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Welcome Back!!

A warm welcome back to you all and welcome to the new members of our Pollington family! What a fantastic start we have had to the year already. It is lovely to see how well the children have settled into the new school year, particularly our new Reception children.

Reception Class staffing

Mrs Batty is currently taking an extended leave of absence. In order to maintain consistency within the class, we are delighted that Mrs South will be teaching the children until her return, with Mrs Bodle supporting. Mrs South has worked in our school since last Easter (previously in Year 2) and has an excellent understanding of the routines, expectations and procedures here at Pollington-Balne.

Baseline Assessment - Reception

Over the next few weeks, Mrs South and I will be conducting the statutory baseline assessment with all children in Reception. The purpose of this assessment is to be able to inform parents how their children progress between Reception and Year 6. For more information about this, click the link below:

[2023 Information for parents: reception baseline assessment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/2023/09/15/2023-Information-for-parents-reception-baseline-assessment)

Goole Times

The Goole Times came to photograph our new Reception children this week, so watch out for them in the next publication.

Jeans for Genes Day

Children are invited to come to school wearing jeans / denim on Friday 22nd September to raise awareness of this worthy cause that helps children in the UK with genetic disorders. A voluntary contribution (suggestion £1) would be welcome and proceeds raised will be split equally between Genes for Jeans and School Fund.

Harvest Festival

We have received confirmation from Canon Eleanor and Reverend Chris that our Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 4th October at 2:15pm. Parents, carers and governors are welcome to attend. We would

love to be able to share tea / coffee and cake with you afterwards in the school hall until 4pm and would welcome donations of buns.

Historically we have asked for donations of food, which the Church then sell and donate to Christian Aid. This year, we would like to support the Toilet Twinning Campaign, so instead of food donations, if you would like to put a small contribution in the pot instead, that would be amazing. We are aiming to twin 2 toilets this year.

For those of you who have not heard of this before, a toilet costs £60 and supports water sanitation in developing countries. This will be ongoing throughout the academic year, so we will keep you posted on our progress and further activities we are running.

For more information about Toilet Twinning, please visit <https://toilettwinning.org>.

Forest School

ExpLaura will be continuing Forest Schools in school. Information has been sent out already.

Phonics and Early Reading Meetings

Mrs Blades and Mrs McIntyre will be hosting phonics meetings for parents in R-Y2 in the near future (dates TBC). More information will be sent out next week.

Federation

As of 1st September, we officially federated with Cowick Primary School. Staff have already worked together from both schools in our training days. We are really looking forward to working more closely together.

Parent Governor

We are recruiting for 2 parent governors from across the Federation. If you are interested, please complete the nomination form which will be sent out next week.

Eco-Friendly School

Please can we remind parents and carers to switch off engines at drop off and pick up to reduce emissions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance to date: 98.12 %
Unauthorised absences: 0.61 %
Authorised absences: 0.86 %

Well done!!

A special mention and well done to Nancy for representing Team GB in Amsterdam. What a fantastic experience!



Well done and thank you to the PTA on their annual bike ride which took place on the last day of term. They have raised £45 for school Fund! A further £104 was raised at the Beer Festival. Thank you!!



Kind regards,

K Rawes

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

New items are in red
22/9 Jeans for Genes—non uniform (jeans)
27/9 KS2 visit to Ledston
4/10 School photo
4/10 Harvest Festival in church
12/10 Flu vaccine
17/11 Children in Need



Reminders

- ✓ Jeans for Genes
- ✓ Harvest Festival

Generosity Respect Service

Respect