

Friday Bulletin

Friday 11th October 2019

October Value: Unity

As we approach the end of term the children are looking forward to a well-earned rest over the half term break. They have really thrown themselves into school life and we are really impressed with how hard they are working.

Year 4 are heading off to Grafham Water Centre next week for their residential trip. The children, and staff, are so excited! We hope you have a wonderful time and we can't wait to hear all about it after half term.

We are delighted to announce that we raised £292.65 for Macmillan Support at our cake sales last week – well done everyone we are so proud of your efforts 😊.

School Crossing Patrol Officer

We share your concerns regarding the lack of a School Crossing Patrol Officer, who provides a safe road crossing in front of the lower school entrance. The School Patrol Officer is provided by Central Bedfordshire Council and they report directly to them, **they do not work for school**. The role is to ensure the safety of children and parents waiting to cross the road or crossing at a designated point between prescribed times, without detriment to the health and safety of all other road users. They will also address anyone who is parking dangerously or illegally outside the school site.

We have been in contact with Central Bedfordshire Council to express our concerns regarding the lack of an appointment to this important role, and we would encourage anyone who is also concerned about the lack of a School Crossing Patrol Officer to contact CBC directly.

Lower School

- **Year 1 Pupil Acceptable User Agreements** – The office have sent these home again to any families who have not yet returned a copy. If you have received this again please can you return it to the office by Wednesday 16th October 2019.
- **Lost Property** – There will be a table left out in the school foyer all of next week with articles of lost property. Please check it if you have anything missing.

Middle School

- **Year 6 Condover Hall Trip** – If you would like your child to attend the Condover residential trip please pay the deposit and complete the consent forms on ParentMail. Today is the last day for accepting deposits. No further bookings will be taken as we have to confirm numbers with the venue on Monday morning.
- **Scholastics** - Once again, we are delighted to be holding a Scholastic Book Fair which will be arriving on 30th October. It will be available to pupils at break and lunchtimes as well as after school until 4.00pm, when parents and carers are welcome to come and have a look

too. The Book Fair will be here until Tuesday 5th November and will be open during Parents' Evenings too. There is a lot of excitement amongst the pupils for this event, so hopefully we will raise some funds to purchase new books for our Library.

Notices

- **IMPORTANT; The Potton Federation are NUT-FREE schools.**

We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. We have children in school who have severe nut allergies.

- **Parents Evening** – Parent Consultations will be held on Thursday 31st October and Tuesday 5th November. The booking system will go live on ParentMail on Monday 14th October at 6pm. Please refer to the letters that were sent home for more information.
- **School Photos** – Photographs were sent home this week. If you would like to order your child's pack, please return your orders to the school office by Friday 18th October.
- **Medication in School**
If your child requires medication or an inhaler during the school day please hand these in at the office and fill out a medication form which are located in the foyer. Please advise the school offices if there are any changes to your child's medical needs.
- **Pupil Information Form (Yr 1 – Yr 8) and New Starter Information Form (Reception)** – The deadline for these forms was last week – please ensure that these are returned ASAP.
- **Student Update Forms (Yr 1 - Yr 8)** – The deadline for returning these forms is today. Please ensure they are with the school office by the end of day.
- **ScoPay App** – We have had a very good response from parents and carers using the ScoPay App. We have found that the app is much more user friendly than the website so we would encourage you to download it if you can.
- **Hair Bands** – Please can you ensure that hair longer than shoulder length is tied back using uniform coloured hair bands only. If your child wears a hairband or hair clip that does not conform to the uniform policy they will be asked to remove it. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- **Medical Appointments** - If your child is missing registration for a medical appointment we will require medical evidence for our attendance records. We do ask that appointments are made out of school hours unless it is an emergency.
- **Aldi Promotion** - If you shop in in Aldi and spend £30 or more you get a sticker. If you have unwanted stickers please can you send them into school so we can enter a prize draw to win £20,000 and receive a new sports kit.

<https://www.aldi.co.uk/kitforschools>

Letters



Potton Lower

- Pupil Information Form (Re-sent via ParentMail to those who did not originally sign and submit the form)
- Parents Evening
- Wild Challenge Club

Potton Middle

- Year 6 Topic celebration
- Parents Evening

Useful Links

	<p>We have lots of useful information on our schools website: www.pottonfederation.co.uk School Term Dates: www.pottonfederation.co.uk/termdates School Calendar: www.pottonfederation.co.uk/events/list/</p>
	<p>School Uniform: Our school uniform supplier is Mapac: https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/thepottonfederationsg192pb</p>
Current vacancies	
<p>We currently have various Teaching Assistant positions across the Federation. Please see our website for further information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://pottonfederation.co.uk/careers/vacancies/</p>	