

January 2024

# NEWSLETTER

## potter street academy news

Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated happy new year to all our families. The children have settled back into school successfully and we appreciate your continued support and partnership with us 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 our safeguarding requirements.



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### Staff Training Days

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As previously advised, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January is an inset day. Dates for 2023/24 are on our website. Please ask at the office if you would like a paper copy.

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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** 1567



**Griffin** 1599



**Lion** 1621



**Unicorn** 1681

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### Time To Talk

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Potter Street Academy and MIND are hosting a 'Time To Talk' Afternoon Tea (Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm onwards & after-school), for parents and children to enjoy a wider range of wellbeing activities together and to meet Debi Hunter, Educational Mental Health Practitioner and find out more about the range of services MIND has to offer.



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## Sporting Events

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A team from Year 4 attended a New Age Kurling tournament at Passmores. The children worked hard as a team using the skills and techniques they have learnt in their PE lessons to achieve a great outcome and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Children from Year 6 attended a Tag-Rugby tournament. The students had great success and improved as the day went on winning their final two games. They had lots of fun despite the cold weather.

Our students continue to demonstrate our school values in and out of school exhibiting resilience, respect and kindness. Well done!



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## Class Assemblies

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All class assemblies start at 09:15am and will last approximately 20 minutes.

We do hope you will be able to join us to share in the children's celebration of their work this academic year.

7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 class assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 class assembly

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## Parents Consultations

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These are being held on:

13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1:30pm – 4:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4:00pm – 6:00pm

Further details will follow.

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## Coats in School

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As the weather has turned colder, please ensure all children have coats in school. We also recommend that they also bring in hats and gloves.

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## Essex Activate Holiday Activity and Food Programme

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The [Essex Activate Holiday and Activity Food Programme](#) is running again during the February Half Term for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and working families. Bookings went live on Monday 22 January 2024 at midday.

Please note:

- You will not receive a WONDE e-voucher from your school to book your child onto a half term club.
- Once bookings go live, you will need to book your child/ren onto a club through the [Essex ActivAte](#) website.
- Simply select your area and find what clubs are available, then book your child/ren onto a club.

See attached two flyers for further information, or for any support or questions please email [haf@activeessex.org](mailto:haf@activeessex.org)

[Feb-HT-Flyer.pdf](#)

[Essex-ActivAte-Explained-Flyer-3.pdf](#)

# Dates for the Diary



26 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Emerging tag rugby – Y5/6
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 class assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 art day
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 at Passmores – textile session, AM
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents consultation afternoon
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents consultation evening
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 class assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Indoor athletics – Y3/4
	Non uniform day
	Last day of half term – normal finishing hours
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half term
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Time to Talk, hosted by Potter Street Academy and MIND – 3:10pm in school hall
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Hockey festival – Y5/6
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset day
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
	Cross country Y3/4
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Crucial Crew, Y6
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Tri-golf festival, Y5/6
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Top sports at Passmores
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 to Hampton Court
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Non uniform day
	Last day, finish at 1:30pm (no after school club)
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school

