



Great Ponton News

Term 1 2019

Messages

A warm welcome to our new children 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 academic year. They have lots of exciting things planned as always.

I would like to welcome the new staff that have joined us this year. Miss Richardson (Y3/4), Mrs McGowan (teacher in all classes), Mrs Schofield (1:1 TA), Miss Morrisroe (administrator), Mrs Mills (business manager), Miss Harley (sports apprentice), Mr Pursey and Mrs Robertson (cleaners).

The **school gates** will be open from 8.30am for all children.

You are welcome to join the children on the playground.

There will be two members of staff out on duty in the morning if you need to pass any messages on.

The bell will ring at 8.45am and all children are expected to line up and wait for their class teacher to take them in. Lessons begin as soon as the children enter the classroom so it is important the children arrive on time.

The gate will open at 2.50pm for collection at the end of the school day. Could I please remind you that the play equipment is not to be used after school as there are no staff members out supervising the use of the equipment.

Christian Value

Our Christian value for after half term is '**Wisdom**'.

Please ask your child(dren) about the value in school and what they know about it.

There are six Christian values through the school; Wisdom, Hope, Dignity, Respect, Peace and Friendship.

It is important 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.

They will be listening to bible stories relating to this value.



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Governors

Our first full Governing Body meeting will be in early October. At our first meeting we shall elect Chair and Vice Chairs as well as membership of our various committees– curriculum and finance.

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.

Staffing Structure September 2019

Year	Teachers	TA's
EYFS	Mrs McDonnell, Mrs Carter &	
Year 1&2	Mrs McDonnell	Mrs Clarkson
Year 3&4	Miss Richardson	Mrs Nichols (1:1)
Year 5&6	Mrs Oliver	Mrs Clarkson (1:1)

Mrs McGowan will be working in all classes across the week.

Miss Harley will be in Year 1&2 in the mornings and then teaching PE in the afternoons.

PTA

Thank you to all who helped support the Summer Fair. We managed to range a fantastic £285. Well done!

There will be a change to next years summer fair.

We plan to run sports day and the summer fair on the same day. Sports day will take place in the morning and the summer fair and BBQ will follow straight after.

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Uniform

Please make sure that your child(ren) are adhering to the school uniform. 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 socks are plain.

We are currently looking into making it possible for parents to order uniform online from our supplier. We will let you know more in the future.



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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.

Safeguarding

I just wanted to send you a reminder about keeping children safe online and to encourage you to check that your child(ren) are not accessing and using unsuitable Apps that are not age appropriate. I have also attached a link below regarding online consent that must be given if pictures and recorded clips are to be shared on social media. Feel free to share this with your child (ren) if you think it will help get the message across. Please can I encourage you all to talk to your child(ren) about this issue as it can cause distress and upset for children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b73nBRFqNVg>

If you have any safeguarding issues that have happened outside of school, please contact Children's services directly on 01522 782111. You do not have to go through the school to report any incident that you see outside of school, but please feel free to inform us.

The safeguarding officers in school are: Mr Leader & Mrs Oliver.

We are happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

Parking

Please can I remind you to all park responsibly. Do not park on junctions, bends or across driveways.

We are all responsible for the safety of the children at the start and end of the school day.

Only staff, taxis and Great Wood Farm are allowed to park in the school car park.

While the weather is nice you may choose to park at the village hall or Church car park and walk down to help ease the parking issues we have.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Up and coming events

SAT's Tests– Year 6 and Year 2- (POLITE REQUEST)

These take place in May 2020, please do not take any holiday time at this point of the year.

Please be advised, if your child has any **appointments** that she/he has to attend during the school day, the school will need to see an appointment card otherwise the absence will be unauthorised.

Schools Focus

Writing remains the school's main focus together with reading, spelling and maths.

Your support is very much appreciated. Providing students with homework creates opportunities for inactions among families. In addition to that, it helps students develop good study habits and cultivates a positive attitude towards school.

Parents can support their child's 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

The report also offered six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

1. Make time to read– even ten minutes a day
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book– asking your child questions
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading



Sports

There will be lots of sporting activities going on this term, we will keep you posted to when they take place and the opportunities and events that will be on the horizon.

Our **Bronze Ambassadors** for this academic year are Tyler Woodford and Teya Setters. Their job is to work alongside Miss Harley to help promote and improve PE and Sport in school. If you have any ideas please pass on to them.

Attendance

Please can I encourage you to take holidays during the holiday periods. The children's absence does impact their learning. Many thanks.

School holidays

Please follow the correct procedures and write a letter addressed to myself. Please do not email me directly as we need the correct paperwork. I will send a reply back informing you of the decision.

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 or you can now log onto Parentmail and register your child's absence.

If it becomes clear that your child will be away for longer than expected, phone or email school as soon as possible to explain this.

Open Evening

There is an open evening on Tuesday 7th October from 3.30–7pm. This is an opportunity for perspective parents to view the school and meet the staff. Please spread the word.

This year we are also having it as an opportunity for current parents to come along and find out how their child is settling in. There are no formal appointments and all discussions will take place in an open environment but it is a great opportunity to find out more about your child in school and the year ahead.

Welcome meetings are taking place this week.

Monday– Year 5/6

Tuesday– Year 3/4

Wednesday– EYFS and phonics parent workshop

Thursday– Year 1/2

Diary Dates

September

11/18/25th– Cross Country Yrs5&6

12th– Netball Yrs5&6

19th– Tri Golf competition

27th– MacMillan Coffee morning

October

1st– Opening Evening 3.30-7pm

3rd– Rugby festival Yrs5&6

4th– Lincolnshire Day & Harvest Festival 9.30am @ church

9th– PGL information meeting 3.15pm in Yr5&6 class

10th– Flu Nasal Spray & Governors meeting

16/17/18th– PGL residential Yrs5&6

November

12th– Remembrance Day service @ church 9.30am

12/13th– Parents Evening Yrs 1/2/3/4/5/6

19th– Parents evening EYFS

December

10th– KS1 & EYFS Christmas Productions

11th– KS2 Christmas Production

16th– Pantomime– Cinderella

19th– church service @ 9.30am & last day of term

Message from the Head

We break up on Friday 18th October and the children return to school on Tuesday 29th October.

Here's to a successful academic year and another positive relationship between home and school.

Mr K Leader