



Great Ponton News

Term 1 2023

Headteacher Messages

A warm welcome to all our new children in Foundation Stage and across the school and to their parents too. We hope your journey with us will be a good one. I have no doubt that your child(ren) and you will enjoy being part of our family. The staff are all excited to be starting a new term. They have lots of exciting things planned as always.

We also welcome Miss K Jackson to our school this year. She is our new Sports Apprentice who will be working across the whole school from September. Miss Jackson has good expertise working with Inspire+. I am very excited that she is joining our team.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child (ren) are adhering to the school uniform. A list was emailed earlier in the week and one can be found on the website for your information (click image below).



It is very important that school uniform and PE kits are named—many items of uniform were misplaced last year due to lack of name labels. Please make sure that socks are plain too, cartoon characters and patterns on socks are not acceptable. Please could you keep to the school uniform guidelines.

Thank you.

Safeguarding

Please contact the school if you have any safeguarding issues or concerns, even if your child(ren) are not at school.

There are now three **Safe-guarding Officers** at Great Ponton CE Primary School: Myself, Mrs Mc Donnell and Miss Weatherstone. Please contact us, we are still here for you.



The school will support you and your child(ren) if you would like advice or support at any time. Please look after yourselves and each other in these tricky times.



Contact Details

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School email: kym.morrisroe@greatponton.lincs.sch.uk

School Website: <https://www.greatpontonprimaryschool.co.uk>

House Colours and Dojo points

Your child is in one of our three houses; Oak, Birch or Willow.

They will be awarded dojo's throughout the week when they show any of our Christian values, brilliant work or outstanding behaviour. These will be counted up and shared with the whole school on a Friday in certificate worship.

During this worship children will be chosen for a Teacher certificate. If your child is awarded the certificate you will be invited into school via a dojo message, on the Friday morning at 8.45am. You will be sent a dojo by Tuesday.

Houses and Colours

Oak - Red

Birch - Yellow

Willow - Blue

As a piece of advanced warning. We will be holding a number of house competitions throughout the year and your child may benefit from having a house coloured t-shirt. It doesn't have to be plain, just mainly dominated by that house colour.

The children will find out shortly which house they are in but if they forget, please just ask your child's class teacher.

Christian Value

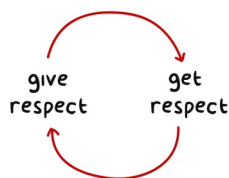
Our CHRISTIAN VALUE this term is **RESPECT**

"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers"

Peter 2:17

We have six Christian values through the school:

FRIENDSHIP **RESPECT**
DIGNITY



WISDOM **PEACE** **HOPE**

During the course of the term we will be talking to the children about what respect is and how we display respect and also looking at the idea of giving respect and getting respect back.

We will be looking at how respect feeds into our school rules and behaviour expectations.

The school governors have introduced a trophy to be handed out at the end of every term for a child displaying the school value.



Pupil Illness

Please remember that if your child is sick he/she should remain off school premises for 48 hours to fully recover and to avoid spreading the bug to other children. Thank you for co-operating with this important matter of sickness.

Please inform school if your child is going to be absent. On the first day of your child's illness, telephone the school and leave a message on the school answerphone. If it becomes clear that your child will be away for longer than expected, phone the school as soon as possible to explain this.

Dates for your diary

Please see below for key events coming up this half term;

September;

11th Individual photos

11th Clubs begin

28th Year 4 netball festival

28th Governors meeting

October;

5th Online safety workshop- Yr2, 4, 5 & 6

5th Charles Read Football competition

6th Flu immunisations

11th-13th Yr5&6 PGL residential

18th KS2 Can we be engineers workshop

19th Football tournament

20th Last Day of term, children return Tuesday 31st October

Informing teachers:

Please can you make sure that you inform the teachers of any accidents/injuries/situations/issues that occur at home and that might or does have an impact at school.

For example, if your child has banged his/her head at home and has been to the doctors or hospital etc, please let us know so we can keep our eyes on them. Communication regarding these issues are paramount, please share this important information with us.

Class information

EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2

Welcome back everyone and huge welcome to all the reception children and their families who have joined us this year. We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us.

This half term our topic in EYFS is All About Me and our Y1/2 topic is Superheroes! Lots of our learning will be based around these topics. We have lots to look forward to including a Dentist Visit in EYFS and a Woodland Walk to go along with our work around the seasons.



Year 3/4

Welcome back to all the children, parents and families of Year 4, I hope you all had an enjoyable Summer holidays, with lots of fun and memories made.

In Year 4 this term we are focusing on 'Changes within Britain' focusing on Stone Age to Iron age, within our History, Geography and Art.

In English we will be working on 'Narrative' texts and writing our own versions.

In Maths we will be focusing on 'Time' 'Place Value' 'Addition and Subtraction'.

We will be focusing on our times tables this term, expanding our knowledge, and introducing new facts.

In Science we are working on 'Rocks and Fossils'.

In RE we will be exploring the community within the Islamic religion.

PE Days are on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. This term we are working on Football and Fitness.

Homework day is a **Tuesday** and to be returned on a **Monday**.

Keep an eye out on Dojo to make sure you see important messages and to see what wonderful activities we have been doing in school.



Year 5/6

Welcome back to all the children, parents and families of Year 5 and 6, I hope you all had a wonderful time over the holiday and made lots of fun memories.

In Year 5/6 this term we are focusing on 'Groundbreaking Greeks' focusing on Ancient Greece, within our History and Geography.

In English we will be working on narrative and non-fiction texts and writing our own versions. In Maths we will be focusing on 'Time' 'Place Value' 'Addition and Subtraction' and 'Multiplication and Division'. We will be focusing on our times tables this term, expanding our knowledge, and introducing new facts. In Science we are working on 'Properties and Changes of Materials'.

In RE we will be exploring the life journeys within the Hindu religion. In Art, we will be learning all about art installations and creating our own.

PE Days are on **Monday** and **Friday**. This term we are working on Basketball and Fitness.

Homework day is a **Tuesday** and to be returned on a **Monday**.

Keep an eye out on Dojo to make sure you see important messages and to see what wonderful activities we have been doing in school.



How can I help my
child **SUCCEED** in
school?

Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework **every** night.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Read with your child **every** night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

Sporting News

To date we have not had any sporting competitions but over the coming term the children will have the opportunity to take part in the following sporting events;

Netball

Basketball

Football (girls and mixed)

Cheerleading

I look forward to reporting the success of our different teams as we move through the year.

The school has three Bronze Ambassadors; Millie, Hannah and Eddie.

Their job is to help promote PE, Sport and a Healthy Lifestyle. They are also the link between the children and staff, so if your child has any ideas of how to improve PE or sport within the school then get them to share their ideas with the Bronze Ambassadors who will pass it on.

We will be holding a number of House Competitions this academic year and not all sport, so there will be something for everyone.



Celebrations/Congratulations

Once again as we move through the term and year, I want to be able to fill this section with the successes of the local community so if your child, yourself, the staff or anyone in the local area deserves a shout out then please let me know so we can all celebrate the wonder people in our community.

Good luck to all the Year 6 children who are due to sit their 11+ on the 16th and 23rd of September. We wish you all the best and know you will do amazing.



School Holidays

Please can I encourage you to take holidays during the holiday periods? The children's absence does impact on their learning. Please follow the correct procedures and complete a Holiday Request Form (available from the Office). I will send a reply back informing you of the decision. Thank you.