



Putteridge Primary School

Newsletter Issue No. 4

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Our first month of the new year has come to an end and what a challenge it has been!

COVID has certainly made its presence known and a huge thank you to everyone for their supportiveness during a very difficult time – our staff have shown amazing flexibility to cover for absent colleagues, our children have shown great resilience if their teacher or their friends have been absent and our parents have been very understanding if we have had to close a class due to staffing shortages (not a decision that has been taken lightly).

We are hoping that an MTU (Mobile Testing Unit) will be on site later this week, allowing PCR tests to be readily taken by staff, pupils and parents should they wish – further details on this to follow separately.

Despite all of this, the children have started the new term with great enthusiasm and have been busy producing fantastic work, particularly art work – we have some very talented artists within the school and as a non-artist myself, I think they will be teaching me in the not-too-distant future!

Kind regards,
Colin Pickard



The Local Offer helps you find information about local services, support and events for children and young people aged 0 to 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

The aim of the local offer is to provide clear, comprehensive, and accessible information about support and opportunities available for children and young people with special educational needs in your area.

To ensure that the provision of services in education, health and social care are more responsive to local needs and aspirations of children and young people by directly involving them, their parents/ carers and service providers in its development and review.

Find out more about the Local Offer, run by the councils, in your area by clicking on one of the links below:

Luton:

<https://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/localoffer.page>

Values programme

The value for the month of February will be

'Honesty'

Luton Foodbank

Just before October half-term, we asked for items to be donated to Luton Foodbank. Your generosity has resulted in Putteridge Primary School receiving a trophy from Luton Foodbank for the most items collected by any of the schools across the town. Thank you once again for your invaluable support.



Chinese New Year

To celebrate Chinese New Year, Putteridge Primary Pantry prepared a delicious Chinese themed menu for the children. Thank you to Mrs Ridley and her team in the kitchen for their hard work in preparing the wonderful lunch.



Staffing update

We are pleased to welcome Miss Noor, who joined us at the start of January as the class teacher for Blue class, Mrs Garth who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 2, Mrs Bennett who has joined us as a part-time Learning Mentor and Mrs Palinskiene who has joined us as our Cook.

Dates for your Diary - please keep for reference:

Half term

The final day of this half term will be Friday 11th February – **the children finish at their normal time on this day.**

INSET Day

A reminder that Monday 21st February 2022 is a staff training day – **children return to school on Tuesday 22nd February.**

COVID-19 cases/tests during the February half-term holiday

If your child develops symptoms during the half-term please ensure that you undertake an LFT test or if necessary, a PCR test.

Should they test positive, please email immediately and mark the email as URGENT – please also put the name of the class in the subject line.

Please email enquiries@putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk which will allow us to take any necessary actions. Emails will receive a daily check on the Monday & Tuesday and then intermittently throughout the remainder of the holidays.