

October 2023

NEWSLETTER

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 found the Parent Consultation Meetings useful. As you know, we expect 100% attendance and teachers are very accommodating to ensure this can be achieved. If you are having any difficulty making an appointment, please contact the school office.

We wish you all a happy half term and look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 1st November.

Kath Holland
Associate Headteacher

School Menu



When we return to school on 1st November, we will be on week one from the school menu. A copy of the menu is available on our website.

Sporting Events

It's been a great term for promoting girls football. Girls across KS2 have had the opportunity to enjoy a morning out at football tournaments. All the girls have thoroughly enjoyed the tournaments they have attended and have shown real determination, resilience and worked as a team. Well done girls !

PE Kit Needed in School

Please ensure all children have their full PE kit in school.

All lessons will take place outside even if it is cold. Only heavy rain will prevent classes going out so please make sure your child has a black or grey tracksuit as part of their PE kit.



Secondary School Places for Sept 2024

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place between 12th September and 31st October 2023.

Primary School Places for Sept 2024

You can apply for Reception school place at an Essex primary school between 6th November 2023 and 15th January 2024.

You must submit an application by the national closing date of 15th January 2024. Applications received after this date are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

Applications for secondary and primary school places can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions



Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mrs Taylor, who is expecting her third child. We will notify Year 5 parents once her maternity dates are confirmed.

House Points

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



Dragon 435



Griffin 434



Lion 405



Unicorn 429

Labelling Uniform

Please, please, please label uniform. Once again, we have a huge pile of uniform in our lost property which we are unable to return to its rightful owner as it is not named. Please spend some time over the half term break, labelling your child's uniform - particularly jumpers and coats. In our younger classes all clothing needs to be labelled.

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 20th October, there will be a non-uniform day for the children & staff. Please ensure that your child is wearing clothing that is appropriate for school (no excessive flesh on show).

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.

Reception 2024 Tours

We are offering tours of the school for families of children that will start in Reception in September 2024. If you would like to book onto one of the tours, please contact the school office on 01279 866504.

The dates are:

- Tuesday 7th November - 1:30pm
- Thursday 23rd November - 9:30am
- Wednesday 10th January - 9:30am

Dates for the Diary

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20 th October	Non-uniform day Football festival, years 2
23 rd October	Half term
1 st November	Children return to school
3 rd November	World Café Day
8 th November	Year 3 trip to Matilda
9 th November	Year 1 trip to Walton-on-Naze
10 th November	Remembrance assembly PE festival at Church Langley, KS2
13 th November	World Kindness & Anti-Bullying Day
16 th November	Individual / sibling photos
17 th November	Children in Need Boccia at Mark Hall, years 3 & 4
22 nd November	Year 5 trip to Kidzania
24 th November	Inset day
29 th November	Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo
1 st December	Badminton festival at Mark Hall, KS2
7 th December	Christmas cheerleading festival at Mark Hall
8 th December	AMA PE at Mark Hall, years 5 & 6 Christmas bazaar Christmas jumper day
12 th December	School panto at Passmores - Cinderella
13 th December	Years 2 and 3 Carols to school EYFS and Y5 road safety talk / walk EYFS / Y1 performance - PM
14 th December	EYFS / Y1 performance – AM Flu immunisations Year 2 and 3 carols to parents
18 th December	Reward trip
20 TH December	Rock Steady parent concert – 09:30am
20 th December	Christmas dinner
21 st December	Class parties Non-uniform day Last day, finish at 1:30pm (no after school club)

