

November 2022

# NEWSLETTER

## potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

*It has been lovely to have parents and carers back in school with us for parent consultation meetings or reading mornings in EYFS and KS1 workshops. Thank you to all parents and carers who took time to complete our annual parent survey. We had 119 responses. The results can be found on our website under Our Community, parent views. Thank you for so many positive comments. These are appreciated by all staff. All comments are discussed and any suggested areas of improvement addressed. I would like to reiterate that if you have any specific concerns please make an appointment.*

*I hope you all have a lovely weekend.*

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### School Photos

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The children had their individual and sibling photographs taken on 17<sup>th</sup> November. The photography company no longer supply proofs and now use Photo Tickets. Photo Tickets have been handed to the parent / child by the class teacher, you can scan the QR code from these to view and order the photos. If you have not received your proof, please inform the school office.

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### Reminder - Primary School Places for Sept 2023

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You can apply for a Reception school place at an Essex primary school between 7th November 2022 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

You must submit an application by the national closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Applications received after this date are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

It is the parents / carers responsibility to apply for a school place at the correct times. Essex County Council no longer send letters to inform you to apply for your child's school place.

Applications for a primary school place can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

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### Sporting Events

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Another exciting month for sports events! Children in Y5 had the opportunity to take part in a Dodgeball tournament. The teams that competed displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork and had lots of fun. Another group of children from KS2, took part in the first ever cycling festival. The children had to complete various events including a timed obstacle course and an endurance track. They loved this tournament and were given the opportunity to share their opinions to enable the sports leaders to adapt the cycling festival for future events.

We are very proud of the children at Potter Street Academy for continuing to show our school values when visiting other schools for sporting events.



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## Tracksuits

Thank you and well done to Mrs Rosie Jones who has acquired tracksuits for our children to wear at future sporting events.



## Y4 – Epping Museum

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Year 4 went to Epping Forest Museum. They learned about the Vikings including how some of our towns/cities have Viking or Anglo-Saxon names. They talked about the Viking activity in our local area and investigate artefacts! They discussed what they were used for. In the afternoon, they made Viking helmet masks and toured the museum solving riddles and clues about different Viking artefacts.

As they left, they passed what is thought to be the burial spot of King Harold II who fought against the Vikings and William the Conqueror! The children were well behaved and a credit to our school!



## Anti-Bullying Week

During the week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> November all of the children took part in anti-bullying activities following the theme of Reach Out. We discussed what constitutes bullying.

Bullying is when someone deliberately hurts you or your feelings repeatedly. A person can be hurt by words or actions, in person or online. We reminded children who we could reach out to if we witnessed or were a victim of bullying. The children discussed different scenarios through role play and writing. Some children also wore odd socks to pass on the message that we are all different. If your child shares with you that they are being bullied, please contact your child's class teacher.



## Children In Need

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November the whole school took part in activities to raise money for Children in Need. Everyone wore pyjamas, took part in a live work out with Joe Wicks and sold or brought cakes. The children had a great day and altogether helped to raise £300.20 for a very worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who made or donated cakes.



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## World Café Day

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On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November the children all participated in World Cafe Day. We celebrated some of the cultures of pupils and staff in our school including Ghana, Hungary, Jamaica, Canada, Latvia, Albania, Portugal and Turkey. The children learned key facts about the countries including continents, capital cities and languages spoken. They also experienced art, music, sport and traditional dress. Finally in the afternoon we came together to have a taste of each their cuisine. The children had a brilliant day and learned lots about the World around us.

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## Christmas Bazaar

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Our Christmas Bazaar is being held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. We are asking that pupils come into school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in non-school uniform. Instead of bringing in money, we are asking that children bring in an item from the list below to go onto our tombola stall. Here are some suggested items for your child's class.

EYFS   Packets/ boxes of sweets  
Year 1   Chocolate  
Year 2   Biscuits  
Year 3   Toiletries  
Year 4   Tins/packets of food/jars  
Year 5   Sweets

Year 6   Any bottled good (please note that any alcohol MUST be brought in by an adult)

In addition to this, we would like to hold a teddy tombola. For this to happen we are asking for any teddy donations. Please could they be in a clean and good condition. Teddy donations can be brought in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

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## Christmas Events

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We will be emailing a letter to all parents / carers advising them of all events planned for December on Friday.

Please refer to our School App for the full list of events for the academic year

You can access our school APP by downloading Piota Schools from the Google Play or Apple Store.

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Dates for  
the Diary:

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu immunisations
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Non uniform day – donations for Christmas bazaar
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 trip to Colchester Zoo
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 singing at Wrights Court
8 <sup>th</sup> December	PS cheerleading festival at Mark Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas jumper day Road safety training – EYFS / Y5 Christmas bazaar
13 <sup>th</sup> December	School panto
14 <sup>th</sup> December	AM – EYFS performance / PM – KS1 performance
15 <sup>th</sup> December	AM – KS1 performance Y3/4 carols
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner Class parties
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of school, finish at 1:30pm (no after school club)
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Children return to school

