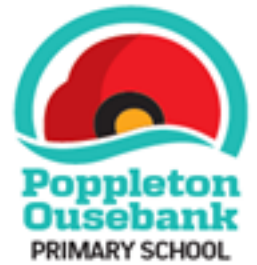


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The week we return to school after the half term break is our Sponsored Read! Our Charity Leaders wrote to you all last week and they have visited classrooms this week to remind children about getting sponsors. Perhaps the half term break will give them added opportunity to do this.

We are going all out this year as it is the 25th anniversary of WBD. There will be reading and book activities in school, all pupils are invited to come dressed as a well known book character, but do not have to—children can still wear their school uniform.

We also have Rock Kidz visiting our school with key messages around Self Esteem, Health & Wellbeing. Staff will also be spreading the word through the books that they share in class.

Children will also be given a World Book Voucher for £1.00 that they can use to buy a book of their choice.

Keep a look out on Twitter—we will share our amazing day with you as it happens!



Message from Mrs O'Hara

It's been a cold, wet and windy half term and it is clear from both children and the school team, that a half term break is just what we all require. The children have been just wonderful this half term—well behaved, attentive to their learning and great company! I have been particularly pleased by the Young Leaders who have demonstrated a real maturity whilst carrying out their roles (slightly concerned that they are after my job!) they have been a super addition to the running of the school and our younger pupils in particular have enjoyed having them support their playtimes as well as take them on the animal tour. Well done gang!

Rock bands

This week, children learning to play instruments and sing with Rocks n Pops have performed for the school. They have practised hard and it was fantastic to see them shine during their performance. They all received a huge round of applause, which no doubt has spurred them on.

Just to remind you that children can learn to play a rock instrument in school, learn to sing, play the piano or acoustic guitar. If your child is interested, please contact the school office.

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evening will be held online after half term — staff are looking forward to updating you about your child's/ren's progress. If you have yet to make your booking, please look at the letter on the school website under 'Parents', 'Parents Evening information.' On the letter is a website link, complete with video and written guidance to support you.

Online safety

Last week was Safer Internet Day. Although pupils receive lessons on keeping themselves safe on and offline during their Computing and P.S.H.E lessons, we also take advantage of using the day to emphasise the importance of knowing how to stay safe. Children had additional lessons in school as well as taking part in a whole school quiz during our assembly—what fun!

I provided families with information about the National Online Safety website that the school subscribes to, as part of our subscription allows families to learn about the dangers of online games and communities, that perhaps we are not familiar with. There are guides as well as training courses that parents can complete—ALL FOR FREE! I am pleased to see that families have not just created an account (FREE), but have also looked at the resources.

Technology changes so fast as do trends, so it is always worthwhile checking in to see what your children are doing and who they are communicating with. There is a wealth of information regarding Safeguarding and e-safety on the school website, under 'Key Information', 'Safeguarding'. If you have any concerns or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Internet safety letter can be found under the e-safety section of the Safeguarding area of the school website.



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Coats and school uniform

Our school playground is very exposed and children and staff really do feel the elements when outside. I am sometimes concerned that whilst staff are dressed as if they are about to climb the north face of the Eiger, some of our children are wearing the thinnest of **coats**. Although they may be waterproof, they are often not warm enough for this time of the year. Could you please check your child’s coat, hat, scarf and gloves etc, before they return to school. Thank you.

In the same vein, I often worry about girls that attend school with ankle/calf high socks with a skirt. If possible, **warm grey tights** are far more practical for their time in school as well as much warmer at this time of the year. I have however, given up on trying to convince some KS2 boys that shorts and short socks are not appropriate for this time of year. The sheer sight of them makes me feel cold, and even their parents are at a loss. Hey ho!

Hair— long and shoulder length hair must be tied back. The reason we ask for hair to be tied back is three-fold: health and safety; reduce head lice amongst children; reduce complaints to school about the amount of money families spend on shampoos and conditioners . It’s a win-win! So please ensure that pupils attend school with their hair in a pony tail, two pony tails or plaits. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A19E5uOxeGU>

P.E Kit—the school planner has all the information that you need regarding school P.E Kit. For some reason, we have pupils wearing a range of coloured shorts and t-shirts, with patterns and prints on them. We keep the P.E kit straight forward and simple, so that parents do not have to spend lots—all can be purchased from Tesco or Asda. Please ensure your child has a named, plain white t-shirt, black shorts , a black tracksuit and trainers. For pupils who keep their P.E kit in school, a draw string bag should be used. Thank you.

Teaching Assistant vacancies in school.

We currently have Teaching Assistant positions available:

Nursery: 22.5 hours per week, 8.30am—1.00pm

Year 5: Maternity Cover: 28.75 hours per week. Temporary until July 2022.

Year 2 : Full time teaching assistant position (8.30am—3.15pm)—starts after Easter.

Special dates this term

Parents Evenings— Week beginning 28th February (for parents to attend online)

World Book Day— March 3rd (pupils only)

British Science Week—11th—20th March (pupils only)

Year 6 leavers assembly—Friday 22nd July (for families)

