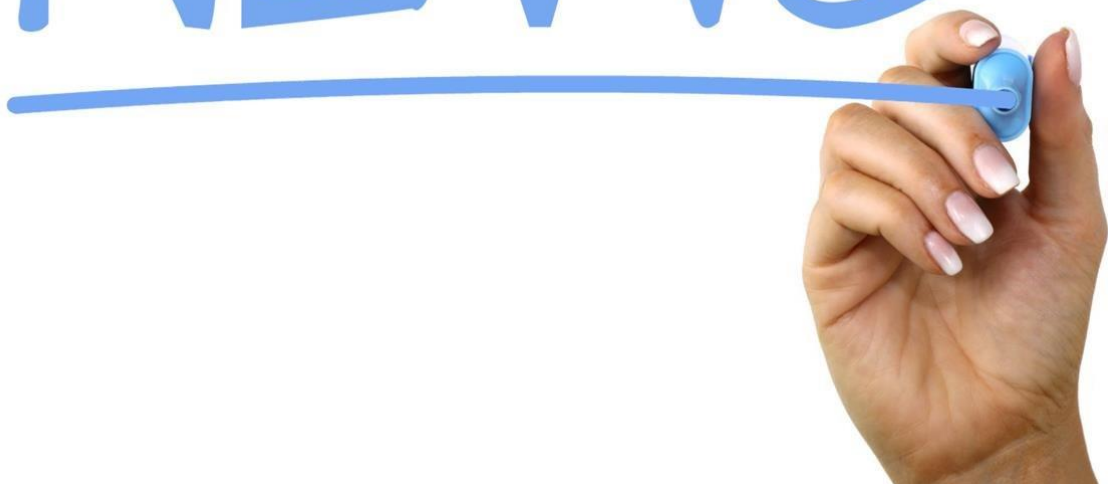


# 8th September 2023 Newsletter



From the Headteacher

# NEWS



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Potton Primary School!

I am delighted to be able to write my first newsletter as the Headteacher of Potton Primary School. I still feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been appointed as the Potton Federation Headteacher last year. The journey over the last year to ensure the smooth transition to a primary school has kept me busy but I'm pleased to say we got there! It has been a busy summer with lots happening to change our school buildings to become a primary school. Thank you to the whole staffing team for their support in getting our school ready for learning as we only got access to school buildings on 1st September!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the summer break and to meet and welcome our new early years children. The children are looking very smart in our new school uniform - thank you for your support. We are in a year of moving to the new uniform, please wear the old uniform until your child has grown out of it and purchase the primary school uniform as and when needed.

For those who are new to our School, a little bit about me:

I have worked in education for the past 21 years, last year as my first year in headship and previously 10 years as a deputy headteacher in Cambridgeshire schools. Being a mother of son who is of primary school age, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. We have a hugely committed team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place to start! I'm really excited about the year ahead, our first as 'Potton Primary School'. We have some exciting events and activities planned - our first being our PTFA Colour Run on Friday 29th September.

Welcome to our new members of staff: Mr Boyd - Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Fox - year 2 teacher and Mrs Clarke - year 3 teacher. **We have an open afternoon next week, Wednesday 13th September 3-4pm** where classes will be open for you to visit and meet your child's class teacher and have a wander around the school. Our Reception to year 3 building is called 'The Roots', the year 4 classrooms 'The Leaves' and year 4 to 6 building 'The Branches'. Mrs Desborough, has started in her new role as our Family Support Worker - details below. Her email will be [familysupport@pottonprimary.co.uk](mailto:familysupport@pottonprimary.co.uk) - we are just waiting for this to go live.

With effect **from Monday 11th September 2023 the Roots School Office will close at 3.30pm**. Therefore, if you need to speak to someone after this time please go to the Branches Office which is open until 4pm.

Our EYFS teachers have asked that if you have any younger aged children's costumes ( approx. ages 4-5 & 5-6) that you no longer need they would be grateful of any donations. If you could drop any costumes you may have off to The Roots School Office.

Please **be considerate where you are parking** - road markings haven't been replaced yet after the road resurfacing during the summer. **DO NOT block driveways or park on the bends**. There is a **car**

**park available on Mill Lane** for you to park and walk to school. **Our school car park is NOT for general parent parking** - we have a minibus which needs to access the school site - please ensure you are walking on the path to enter the school to ensure everyone's safety.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend - lets hope this lovely weather continues!

Kindest regards

Miss Jordana Watts

Headteacher of Potton Primary School

I AM HAZEL DESBOROUGH AND I AM THE NEW FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER AT POTTON PRIMARY.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT SCHOOL AND FAMILY LIFE ARE CLOSELY LINKED AND I AM HERE AS A FRIENDLY FACE AND LISTENING EAR BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL FOR YOUR FAMILY.

IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT, HELP, ADVICE OR JUST A PLACE OFF LOAD AFTER A STRESSFUL TIME, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME.

FAMILY INCLUDES EVERYONE, SO PUPILS, CARERS AND PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND SEE ME, EVEN IF IT'S JUST TO GET SOMETHING OFF YOUR MIND.

