

Pondhu Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th September 2022

In memory of Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022



Pondhu Primary School would like to convey its condolences and deepest sympathy to the Royal Family on the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

While the UK will partake in a mourning period, only the day of The Queen's funeral will be considered a national holiday, as soon as we receive any information regarding this we will let you know.

If children and young people are upset, Penhaligans Friends is a source of information to support and manage death and loss. They can be contacted on 01209 210624 or for further information then please visit their website at penhaligansfriends.org.uk

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school this week. The teachers are delighted with how well the children have settled into their new classes.

Our new children in Reception have also settled into school life at Pondhu incredibly well and you should be very proud of them.

Mrs Vine has been so impressed with how well Reception have settled and what wonderful personalities they bring to our school. They have enjoyed exploring their new environment and have started to build some lovely friendships. We can't wait to see what amazing learners they will become on their Pondhu journey!

DIARY DATES

September

14th September
Parent Forum

October

19th and 20th
October Parents
evenings

21st October end of
term

November

7th November term
starts

10th November
nasal flu
immunisations

December

20th December end
of term

OUR FIRST WEEK AT SCHOOL



We have also welcomed some new staff to our team. Mrs Povey is Year 4 teacher of Thunberg class and we have Miss Millington, Mrs Chappell, Miss Welch, Mr Greenhalgh and who are new teaching assistants.

PONDHU PARENT FORUM

On Wednesday 14th September, we will be holding our first Parent Forum of the year. We would like to share with you our plan for Reading across the school and introduce our new Accelerated Reader scheme. You will also have the opportunity to meet with your child's new class teacher and find out about what the children will be learning about this term. We would like as many parents as possible to join us in the hall at 3.30 – 4.30pm. Child care will be available.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all parents for adjusting so well to our new school day times. It has been brilliant to see the children coming into school on time every morning.

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 97.8%
 Anning (Y1) – 95%
 Jemison (Y2) – 100%
 Attenborough (Y3) – 97.7%
 Thunberg (Y4) – 85.7%
 Rashford (Y5) – 94.8%
 Owens (Y6) – 96.7%

PE DAYS

PE lessons this year will be on the following days.

Reception Montessori	Year 1 Anning	Year 2 Jemison	Year 3 Attenborough	Year 4 Thunberg	Year 5 Rashford	Year 6 Owens
Thursday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Friday	Thursday Monday	Friday Tuesday	Wednesday Monday	Wednesday Friday

On PE days children can wear their PE kits to school. I would like to remind you about what we expect children to wear on PE days.

PE Kit

White t-shirt
 Dark tracksuit bottoms or shorts
 School jumper or fleece
 Trainers

Alternatively we have new school tracksuits which can be ordered on parent pay or with a pupil premium form.

GOLDEN RULES

This week we have revisited our 6 golden school rules. The children have talked about why they are important in order to ensure that Pondhu is a 'safe, respectful learning environment'.

Please support us in talking to your children about our 6 golden rules. They are:

- We listen
- We are gentle
- We are kind and helpful
- We look after property
- We are honest
- We work hard



Star Learners

This week our star learners have been chosen for showing that they can follow our first golden rule and show excellent listening.

Reception – Henry
Year 1 – Leah
Year 2 - Sophia
Year 3 – Charlie
Year 4 – Flint
Year 5 – Ethan
Year 6 – Noah

The children have demonstrated exemplary listening and have followed instructions brilliantly. They have joined in well with all of their lessons and shown a love of learning.

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!



This week we have started the accelerated reader scheme in KS2 and for some children in Y2. We have introduced a new library system and the children have been very excited to choose their new books. Please encourage them to read regularly at home so that they can quiz on their books and increase their word count. If the children use the myon online reading system, this will also add to their word count for accelerated reader as the schemes are linked. You will find out more about this at the Parent Forum on Wednesday.

SUMMER WINNERS

Congratulations to our summer holiday winners on Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars!



Year 1 Albie
Year 2-Piper
Year 3-Lola
Year 4-Flint
Year 5-Oskar R
Year 6-Jack R



Children who read the most using myON over the summer were:

Year 2 – Piper
Year 3 – Kyla
Year 4 – Theo
Year 5 – Dee-Jay
Year 6 – Maddox

Well done everyone!

<https://www.myon.co.uk/login>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 14th September – Parent Forum 3.30 – 4.30pm

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Rachel Clift



Where we laugh, learn and grow