

NEWSLETTER

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WHAT A FIRST WEEK BACK!

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week. There has been lots of fun, laughter, so many smiles and a tangible sense of the enjoyment of being back together. Pondhu is focusing on building a positive and exciting future for our children. There is much negativity in the press concerning 'lost learning' and 'catch up' – this is not helpful. Our children, and children all over the world, have lived through an extraordinary, hopefully once-in-a-lifetime experience. We are planning ways to recognise this and move forward with a supportive, positive 'can do' approach for the rest of this academic year and beyond.

STAR LEARNERS

Congratulations to the Star Learners this week who are Jack, Ella, Brooke, Amelia-Jade, Ruby, Tyler, Alfie and the whole of Year 2. We have been so impressed with the positive attitudes and hard work these children have completed this week. Well done to you all!

REMINDERS

The first week has been successful but here are a few reminders that will help ensure our school is as COVID secure as possible.

- The school day starts at 8.45am – please arrive 'just in time' for the start of the day. There have been a number of children and families queueing down the approach road well before 8.30am. Please stay on site for as short a time as possible and only **one person** per family to be collecting or delivering children to school.
- All adults on site are expected to wear a face covering (unless exempt).
- Please remember to respect social distancing at all times.
- Senior staff will be available at the school gate to take any messages for teachers or please telephone the office.
- The school gate is closed from 8.30am until 9.00am and again from 2.30pm until 3.15pm. No vehicular movement is allowed on site as our priority is to get the children safely into and out of school.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 4th March

This was a real success and attached is the full report of the day. Well done to all the children who were winners of the various competitions. I encourage you to have a look.

RED NOSE DAY – Friday 19th March



Red Nose Day is back next Friday and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. In order to keep it as safe as possible you can now buy through ParentPay - we will not be able to accept cash on the day. School has not yet received our order of red noses and you will be notified by Mrs Blaber when they are available to be purchased. We ask that no more than two noses per child are ordered.



In addition, if you wish to make a donation to Comic Relief please use the following link (this is purely for a donation NOT to purchase a red nose) :

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2000>

BIKE REPAIR VOUCHER

Thank you to the parent who provided the link below which connects to a voucher to the value of £50 for bike repairs at Halfords which you may find useful. [Bike repairs](#)

DATES

March

8th RETURN TO SCHOOL!
25th – 30th Parent consultation days. Booking forms will be circulated next week.

April

1st Last day of term
19th Return from Easter holidays

May

31st – 4th June Half term

July

22nd Last day of term