

May 2022

NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short but busy half term. It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you to our class assemblies. We have missed sharing the children's achievements with you.

We are looking forward to our jubilee celebrations on Friday and look forward to welcoming families to this event. If the weather is good, extended family members are welcome. In the event of bad weather, each class will share their work on their decade in their classroom. If this is the case, we will only be able to accommodate parents and carers. We will inform you of arrangements on the day.

The summer term is very busy, so please look at the list of dates to ensure you do not miss anything.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher

Testing Times

A huge well done to all children in years 2 and 6 who have recently completed their SATs. We were impressed at their positive attitudes and motivation to succeed. Thank you to all staff who prioritised the wellbeing of pupils. A big thank you to all our parents / carers for their support.

Holidays During Term Time

This is just to remind parents that we are unable to authorise holiday absence during term time and we do issue fixed penalty notices of £60 per parent per child. Please factor in these extra costs if you decide to book a holiday. We appreciate that many families have not had a holiday for a couple of years and holidays are cheaper during term time, but DFE guidance is very clear as absence from school has a significant impact on the progress child make.

After School Club – 7th June

Due to staff training, there will be no after school club on 7th June.

Still Outstanding - Schoolgate Nursery

We are very pleased to be sharing the amazing news that Schoolgate Nursery is celebrating an outstanding grading from their recent Ofsted inspection in March. This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to all of the hard work and dedication of such an amazing team. Owner, Anita Parrish was delighted with the report. Ms Parrish said: "We are all so proud that our continuous hard work, care and commitment to our children and their families has been recognised once again, especially with the challenges the past couple of years have brought with the Covid pandemic.

"All my hard working staff Sam, Stacey, Maxine and Terri are amazing and all bring different skills to the setting.

"We are a good team that work well together to create our home from home setting that children enjoy attending.

"We are all very proud to have kept our outstanding rating. The OFSTED inspector was pleased to see the children were all happy



playing and taking part in purposeful activities and the children had strong bonds with the staff. "The inspector was also pleased to see and hear that everyone had a good knowledge and understanding of safeguarding in all areas".

House Points

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



Dragon 3400



Griffin 3446



Lion 3325



Unicorn 3731

Y6 Transition

All Y6 children transferring from Potter Street will have their final day on 8th July and will begin full time at Passmores on 11th July. For those children that are not transferring to Passmores, parents can still choose to send their children to Passmores for these two weeks so they can experience secondary school life or they can choose to leave their children with us at Potter Street – please let your child's teacher know by 17th June your preferred option. A detailed letter regarding this and other Y6 news was sent to parents on 20th May, if you did not receive a copy of this, please ask at the school office who will be happy to supply this for you.

Y5 - Passmores

During the week of 9th May Year 5 children spent each morning at Passmores. This was an exciting opportunity for them to experience life and

learning at a secondary school as well as spending time getting to know Passmores staff.



Sports Activity Day

We would like to thank Passmores for providing our children with this excellent opportunity.

Y5, Visit from a Scientist

Year Five were lucky enough to have a visit from a scientist from Charles River. The day started by learning about the day-to-day life of a scientist. The children learnt how proteins are turned in to Chrystal and used to help with different medicines. After this, they were taught how to analyse data from their recent rocket experiment where they tested how length could affect how far a rocket travelled. Please check out our Twitter page.

Current Y4 Parents

From September 2022, Year 5 children will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the day, only Year 6 children will be able to walk home alone. We feel that regular contact with school will be more beneficial to children.

Y4 Cricket Day

Year 4 had the opportunity to watch some international cricketers at Chelmsford CloudFM ground. They spent the day learning how to keep score and picking up some rules as Essex took on Yorkshire. At lunch time, pupils took to the pitch to have a go at "3 bat" cricket matches. The weather was kind to us and everyone had fun.



Class Assemblies

All class assemblies start at 09:15am and will last approximately 20 minutes.

As a preference we are still asking for visitors to wear a face mask / covering due to the large number of people that will be in the school hall.

CLASS	PUPIL
Greaves – Y1	16 th June
Pavell – Y3	23 rd June
Hird – Y4	9 th June
Musk and Dabril – Y6	8 th June

Jubilee Celebrations – 27th May 2022

Just a reminder - all parents / carers are invited from 1:30pm to come and celebrate with us, where you will be entertained by a jubilee performance from each year group – please bring a blanket to sit on as weather permitting all performances will take place outside!!

This will be followed by a prize giving ceremony for:-

- Best design of Jubilee Platinum plate
- Best dressed for the day

We look forward to seeing you all!!!!

DATES FOR THE DIARY JUNE 2022

27 th May	Queen's Jubilee Event Finish for half term (normal time)
6 th June	Children return to school Y6 children swimming – Stewards
7 th June	No after school club – staff training
8 th June	Y5 children swimming – Leisurezone Y6 class assembly – 9:15am
9 th June	Y4 class assembly – 9:15am
13 th June	Y6 children swimming – Stewards
14 th June	Cheerleading festival
15 th June	Y5 children swimming – Leisurezone
16 th June	Y1 class assembly – 9:15am
17 th June	Kwik Cricket, Harlow Town Cricket Club – Y6
19 th – 22 nd June	Residential trip to Norfolk – Y6
22 nd June	Y5 children swimming – Leisurezone
23 rd June	Y3 class assembly – 9:15am 1:30pm – new intake meeting for reception 2022/23
27 th June	Y6 children swimming – Stewards
30 th June	All Year 6 visit secondary school for the day (children to go direct to their new school)
6 th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly @ 4.00pm
7 th July	Y6 children attending Stewards visit for the day
8 th July	Y6 last day
11 th July	Children move up to their new class Friday
22 nd Jul	End of Summer term school finishes @ 1.30pm

