Great Ponton News

Term 1 2018

Messages

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful summer break. The teachers have lots of super opportunities and lessons planned for our children. A warm welcome to the new children in our Reception classes too, we are excited to have you with us.

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.30 and the bell will ring at 8.45.

All after school clubs start this week.

A **coffee morning** has been arranged for Friday 28th September from 9.00am to 11.30am.

We would like to invite you to join us and bring along the whole family.

All proceeds raised will be split between the school and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Further details to follow.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Safeguarding

There are two Safeguarding Officers at Great Ponton CE Primary School:

Mrs Bevin and myself. Please contact us if you have any safeguarding concerns or questions.

School Focus

The Christian Value this term is Respect. Please ask your child (ren) about the value in school and what they are learning about it.

There are six Christian values through the school: Respect, Friendship, Hope, Wisdom, Trust and Peace. It is important that these Christian values flow within and outside the school. The children are taught all these values and together we remind each other about these values and how they can make a difference in our lives.

PE and Sport

Lots of children are forgetting to bring their kit and don't seem to have the right clothing, particularly for outdoor PE. Please ensure your child has the appropriate attire according to the weather conditions. PE kits can be left at school during term time and taken home during the school holidays. Please check the school website for the uniform requirements of Great Ponton CE Primary School.

Uniform Please make sure that your child (ren) are adhering to the school uniform. A list is on the school website for your information. It is also very important that PE kit and school uniform is named. There are a few children coming into school with nail varnish on, big hair bows and bright hair bobbles. Please make sure that socks are plain too, there are a few children who have cartoon characters on their socks and patterns. Thank you.

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Parent Newsletter Governor Information

A vital part of our school Governing Body is parents. It is so important for us to hear the views of parents when we are taking our decisions.

Soon we shall be holding elections to choose new parent governors and we want energetic and committed people. Why not put yourself forward?

We meet about once a term in the evenings. Our meetings are very informal and we help new colleagues settle in.

We decide on staffing, budgets, hear reports about the progress and achievements of pupils and curriculum initiatives and developments. Best of all is the opportunity to visit classes during the school day to see the decisions we make in action.

To find out more speak to Mr Leader or myself we would be very glad to explain more.

Steve Williams (Chair of Governors)

For more information on the role of the school's Governing Body and to see who the Governors are please go to the Governor section on the school website.

Holidays

Please avoid taking holidays during term time but if this unavoidable then follow the correct procedures with regard to School Holidays and write a letter addressed to myself.

Sickness

Please remember to call school and leave a message on the answering machine if you are calling about your child being off sick.

Messages are picked up, you do not need to speak to somebody unless there is a specific reason. First thing in the office is always very busy.

Just a polite reminder that if your child is sick they must remain off school for 48 hours.

Staffing

You may have already noticed a few new faces on the playground in the mornings.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Hynard-Cant and Miss Hodgson to the team. Miss Hynard-Cant will be joining the year 1/2 team and Miss Hodgson is our new sports apprentice.

Also I would like to formally congratulate and welcome Mrs Simmonds to the team as a newly qualified teacher. She brings a wide range of skills and knowledge which will be invaluable.

Just a reminder that part of Mrs Simmonds role is to support the children and parents, so if you have anything you may require help with please arrange an appointment with her. She

Our attendance last academic year was 96.87% which is above the 95% expected by Ofsted so thank you. Please can I encourage you to take holidays during the holiday periods? The children's absence does impact on their learning. Many thanks.

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