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NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of term approaches, our children may be anxious about moving to their new class. This is one of the reasons we start transition into our new classes before the summer.

You will be informed of your child's new class via email tomorrow. This will allow YOU to prepare your child for this change. During the transition weeks, they will spend time revising our school values and expectations, thinking about their aspirations, learning about their new class name and learning the routines in their new year group.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Sports Day yesterday. Thank you for ensuring this was an enjoyable experience for all.

*Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher*

Create Identitee – Discount Week

Create Identitee is offering a 10% discount on any school uniform purchased between Monday 17th July until Sunday 23rd July. If ordering online there will be a discount code on the web shop for customers to use to get the discount, in store it will be applied at the point of payment.

Store opening hours

Mon-Fri, 9:00am – 7:00pm
Sat, 9:00am – 2:00pm
Sun, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Parndon Wood – Y4

Our recent school trip to Parndon Wood proved to be an enriching adventure, perfectly aligned with our science topic of 'Habitats.' Guided by our knowledgeable instructor, our students embarked on an educational nature walk, immersing themselves in the captivating world of diverse flora and fauna thriving within the woodland. We were even fortunate enough to spot the entrances to Badger Dens/Setts!

Following the nature walk, the much-awaited bug hunting session took centre stage. Equipped with bug jars and brimming with curiosity, the students eagerly scoured the woodland floor, discovering a captivating array of insects. From familiar wood lice to elusive millipedes, the children carefully observed, identified, and marvelled at the incredible diversity of insect life residing within Parndon Wood.

The school trip to Parndon Wood was an success. We commend the students for their unwavering enthusiasm, exemplary behaviour, and active engagement with all the activities.

Leeds Castle – Y1

Year One had a wonderful trip to Leeds Castle. When they arrived we were able to board a train which took us to the castle where they had a tour and enjoyed looking at all the artefacts. They learnt about the castles and how they were used to defend people. After lunch, they took part in a reenactment of The Swan Princess and Year One students displayed their acting skills. Year One had a great time.





Sporting Events

Two teams of years 5 and 6 attended a Dynamos cricket tournament. All the children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and resilience and most importantly had lots of fun! We are very proud of the progress the children made as the day went on listening and using all the guidance and skills given by the experienced umpires.



End of Year Transition Arrangements

On arrival to school on Monday 17th July, children will come in at the usual time and be greeted by their current class teacher and go to their classroom. All children will then attend an assembly and told their new class teachers for next year.

Y6 Leavers Assembly

On 12th July, Year 6 will be taking part in their leaver's assembly which will take place at Potter Street; children are asked to stay in school so they

are ready for the 4:00pm start. Parents / Carers should arrive at school at 3:55pm for a 4:00pm start. Two people per family are welcome to attend.

Year 6 children will leave school on Friday 14th July. We will celebrate this transition with our traditional leaver's arch at 2:55pm with the rest of the school. Year 6 parents are welcome to wait on the KS2 playground to watch their child leave.

End of year assessments

Class teachers will be providing you with outcomes from your child's end of year assessments before they move up to their new class. Parents and carers of children in Year 1 will also be informed if your child passed their phonics screening and parents and carers of children in year 4 will be informed of the results of the multiplication check.

School Meal Costs

We are all very much aware of the rising costs of fuel and food recently and schools are not immune to these additional costs. In September we will need to increase our costs to £2.40 per day to help cover increasing costs to the school. I'm sure everyone will understand our need to do this.

Staffing

Miss Stoneman, Mrs Leland and Mrs Ward are sadly leaving us at the end of term. They have been part of Potter Street's journey to a good school for many years.

We thank them for their commitment to Potter Street and the children in their care. They all have contributed significantly to our happy and successful school. They will be missed!

However, we are delighted that Miss Stoneman and Mrs Leland are staying within PCLC and they will be working at Purford Green from September.

We are pleased to inform you that Miss Marie Stammers (who has been working in Y6 this year) will be joining us in September and we are also welcoming Mrs Sandra Obeng.

Dates for the Diary

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the Diary:

3 rd & 4 th July	Y5 Visit to Passmores
5 th July	Rock Steady Parent Concert
7 th July	Y1 & 2 Mini Olympics
10 th July	Y6 – Southend
11 th July	Y4 to Passmores to watch Production of Mary Poppins
12 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
13 th July	Maths Day
	Y5 Sleepover
14 th July	Class Parties
	Y6 Last Day
17 th – 21 st July	Y6 at Passmores
17 th July	Children in New Classes
19 th July	Star of the Term Reward Trip
21 st July	Last Day, finish at 1:30pm (No after school club)
1 st Sept	Inset Day
4 th September	Inset Day
5 th September	Children Return to School

