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1st July 2016

Reminder: Staff toilets are not for public use as part of our Safeguarding procedures.

What's on Next Week					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Selected Y6 to Polesworth Design &Technology Day Cross Country Club 12.30-1pm KS2 Football Club 3-4pm KS1 Multi-sports Club 3-4pm	Sports Day KS1 at 10.00am KS2 at 1.15pm	N.W. Area Athletics Polesworth Open Evening 6.00pm-8.00pm	Induction Day KS2 Summer Sports Club 3-4pm	Hands on Maths Celebration Assembly 2.40	

Our Arrangement for Next Year

' looking ahead and preparing well'

During this week we sent out letters to parents informing them which class children will be taught in in September. Anticipating the changes ahead, even though they are months away, the children were all very excited to find out who would be teaching them in September.

Preparing children properly for a new school year starts months ahead and is always important. We take a great deal of trouble to get it right and every year our children come back in September excited about what is ahead of them, rather than being frightened by the unknown because we have planned a proper induction for them.

Apart from us ensuring children are in a class group where they will make the most progress, we also plan an exciting 'moving up day' on Thursday 7th July. On our moving up day the children are registered by their current class teacher and then move to their 'new class'. During the day we spend time agreeing a set of positive class rules based around our 'one word school rule'. We also give the children an opportunity to complete some writing about themselves and a some maths activity. When the children come back in September we make sure they are greeted by the work they completed displayed in their new classroom.

We are making very few changes to class groups next year. Our plans for the forth coming year always go very smoothly because we prepare children well and our children are used to us adapting classes and groups. Over the course of a typical week, our children currently seldom experience working solely as 'one class'. On a daily basis we 'deconstruct classes' to ensure that children get the most 'customised' support we can give them. Daily they work in 'phonics groups' made up of children from other classes or even year groups, work in small teaching assistant groups, work with other classes, or even with other schools!

Mr May - Director of Education

24/6/16 IMPORTANT: Changes to assessment – a 'ramping up' of expectations

This year there have been many changes to the expectations of our children. The national 'goal posts' have been changed and the 'average child' will now be expected to attain at a far higher 'level' than they used to and meet some very tough challenges.

Whilst we are confident that our children can meet the 'new challenges' well, the bar has been sent very high indeed. Parents should be aware that children who previously were graded as 'exceeding national expectations' may now fit closer into what is described as 'meeting national averages'. Be reassured, the children are not 'doing worse', are not failing, and teaching is still fantastic. We are simply being asked to measure them against a far more challenging standard.



All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for one.

Spot Light on Excellence...



<u>Playground</u>

After spending time on the playground over the last few weeks, it is clear that our pupils have a fantastic time during their breaks. They play brilliantly together across school, with older pupils sorting games for younger pupils. The vast range of activities available at lunchtime means no-one could possibly get bored. It is clear from observing the children that playtimes are a happy time of the day.

Weekly Safety Question



Charity Update

Money raised so far for

Polesworth Gro

£630.39

Homes Ltd

Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:

"What do you do if someone knocks on your door at home?"

Reserve Sports Day

Please note if sports day is not held on Tuesday 5th July due to bad weather the reserve date will be Monday 18th July.

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IPad App of the week Stick Pick by Buzz Garwood (£1.99 / £0.99 VPP)

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Pick a student at random just by giving your device a shake or tapping the screen -- but that's just the beginning. Stick Pick suggests question starters for learners at different levels and also records how well students respond during classroom discussions.

Please note that although we check the suitability of applications, they can be changed without notice.

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we hear 'Testing primary children is unnecessary'.

In reality we 'assess' children constantly and many times a day. We work out how they are doing with new concepts and adjust our teaching accordingly. 'Formal tests' are a part of the 'assessment jigsaw'. We present tests to our children with very great care and work really hard to make sure they are not stressful. We believe that testing gives us a very useful measure of children's performance and next steps.

