

Friday Bulletin

Friday 1st November 2019

November Value: Responsibility

Welcome back to school – it is lovely to see all of the children and to hear all about their half term breaks.

Year 4 had a wonderful time away at Grafham Waters for their residential trip just prior to half term. They have all come back into school full of stories telling us about their adventures – it all sounds very exciting, and very muddy! Thank you to Mr Hodgson and the staff who attended for all of their hard work.

Dogs on Site

Please can we remind all parents that dogs are NOT permitted on the school site. Dogs must not be walked down the pathway to the barrier at PLS – they must remain at the entrance on Everton Road. Please can we also ask that if you do walk your dog up to school that you are considerate to other people and not wait and block pathways making it difficult for people to pass by you near the road, we want everyone to be safe in these busy environments. Thank you.

Lower School

- **Pupil Information Form** - If the form was re-sent to you via ParentMail this week please complete and submit by Wednesday 6th November.
- **Student Update Form** - For those who have not completed the form they have been re-sent today so please do check your child's school bag this evening. Please return these by Wednesday 6th November.
- **Scholastics Book Fair** – The book fair is back next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It will be open in the main school hall from 3pm – 3:45pm.

Middle School

- **Parents Consultations** – There are a few appointment spaces left on Tuesday 5th November. If you have not already booked but would like to attend, please book a slot via ParentMail.
- **Scholastics Book Fair** – The book Fair is back in school now until next Wednesday in the school Library. It is open at break and lunchtimes and each day until 4pm if parents would like to come in – it will also be open during the Parent Consultations.

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.
- **CLUBS CANCELLED** – on Tuesday 5th November 2019 ALL clubs at PLS and PMS are cancelled due to Parent Consultations taking place.

- **School Meals Notice** - Should your child require a school meal you are able to book up until 9:30am each day and, if required, you are able to pre-book in advance for the rest of the week/term. Please contact the office if you have missed the deadline to book a meal and have not provided your child with a packed lunch. Please note - If your child has an allergy/food intolerance the kitchen will not be aware of this unless the meal is pre-booked.
- **Reason for Absence** - We kindly ask when notifying us of your child's absence that you provide a reason. It is our legal duty to know why your child is not in school. If your child's absence is not due to illness or medical reasons it is essential that a 'Notification of Pupil Leave' form is completed and returned in advance of the absence. Please be aware – We do not authorise term time absence unless it is due to exceptional circumstances. We also ask that medical appointments are made out of school hours unless it is an emergency.
- **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.
- **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.
- **SUFs Yr 1-Yr 8** – Please complete and return asap. It is essential your details and medical information are kept up-to-date on our records.
- **Poppy Appeal** – Poppies will be on sale next week. Parents/carers will be able to purchase merchandise from the PLS school office. Please can we remind parents that this is donations only and the office will not be able to provide change. Our Voice and Values Committee will also be selling poppies during break and lunchtimes at PLS and the KS3 Prefects will be selling poppies and merchandise during breaks and lunchtimes at PMS.

Letters

Potton Lower

- Pupil Information Form
- Night-time Exploration Evening – Reception only

Potton Middle

OPEN DAYS

Potton Lower School would like to invite children and their parents to our open morning on Friday 22nd November 2019 from 9am – 11am.



Our Executive Headteacher Mrs Cathy Smart will give talks at 9am & 10am. Tours of the school by staff and Governors will be on offer giving you the opportunity to see us in action. We will be providing refreshments for adults and children throughout the morning.

Potton Middle School Open Evening and Open Morning

On Tuesday 12th November the school will be holding their Open Evening at 7pm. There will be a talk by the Executive Headteacher, followed by pupil-led guided tours.

On Wednesday 13th November at 9.30am – 11.30am the school will open its doors for our Open Morning and we would love for you to come and see the school in action. Children welcome.

<https://pottonfederation.co.uk/parents/open-day/>

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/theottonfederationsg192pb</p>

Community Information

Liz Price will be visiting Potton Lower School on Friday 15th November in the morning, prior to the book launch of her second picture book 'The Meadow Farm Talent Show.' Please fill in the slip below and enclose this with the exact money in an envelope, if you wish to purchase a signed copy on the day of her visit.



Liz Price [formerly Mrs Wiltshire] has written and illustrated her second book for children. 'The Meadow Farm Talent Show' teaches the value of Confidence.

Book Launch at The Coach House



Saturday 16th November 2019

2.15 pm - 4.30 pm

The Coach House, Market Square, Potton

- Meet the author and purchase a signed copy of The Meadow Farm Talent Show at the special price of £7.99 [RRP £9.99]
- Free cakes for all and free drinks for children.
- Free activities, free stickers and bookmarks for children.
- Please come and join us!

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£7.99 [RRP £9.99]

Name of person ordering the book	Name[s] of child/children to address in the signing of the book

Find out more on www.meadowfarmbooks.net