournaments this term. All of the children displayed amazing teamwork, communication and sportsmanship. All of the children had a wonderful time while participating at football. All children are welcome to join football club next term.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER 2019

28th Nov Non-uniform day – donations for Christmas Fete
29th Nov **Inset Day**

DECEMBER 2019

2nd Dec Open Afternoon - 1:30 – 2:30pm, Rec 2020
3rd Dec Sports for Champion Event, athlete Pierre Henry Fontaine visiting
6th Dec Y3 – Trip to Colchester Castle
10th Dec EYFS visiting Wright Court
11th Dec EYFS Christmas Performance, 09:30am – 11:00am
11th Dec KS1 Christmas Performance, 1:30pm – 3:00pm
11th Dec School Nurse to see Y6 – height and weight
13th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
13th Dec KS1 Christmas Performance, 09:30 – 11:00am
13th Dec Christmas Fayre, 3:00pm – 4:30pm
16th Dec End of Term Reward Trip
16th Dec Carol Singing at Passmores – All, **children only**, 09:30am – 11:30am
17th Dec All - Pantomime, Peter Pan at Passmores Academy
18th Dec Y3/4 Christmas Carols at Potter Street
19th Dec Christmas Dinner
19th Dec Class Christmas Parties
20th Dec End of Term, finish at 1:30pm – **no after school club**

JANUARY 2020

7th Jan All Children Return to School