

March 2023

NEWSLETTER

potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we arrive at the end of a very busy term, I would like to thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to ensure we maintain our high standards and the Wellbeing of our children is at the heart of all we do.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Mother's Day celebration where all children performed their song beautifully and were happy to celebrate with the special women in their lives.

I wish you all a happy Easter.

Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher

FSM Vouchers

We would like to confirm that families who receive FSM vouchers will continue to do so over the Easter Holiday. These will be sent to you in the normal way.

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

Knowing how to reduce the risk of fire in your home is an important part of living safe and well. Essex County Fire & Rescue Service offer a **free** Home Safety/Safe and Well Visits to any Essex resident. If you do not have working smoke alarms or have working smoke alarms but would like more information about how to live safely and securely at home, book one of the **free** visits today.

Call 0300 303 0088

Email, follow the Home Fire Safety Link on the website

www.essex-fire.gov.uk

House Points

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



Dragon 2354



Griffin 2045



Lion 2157



Unicorn 2492

Congratulations Lion House for winning the House trophy with the most house points during all of Spring term.

Well done to Dragon House for winning the School Values trophy for the Spring Term.

Well done to Unicorn House for achieving the best attendance for the Spring term.

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Parent Support for Social Media

We recently sent you an email with an information sheet regarding parental controls and setups.

One of our parents contacted us and told us about another safety measure called Family Safety, it sends parents weekly updates on what your child/ren access and also blocks any websites that are not appropriate for their age group.

Sporting Events

Tag Rugby

This term Year 5 girls enjoyed a morning of tag rugby. This was quite a new sport to some of the girls and they displayed real determination to learn the sport and the rules of the game. By the end of the morning, they were playing as a promising team. Mrs Jones was proud to observe the support and encouragement the girls were giving each other.

The following week two teams of Year 6 girls and boys attended a tag rugby tournament. Both teams were hard working and exhibited great resilience and sportsmanship resulting in some fantastic games.

Finally, it was Year 3 and 4's morning of tag rugby and not even the snow could stop them! Both teams demonstrated amazing resilience, put 100% into all of their games and had lots of fun.

Tri-Golf

Year 3/4 also had the opportunity to attend a Tri Golf event. This was a fantastic festival and the children were able to participate in lots of different courses set out, each with a new challenge and practising and lots of different golfing techniques.



Class Photos

Our school photographer is booked to come into school on Thursday 4th May to take class photos.

Packed Lunches

Just a reminder that chocolate in packed lunches is only allowed on a Friday. If your child does have a chocolate snack on a Friday, please can you ensure this is a small bar of chocolate.

Children with chocolate items in packed lunch boxes on days other than a Friday or chocolate bars that are considered too large, will bring it home to eat at home with you.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a fantastic way for the school to communicate with our families and provides a great opportunity for families to interact with teachers, upload any home learning and complete additional tasks.

If you need any other 'school' information / guidance please continue to call the school office who will be happy to help, this includes child absence and any changes to the arrangements for collection of children.

Please be mindful teachers do not have the opportunity to check dojo during the day as they are teaching and are therefore unable to respond or read any messages.

World Book Day – 2nd March

On 2nd March, the children and staff at Potter Street celebrated World Book Day. Throughout the day, children enjoyed listening to a range of different stories and completing activities linked to these. The children were immersed in a world of stories to further promote our love of reading at school. It was fantastic to see the children dressed up as their favourite characters from a range of books.

Comic Relief – 17th March

On the 17th of March, the children raised money for Red Nose Day. With your help, we were able to raise £140.36 for the charity. Thank you.

Y6 – Crucial Crew

On 21st March, Year 6 attended Crucial Crew. Crucial Crew is an interactive safety initiative based around key life skills for 10 -11-year-olds. This is an annual event organised by Harlow Council and designed to put local school children's safety skills to the test. They all had a very enjoyable day.

Stars of the Term

Our stars of the term enjoying their trip to Wild 'n' Wacky. Well done to all!!! Members of the public commented on how polite and well behaved our children were.

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| EYFS | Olivia, Harley, Mehnaz |
| Y1 | Paula, Reef, Esme |
| Y2 | Beau, Rayan, Brianna |
| Y3 | Anaryah, Saarra, Leo |
| Y4 | Lamara, Vinny, David |
| Y5 | Kai, Janelle, Franka |
| Y6 – Elton John | Archie, Zahra, Mason |
| Y6 – Lloyd Webber | Dylan, Nafeesa, Papa |

Message from SEND Team

There are times when parents will need information from us about their child's needs, especially if it's regarding a child's special need or disability. We are always happy to help but please take note that forms will take 10 working days for us to complete.

Please consider this when making your request to school so you don't miss any deadlines for referrals or applications you might need them for.

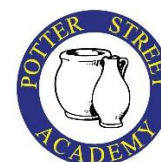
Staffing

When we return in April, Mrs Barnes-Martin will start a new and exciting role within the PCLC where she will be working across the three primaries in the Trust, she will work at Potter Street on Thursday and Friday.

Ms Stammers, who has worked in Year 6 at Potter Street since the beginning of the academic year, will become the new Year 6 teacher Monday - Thursday and Mrs Barnes Martin will teach in Y6 on a Friday.

Time to Say Goodbye

After nearly 9 years, Ms Fagg is leaving Potter Street Academy. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support and wish her the best of luck for her future.



Dates for the Diary

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| 31 st March | Quad bikes festival (Y3/4) |
| 31 st March | School finishes at 1.30pm for Easter holidays – no after school club |
| 17 th April | Children return to school |
| 21 st April | Reports to parents Swimming gala, Y5/6 |
| 25 th April | Due to staff training there will be no after school club |
| 27 th April | Y1 class assembly |
| 28 th April | New cycling festival, Y6 |
| 1 st May | Bank Holiday |
| 8 th May | Bank Holiday |