WHEN AND WHERE?

I AM AVAILABLE EVERY DAY BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 1:45 PM. I CAN BE AVAILABLE IN THE AFTERNOONS BY ARRANGEMENT.



WE HAVE A DEDICATED FAMILY SUPPORT ROOM IN SCHOOL WHICH OFFERS A SAFE AND PRIVATE SPACE TO TALK. IF YOU HAVE A TODDLER OR YOUNGER CHILD WITH YOU, WE HAVE TOYS, PLAYDOH AND SOME COLOURING EQUIPMENT TO KEEP THEM HAPPY WHILE WE CHAT. I MIGHT EVEN SHARE THE ODD BISCUIT WITH THEM TOO!

How can you contact me?

- At the gate in the morning
- By phone. You can call the office and they will put you through to me.
- We may be introduced by your child's class teacher.

What services are offered?

- Sign posting and local research.
- General advice and guidance.
- Getting the right support for positive parenting and managing your child's behaviour.
- Assisting and supporting you with meetings and external agencies.
- Offering you and your child someone to talk to.
- Support during periods of change e.g illness, family dynamic changes, bereavement.
- Helping you to engage with your child's education.
- Working alongside you to ensure that your child attends school each day and arrives on time.

**Support might be short term or long term, but will always be tailored to meet the needs of you and your family.**

## Diary Dates

A full list of dates will be sent home soon, but here's a few...

**Wednesday 13th September - 3:30pm Meet The Teacher / Open Classroom**

**Friday 29th September - PTFA Colour Run - Sponsorship forms have gone home this week**

**Monday 2nd October - PTFA AGM @7:30pm - further details below**

**Thursday 5th October - SEND Coffee Afternoon - 2pm**

**Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening - more details to follow**

**Wednesday 18th October- Parents Evening - more details to follow**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PTFA CHEESE &  
WINE EVENING - INCORPORATING THE  
AGM**

**Monday 2nd October 2023 - The Branches Hall - Please  
arrive between 7.30-8.00pm the AGM will start at 8pm.**

All parents and staff as automatic members of the PTFA are welcome to attend the AGM, where you can hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at the school. We would love to hear your ideas for fundraising & experiences for the children. On this night we will also elect the Committee for the next year. We already have some nominations. If you would like any further information about becoming a Committee Member, please contact [PTFA@pottonfederation.co.uk](mailto:PTFA@pottonfederation.co.uk)

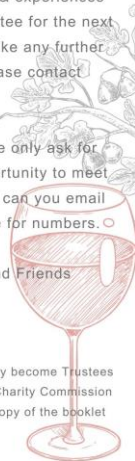
There is no charge, donation or tickets for this event. We only ask for your attendance and support & hope it will be a good opportunity to meet other parents and spend some time in the school. Please can you email [PTFA@pottonfederation.co.uk](mailto:PTFA@pottonfederation.co.uk) to confirm your attendance for numbers. ☺

We look forward to seeing you there.

Samantha Boyd – Chair PTFA - Parents, Teachers and Friends  
Association

Registered Charity No. 1020321

\*As our PTFA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, please read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)'. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website.





## **Our School Values - Ready, Respectful and Responsible**

We have 3 School Values: Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

**Ready** – to learn, to listen and to be a success

**Respectful** – of yourself, others and property

**Responsible** – you are responsible for your learning, actions and choices

Each week in our Celebration assemblies, classes will award their Ready, Respectful and Responsible 'Stars of the Week'.

**This week, certificates were awarded to:**

Year 1 - Peacocks: Ready: Arya S Respectful: Reuben N Responsible: Wynter W

Year 1 - Puffins: Ready: Ronnie J Respectful: Teddy F Responsible: Poppy G

Year 2 - Moorhens: Ready: Ivy R Respectful: Mason S Responsible: Connie O

Year 2 - Mallards: Ready: Ava Respectful: Arthur Responsible: Charlie



Year 3 - Woodpeckers: Ready: N'Kylah D Respectful: Amelia F Responsible: Hallie D-M

Year 3 - Wrens: Ready: Thea B Respectful: Lia C Responsible: Beau K-S

Year 4 - Hawks: Ready: Bella G Respectful: Lukey B Responsible: Anna U

Year 4 - Herons: Ready: Thea J Respectful: Frazier S Responsible: Florence C

Year 5 - Sparrows: Ready: Oliver P Respectful: Jacob S Responsible: Ella T

Year 5 - Swifts: Ready: Nathaniel J Respectful: Lilly W Responsible: Emily J

Year 5 - Starlings: Ready: Oskar T Respectful: Amelia B Responsible: Yzarne P

Year 6 - Kites: Ready: Vanessa C Respectful: Alexis C-D Responsible: Riley T

Year 6 - Kestrels: Ready: Peter D Respectful: Elijah H Responsible: Joseph S

Year 6 - Kingfishers: Ready: Harry G Respectful: Sandra D Responsible: Freddy H



## **Class Dojo Award**

The children have made a great start to the new school year and we look forward to awarding our first 50 Dojo Awards certificates next week!



## Letters Sent Home This Week

- Medical Tracker