

potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank all the children, families and staff for a fantastic start to this year! I hope you all find the Parent Consultation Meetings useful. As you know, we expect 100% attendance and teachers are very accommodating to ensure this can be achieved. I will call all parents who have not yet managed to make an appointment in order for you to continue to work in partnership with us

We wish you all a happy half term and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 31st October.

Mrs Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher

Harvest Festival

Thank you for the excellent response to our request for donations of food for the harvest festival. All food has been donated to Harlow Foodbank.



House/Vice Captains

Well done to everyone who took part and had the courage and resilience to deliver fantastic speeches. A huge congratulations to Megan, Samuel, Chloe and Archie who are House Captains and to Rosie, Korey, Mason and Mason who are the Vice Captains.

House Points

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



Dragon 528



Griffin 456



Lion 455



Unicorn 531



PTA

As a PTA, our events rely heavily on the school community, the more members we have, the more events we can run and we can make them bigger and more exciting than ever before!! We have had some hugely successful and enjoyable events over the year and have been able to provide some excellent resources and experiences for the children.

Join the PTA!



We are looking for new members to join our existing group of parents and are holding an informal get together on **3rd November at 09:00am**, if you are interested in joining the PTA please pop along for a coffee and chat!! We look forward to seeing you.



Spooky/Sparkly Disco

Thank you to our wonderful PTA who organised the Spooky/Sparkly Disco on 14th October. The children loved dancing and singing along to all the songs!! Thank you also to our parents who supported the disco and helped the school raise much needed funds.

Reminder - Secondary School Places for Sept 2023

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place between 12th September and 31st October 2022.

You must submit an application by the national closing date of 31st October. Late applications may reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

World Mental Health Day – 10.10.22

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for World Mental Health Day. We have raised £121.15 which has been donated to YoungMinds.

Once again many thanks for your continued support.

Non-uniform Day – 19th October

On Wednesday 19th October there will be a non-uniform day for the children and staff.

The School Council and House Captains have chosen the theme of Rainbow Colours in connection with the Colour / Worry Monsters we have in class and the colours of our 5 Ways to Well-being. The children can focus on wearing their favourite colours and brightening our day!

If possible, we are asking for a £1.00 donation for our school fund. Our school fund money is always spent on activities / extra resources for Potter Street children. Please give all donations to the class teacher.

Reminder - Primary School Places for Sept 2023

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

You must submit an application by the national closing date of 15th 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 secondary and primary school places can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

FSM Vouchers

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



Sporting Events

Children from Potter Street Academy have enjoyed taking part in various sports tournaments this half term; PE Festival, Futsal, Best Team Football and Girls football.

The children that have participated in these tournaments have shown great determination, sportsmanship and resilience. They have worked as a team and given 100% to each sport and match.

We are very proud of them for continuing to show our school values when visiting other venues as well as having lots of fun!



School Menu



When we return to school on 31st October, we will be on week one from the school menu. A copy of the menu is available on our school app and website.

Reception 2023 Tours

The application process opens in November for a child who is due to start school in September 2023. We are offering tours of the school for these families.

If you would like to book one of tours, please contact the school office on 01279 866504.

The dates are:-

- **Monday 7th November - 1:30pm**
- **Thursday 24th November - 9:30am**
- **Wednesday 11th January - 9:30am**

Reminders

Please ensure that your children's book bags, lunch boxes, water bottles and ALL clothing, including shoes and coats are labelled.

Please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up promptly, school doors open from 8:40am and learning tasks begin at this time, all children should be in class by 8:50am. If you are using our breakfast club, children MUST be accompanied into the main office for registration. Payments for dinners, breakfast club and after school club must be paid for in advance via the online payment system.

Children Arriving Late to School

We have been monitoring the punctuality of the children in the mornings and unfortunately there are a few children who are arriving late for school, even a minute or two late is unsettling for most children.

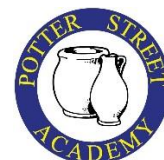
If your child is in KS2 and is late to school, they will be required to make the time of lost learning up in their lunchbreak.

Parents Consultation Meetings

18th October
19th October

Evening Consultation
Afternoon Consultation

These meetings are held to give you the opportunity to discuss your child's achievement so far this year and to inform you of where your child is currently working and to discuss how you can support your child in helping them reach their targets. If you have not made an appointment yet, please contact your child's class teacher.



Midday Assistant Vacancy

Potter Street Academy are seeking to appoint a reliable, enthusiastic and flexible person to join our friendly Midday Assistants team. Your primary role is to supervise and maintain the safety, welfare and good conduct of the children during the lunchtime period.

Working Pattern:

Monday to Friday 12:00 – 1:10pm

If you are interested in applying for the Midday Assistant vacancy, please ask at the school office for an application form. Closing date for all applications is Friday 4th November.

Potter Street Academy are committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be subject to full employment checks and will require enhanced DBS, satisfactory references and medical clearance.

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

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Dates for
the Diary:

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19 th October	Children finish for Half Term
31 st October	Children return to school
17 th November	Individual school photos
18 th November	Children in need
22 nd November	Y4 trip to Epping Museum
25 th November	Inset Day
29 th November	Y3 trip to Colchester Castle
1 st December	Flu immunisations
5 th December	Y2 trip to Colchester Zoo
9 th December	Xmas jumper day
	Road safety training – EYFS / Y5
	Christmas bazaar
13 th December	School panto
14 th December	AM – EYFS performance / PM – KS1 performance
15 th December	AM – KS1 performance
	Y3/4 carols
20 th December	Christmas dinner
21 st December	Last day of school, finish at 1:30pm (no after school club)
9 th January 2023	Children return to school

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