Dates for your Diary

04/07/16 - Selected Y6 to Polesworth

06/07/16 - Polesworth Open Evening

6.00pm-8.00pm

15/07/16 - Staff Development Day

Kingsbury Water Park

15/07/16 - Swift Watercolour Art

11/07/16 - RNLI to see Reception

and Year 4

12/07/16 - Y6 French Immersion at Polesworth

13/07/16 - Y6 German Immersion at

Polesworth

13/07/16 - Sponsored Silence

13/07/16 - Showcase Afternoon

14/07/16 - Y3/4 Girls Football at

18/07/16 - Reserve Sports Day

19/0716 - Owl class to Cadbury

20/07/16 - Y6 Leavers Disco 6-8pm

22/07/16 - 9am Leavers Assembly

World

22/07/16 - Term ends school

20/07/16 - Mini Olympics

14/07/16 - Shorts and Shades Day

Baddesley Ensor

11/07/16 - Kingfisher class to

11/07/06 - Hawk Tudor Day

05/07/16 - Sports Day - KS1 at

06/07/16 - N.W. Area Athletics

07/07/16 - Induction Day

08/07/16 - Hands on Maths

Summer Term 2016

Design & Technology Day

10.00am KS2 at 1.15pm

ParentPay

This online portal now allows you to easily pay for all your children's school trips, dinners, music lessons all in one place. Now fully operational with dinner money, school trips, swimming lessons, music lessons. Please note that any credit or debit balances from our previous systems have been transferred. This will mainly concern Dinner Money which can be paid on a weekly basis and a minimum payment of £5.00 must be paid for at a time, you can of course pay more for longer periods if you wish.

Thank you for your support with our roll out of this online service. Should you require any further help or advice please contact the office who will be pleased to help.

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Just a reminder that the eSchools 'app' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The app will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device.

We need your used stamps!! We are asking all the children to bring in used stamps, so these can be traded in to raise money for our

chosen charity Polesworth Group Homes.

The class which collects the most will get a special prize!!



Matt Bartram

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On Friday Peacock class visited Twycross Zoo. We were joined by Dawn and Tracey from Polesworth Group Homes. We all had an amazing day.

"The penguins were bobbing their heads up and making a funny noise." Holly

"The giraffes walked in the house, then they walked slowly outside." Oliver

"The flamingos bent their knees backwards." Aimee

"There were some big tortoises. They have huge shells." Tallulah-Boo

"My favourite was the penguins because they are so special." Chloe

"The giraffes were very big." Katrina

"I liked the lemurs because they can hang from the trees." Ryan

"The leopard was trying to get down from the top of the cage." Nevaeh

"The spider monkeys were swinging around on the ropes." Jack

"I love the flamingos because they dip their heads down in the water." Olivia

"I like the penguins because they swim fast under the water." Jacob

Can you help?

We are always desperate for volunteers in school. If you can help on 'one off trips and visits' or on a regular basis, we would love to hear from you.

Water

Please encourage your child from an early age that fresh pure water is the number 1 healthiest choice for a drink!

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Potatoes from: £5.00/25kg bag or £2.75/12.5 kg bag - Also available: cheese, yogurts, creams, local milk Local Jam's and Polesworth Honey -Free range eggs £1.00 per 1/2 dozen Free Local Delivery Wholesale available

<u>Attendance</u>					
*	Last Week	Year			
Peacock Kingfisher	96.7%	96.7%			
Kingfisher	96.9%	96.4%			
Swan Owl	98%	97%			
*	84%	95.7%			
Swift	99.6%	97.4%			
Hawk	97.4%	97.1%			
Falcon	99.3%	97.2%			
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Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club Breakfast Club 7.45-8.35am. After School Club 3.00-5.30pm. Monday - Friday, term time only. For more information please contact Jack & Jill Preschool on 01827 899551 (Please note that once a session has been booked you will be charged even if your child does not arrive.)

finishes at 1pm Academic Year 2016-2017 05/09/16 - Staff Development Day 06/09/16 - Autumn Term starts 21/10/16 - Staff Development Day 24/10/16 - 28/10/16 - Half Term 16/12/16 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm 03/01/17 - Staff Development Day 04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts 20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term 07/04/17 - Spring Term ends 24/04/17 - Staff Development Day 25/04/17 - Summer Term starts 29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term 21/07/17 - Term ends school finishes at 1pm These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

