



# Putteridge Primary School

## Newsletter Issue No. 6

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I hope that you are well and it's that time again where, yet another term draws to a close.

March has certainly been a busy month with lots of events taking place. The school photographer was on site for individual and sibling photographs – a huge thank you to the office staff for their organisational skills to ensure the day ran smoothly, World Book Day, Science Week and Online Safety sessions took place at the start of the month (please see the relevant sections within the newsletter for further details) and the school community has really pulled together and shown their huge charitable spirit with the donations made to Comic Relief and supplies for the Ukraine; further details can be found in the sections below.

We do hope that you have a restful Easter period and that we see a return to the glorious spring weather we enjoyed last week. Please take care and stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,  
Colin Pickard  
Headteacher

### Donations for the Ukraine



A huge thank you to all parents who donated to the collection of clothes, personal items and bedding etc. While this wasn't widely publicised beyond our staff team, word of mouth kicked into action and Mrs Prowle's office was inundated with contributions each day between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. So much so that as well as her car, Miss Chinnery's was called in to action and filled on the Friday. All items were taken to a warehouse owned by a group that Mrs Prowle has been working with and were sorted before being loaded on to lorries and delivered to a storage centre on the Poland-Ukraine border. Vans are now in the process of delivering the aid in to towns and cities in Ukraine as well as to refugee reception centres in Poland.



### Starting school applications

If you have a child who is due to start Foundation Stage in September 2022, these allocations are due to be released on 19<sup>th</sup> April. If you applied on-line, you should be notified by email to the address you used on your application.

# Values programme

The value for the month of April will be

## 'Quality'

## Comic Relief 2022

Thank you to everyone who took part in the non-uniform day on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. Our usual royal blue was replaced by a sea of vibrant red and we managed to raise £875.28 – thank you very much for your generous donations!



Dates for your Diary - please keep for reference:

### End of term early finish

The final day of the spring term will be on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**. We will be finishing an hour earlier on this day, so the following finish times will apply:

**FS/KS1**

Years 1 & 2 – finish at 2.20pm

Foundation Stage – finish at 2.30pm

**KS2**

Years 5 & 6 – finish at 2.20pm

Years 3 & 4 – finish at 2.30pm

## Reporting an absence.



## Absence from school

If your child is unwell and is going to be absent from school, it is vital that we are informed of this. You can inform us of their absence by either telephoning the school office on 01582 728262 or by sending an email to [absence@putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:absence@putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk).

We are finding an increasing number of occasions where we are having to contact families to find out why their child isn't in school and as you can appreciate, with over 430 families on the school roll, that is not a simple task.

Mr Pickard has also had to carry out a number of home visits in the past few weeks, as we have not been able to get a response from parents and we have not been informed as to why the child is not in school.



### Internet safety parental information session

We do hope that you were able to view the parental information session delivered by ECP, that ran during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> March, and we hope that you found it useful. For those parents who didn't manage to access the session and would like further information about online safety, please use the following link:

[KIDSONLINEWORLD.COM](http://KIDSONLINEWORLD.COM) - Home

A copy of slides used in the presentation along with further internet safety websites can be found in our 'E safety at home' section on the school website – this can be accessed via the News & Events tab.

## World Book Day & Science Week 2022

If you haven't already done so, please have a look at the photographs on display on the school website to view an array of costumes that were worn to celebrate World Book Day, along with some of the activities that took place during Science Week. The photographs for both of these events can be accessed via the Galleries tab.

