

January 2023

# NEWSLETTER

## potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated happy new year to all of our families. The children have settled back into school successfully and we appreciate your continued support and partnership with us in order to maintain our high expectations. This includes children's behaviour and learning in and around school. I would like to remind you that we expect all our children to wear the correct uniform and complete home learning. Children who do not complete their home learning in KS2, will spend some of their lunchtimes completing it. If your child is experiencing difficulties, please let their teacher know so that we can support you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kath Holland

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### Emailing the School

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If you wish to contact the school via email, please do so by using the email address [admin@potterstreetacademy.com](mailto:admin@potterstreetacademy.com).

Some parents are emailing us on the Potter Street Academy (Please Do Not Reply) email address. This account is not monitored for responses and we are concerned we may miss important correspondence from yourselves.

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### Updated Information

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Please ensure that the school office has updated contact information and details such as telephone numbers and email addresses so that all letters and school information is able to reach you. We need 3 contact details for every pupil to meet safeguarding requirements.



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### Staff Training Days

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As previously advised, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January is an inset day. Dates for 2022/23 are on our APP and website.

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### Harlow Educational Awards

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On Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>, The Harlow Educational Awards took place where children from Potter Street Academy were nominated.

Our previous year 6 children from the last academic school year (Hayden, Thea, Faaiza and Ronnie) alongside Dominic in current Year 5 were nominated for the awards.

- Thea was nominated for the Kindness Award.
- Faaiza was nominated for the Outstanding Achievement award.
- Ronnie was nominated for the Overcoming Adversity Award.
- Hayden was nominated for the Outstanding Effort Award.
- Dominic was nominated for the Contribution to the Wider Community Award.

We are delighted to share that Hayden and Dominic both won the overall award in their categories. All of the children should be very proud of their nominations and for their awards.

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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 1482**



**Griffin 1270**



**Lion 1285**



**Unicorn 1500**

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## Parents Consultations

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These are being held on:

7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1:30 – 4:00pm

8<sup>th</sup> Feb 4:00 – 6:30pm

Further details will follow.

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## Healthy Start Vouchers

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Expectant mums or families who have a child/ren under the age of four **and** are on benefits, could qualify for Healthy Start vouchers which enable them to get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables and infant formula milk. They can also get free vitamins for themselves and their child.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

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## Time To Talk

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Potter Street Academy and MIND are hosting a Time To Talk event on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3:10pm in our school hall; this is in support of children's mental health.

This event will include various wellbeing activities, arts and crafts and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

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## Author Visit

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On the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of January, the author C. S. Clifford will be visiting.

The children in all year groups will receive a writing challenge followed by class workshops linked to the visiting author's books. Children may purchase a copy of one of C. S. Clifford's books on the day; please look at the following website: [www.csclifford.co.uk](http://www.csclifford.co.uk) to decide which book you wish to purchase. At the end of the day, Steve Clifford will be available to sign any purchased books and meet parents and children.

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## Sporting Events


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What a fantastic start to the new term in PE. KS2 children have already had the opportunity to attend two sporting events. Pupils in years 3 and 4 took part in a Boccia tournament. Our two teams played very well and used the opportunity to apply techniques they had learnt in previous PE lessons. Year 6 students were able to attend a Tchoukball session. This was a completely new sport for our pupils who displayed great resilience and determination to learn Tchoukball. By the end of the tournament all children had understood the objective and the rules of the game.

We continue to be very proud of children at Potter Street Academy who consistently display all of our school values when attending out of school events.



## Dates for the Diary



27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Inset Day
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Author visit
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Author visit
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y5 class assembly Time to Talk, hosted by Potter Street Academy and MIND – 3:10pm in school hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y5 to Kidzania
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents consultation afternoon
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents consultation evening
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 class assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Non uniform day Last day of half term – normal finishing hours
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Spring disco