

## potter street academy news

Dear Parents and Carers,

*It has been so lovely to end the year on a 'normal' term, not experiencing all the disruption that Covid caused. Resuming trips and events and welcoming parents back into school has been wonderful. A huge thank you and well done to Y6 who performed exceptionally well in their end of Key Stage Two SATs. I am pleased to inform you that these results are the highest that Potter Street has ever received. This demonstrates the hard work and commitment of all the year six team.*

*I wish to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to all your children and you for continuing to work in partnership with us to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children.*

*I hope you have a lovely Summer and I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September.*

Kath Holland

**Associate Headteacher**

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### Stars of the Term

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A big well done to our Stars of the Term:-



Nola Blue, Reef, Paula, Evie, Aiden, Olivia, Maria, Ollie, Anaryah, Lola, Viktoria, Vinny, Savannah, Calum, Reggie, Rosie, Archie, Isla-May, Mikayla, Rowan and Elizabeth.

Congratulations to these children who received the highest number of house points in their class this term. The children took part in fun activities and had a visit from the ice-cream man!!

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### Free School Meal Provision over the Summer Holiday

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If you are in receipt of free school meals for your child/children, you will receive an email with guidance on how to redeem your FSM voucher. You will receive one voucher for £75.00.

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### PE Kit Needed in School

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Please ensure all children have their full PE kit in school when they return after the summer break. This is shorts, house top and plimsolls / trainers.

All lessons will take place outside even if it is cold. Only heavy rain will prevent classes going out so please make sure your child has a black or grey tracksuit as part of their PE kit.

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### House Points

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Children are busy earning house points by showing how well they keep the school values – responsibility, respect, resilience and relationships.



**Dragon** 4088



**Griffin** 4058



**Lion** 4011



**Unicorn** 4516

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## Winning Houses

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Well done to Unicorn House who are the overall winning house.

Winning houses for: -

### Sports Day

KS1 Lion

KS2 Unicorn

Attendance - Unicorn

Values - Dragon

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## Year 1 – Walton-on-the-Naze

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Year One enjoyed their trip to Walton on the Naze in June. After our fun coach journey, with lots of singing and games, we headed straight to the beach where we built sandcastles and paddled in the sea. After lunch on the sea front we had an ice cream. All of the children had a great time!



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## Can You Apply for Free School Meals?

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If your child is in Year R – Year 2 from September, they will continue to be entitled to universal free school meals meaning the Government pays for your child to have a school dinner every day. Children in Year 3 – Year 6 must apply for free school's meals. We are aware that many people's

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circumstances have changed over the last few months. If you think you may now be entitled to claim free school meals (because you are receiving universal credit) the office is able to carry out a quick online check for you before you apply. Please call Mrs Gant who will help to see if you are entitled. Even if you don't want your child to have a school dinner, the school receives additional funding for every eligible child.

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## Uniform

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As we begin to prepare for the summer, just a few reminders about school uniform

- All children should be in school uniform with black shoes
  - Children's PE top needs to be the house colour of the house they are in
  - Children must have a change of footwear for PE
  - Jewellery is not allowed in school, earrings should only be studs and children must be able to take them out themselves
  - All our uniform can be purchased from Create Identitee
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## Jackie Jackson Award

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At the end of each academic year, one year 6 pupil is awarded the Jackie Jackson Award. The person chosen by the Year 6 team will have met high standards for behaviour, attendance and progress since their time at Potter Street Academy. It is with great pleasure to announce Jesse P has received this award.

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## School Meal Costs

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Just a reminder that the cost of a school meal when we return in September will be £2.20.

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## Time to Say Goodbye

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We were very pleased that we were able to say goodbye to children in Year 6 with a leaver's assembly. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

This year we are saying goodbye to Mrs Riggall and Mrs Tracey who are joining Purford Green, Mrs Richie who is joining The Downs Primary and Mr Williams who is leaving us to join another school. A huge thank you to them all for their hard work and dedication – we wish them every success in their new roles.

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## Welcome To

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We are very lucky to be welcoming Mrs Duncan, from Purford Green and Ms Stammers who will be a trainee teacher in Year 6. Miss Hutson who has been at Potter Street as an Intervention Teacher is now joining us as a class teacher in Year 5.

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## Thank you

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To our amazing Year 1's who went litter picking and are helping to keep the school grounds clean and tidy.



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## Y5 Sleepover

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Year 5 had an amazing time at their recent sleepover. They played rounders, watched a film, ate pizza, toasted marshmallows, played board games, ate snacks and spent time with their friends.



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## Class Names

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This year our class names link to British Musical Composers.

EYFS: Rachel Portman

Year 1: Gustav Holst

Year 2: Toby Marlow

Year 3: Benjamin Britten

Year 4: Max Richter

Year 5: Lucy Moss

Year 6 (Mrs Barnes Martin): Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber

Year 6 (Miss Stoneman): Sir Elton John

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## PTA

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Thank you to our PTA who purchased our leaver's hoodies for our Year 6 children. Also, a huge thank you for organising a brilliant disco for children. We would love to recruit additional members for September, if you are interested in joining, please let the school office know.

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## Sporting News

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This year for the first time at Potter Street, we have been awarded a Gold School Games Mark. This shows the hard work all staff have put in this year with the curriculum, clubs and attending sporting events.

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## Summer Reading

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Over the holidays please encourage your children to read. Aside from the sheer joy of exercising the imagination, research shows reading for pleasure improves literacy, social skills, health, and learning outcomes.

There will be an annual Summer Reading Challenge organised by Essex Libraries, please encourage your children to take part in this over the summer. This year the theme is 'Gadgeteers'. Children can join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around them, including some of their favourite things! for more information go to

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**Please remember 31<sup>st</sup> August is an Inset day and all the children should return to school on 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

*All that leaves us to do is wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday!!*

