



Great Ponton News

Term 6 2024

Headteacher Messages

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back after the half term break, I hope you had a lovely time. We finish on Friday the 19th July this term. Between now and then we have lots to look forward to.

Please no vaping and no dogs on school ground.

Just a reminder to please push bikes and scooters when on school grounds and there is no use of the school play equipment after school.



SAT's

SAT's week for Year 6 children went really well. The children did us proud and the staff all pulled together once more so thank you everyone.

We now have the Year 1 Phonics and Year 4 Multiplication checks which will start the week beginning Monday 10th June.

Move Up Day

Move up day will be Thursday 4th July. This is when our children get to find out which teacher they are having next year. They will spend the day getting to know their new teacher.

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

PE and School Uniform

Please make that your child(ren) wear the correct school and PE uniform. Lots of children are coming into school wearing trainers. Please make sure that you send your child's class teacher a letter or dojo explaining why and when they will be replaced with shoes. Also make sure that hair accessories and socks are the right colours. Thank you.

All items must be named.



Christian Value

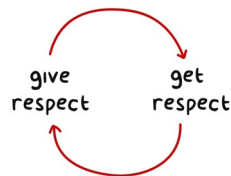
Our CHRISTIAN VALUE this term is **FRIENDSHIP**

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity"

Proverbs 17:17

We have six Christian values through the school:

FRIENDSHIP RESPECT WISDOM PEACE HOPE DIGNITY



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;

June;

6th Year 6 Church Schools Festival

12th Year 4 Mini Olympics

13th Year 5/6 Mini Tennis Competition

20th NSPC Workshops

20th Small School Athletics

20th New EYFS intake parents information evening

26th KS1 Belvoir Castle trip

28th New EYFS intake Teddy's Bears Picnic

3rd **July** Year 6 London trip

4th Move Up day

10th Year 5/6 Leavers play

16th Sports day

17th End of term service- 9.30 at Church

18th Great Ponton's got Talent

19th Last day of term

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

We have a busy rest of the year coming up with lots of exciting things happening to please look out for messages on dojo to keep updated.

Our topics are as follows: Reception - On the Farm! Y1/2 - Fantasy Worlds

Lots of our learning in each class will be linked to our current topics. We also have two visits planned to link with our learning to a local Farm and Belvoir Castle, details will follow soon.

Our PE Days this half term are:

Reception - Tuesday & Wednesday

Y1/2 - Tuesday & Thursday

Homework and reading books are due in every Monday and will be sent back out on a Tuesday.

Let's have another great term.

Year 3/4

This term our theme is 'Exploration and Discovery'.

In Geography we will be focusing on 'Plants of the World' and 'Settlements'. In English we are working with different texts which include 'Shackleton's Journey', 'Jabberwocky' and 'The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe'.

During our Maths lessons we will be focusing on Number and Place Value, The 4 calculations, Fractions, Geometry, Time and Statistics.

We are working hard on our times tables, please remember to use our TTRS to help us with our times tables practise.

This term we will be completing our Multiplication Check.

In RE we will be exploring themes of Pilgrimage and The Gospel. Our unit of work this term in Science is all about 'The Circle of Life'. Followed next half term by 'Electricity'

We are continuing to encourage and promote our love of reading, giving the children opportunities to read throughout the day and we will have our reading for pleasure session each day.

PE Days this term is Wednesday and Thursday. We will be working on Tennis, Gymnastics, Yoga and Athletics.

Homework Day is on Tuesday and to be returned on a Monday.

Keep an eye out on Class Dojo to make sure you see messages and to see what amazing work we have been doing in class.

Year 5/6

Welcome back. This term we are focusing on 'A Sense of Place'.

In English, we are focusing on non-chronological reports using our book Children of the Benin Kingdom. During our Maths lessons we will be focusing on Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Statistics, and Time. We will be working hard on our times tables, please remember to use TTRS to help us with our practise. In Science, our unit of work will be all about 'Survival of the Fittest'. We will be look at inheritance of characteristics, adaptations and learning about or key scientist, Charles Darwin. As part of our RE lessons, we will be exploring Buddhism. In DT, we will be continuing our work on structures and making our own bridges.

We are continuing to encourage and promote our love of reading, giving children opportunities to read throughout the day as well as a whole class reading for pleasure session to end each day.

PE days this term are Monday and Wednesday. We will be working on handball and rounders.

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



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.

What do we mean by 'good attendance'?

Ideally, children should attend every school day. Therefore 100% is the expected level, however, 95% is considered as good attendance. Anything below 95% is not good enough and will require action by school and parents in partnership with the local authority and other relevant services. This may seem a high expectation of the children. However when converted into session and days missed, it becomes apparent why this level of attendance is important. 95% attendance means a child misses two weeks of school across the year. 70% attendance, for example, means a child is absent for more than 11 weeks of the school year. This level of absence can make it very challenging for the child to catch up and can spiral into further absences.

Attendance (percentage)	Numer of days absent	Number of weeks (approximate)
95%	9	2
90%	19	4
85%	29	6
80%	38	8
75%	48	10
70%	57	11.5
65%	67	13.5
50%	76	15

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.