



# Putteridge Primary School

## Newsletter Issue No. 1

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our first month of the new school year already.

It is wonderful to have the children back with us and for the school to be filled with chatter and children's hard work.

We have welcomed a number of new staff to Putteridge this month: Miss Howell and Miss Wilcox have joined us as teachers in Year 3, Miss Silver has joined us as 4V's class teacher and Mrs Aslam and Miss Ruda have joined our team of teaching assistants – I hope that you will make them feel very welcome as part of our Putteridge team.

Please make sure that you check ParentMail on a regular basis, including the 'forms' section, so that you do not miss out on important information – this is our main form of communication with parents. If you do change your mobile number or email address, please let us know straight away as this will affect your ability to receive ParentMail notifications.

Kind regards,  
Colin Pickard  
Headteacher



Please remember that the school site, including all pathways, is non-smoking and non-vaping

### Values Programme

The value for the month of October will be  
**'Tolerance'**



### Parent consultations

Our autumn term parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October (4.30pm – 7.30pm)** and **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (4.00pm – 7.00pm)**. A ParentMail invitation will be sent shortly with further information and details of how to book an appointment.



### Coats

As the weather is so unpredictable at the moment, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day, even if it is dry when your child sets off to school. Recent weather has meant torrential downpours occur with little warning and children who do not have a coat with them have ended up extremely wet.



## Putteridge Primary School Pit Stop

Before the holidays, we applied for the Tesco Stronger Starts grant and we have been successful - we have asked for money to create our very own sand pit.

Our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will begin in stores from the first week of October 2023 until Mid-January 2024.

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500.

The stores listed below will be taking part in the voting on our project:

Luton The Mall LU1 2LL

Luton Dunstable Road Tesco Express LU4 8JS

Luton Hitchin Road Tesco Express LU2 7UG

Luton Bishopscote Road Tesco Express LU3 1PE

Luton Eaton Green Tesco Express LU2 9HD

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction; it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Please share this with your friends and family so we can get as many votes as possible which help towards the creation of our sand pit.



British  
RedCross

### **Moroccan earthquake appeal**

A huge thank you for the very generous donations that were made for our non-uniform day on 15<sup>th</sup> September – we managed to raise **£1110.53** for the British

Red Cross Appeal. Please see the following article that appeared in 'Luton Today':

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/education/luton-primary-schools-own-clothes-day-raises-over-ps1000-for-moroccan-aid-appeal-4343843>

### **Reporting Absence**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that we are informed of this. This can be done either by telephoning the main school office on 01582 728262 or by sending an email to:

**[absence@putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:absence@putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk)**

Please note that if we do not receive a telephone call or email and we are unable to contact you, we will carry out a home visit to find out why your child is not in school.

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### Attendance Figures



Well done to our weekly attendance winners who are listed below:

08/09/23	Silver & Orange classes (100%)	5T (100%)
15/09/23	Silver Class (99.24%)	4U (100%)
22/09/23	Silver Class (98.97%)	6N (99.33%)
29/09/23	Purple Class (98.15%)	3Z & 5R (98.89%)



#### Harvest Foodbank Appeal

This year's Harvest Challenge will be just before we break up for half-term on Friday 20th October.

We would be grateful for any donations of tins and packets that can be sent into school that day. All food collected will be sent to the Luton Foodbank to help families struggling to make ends meet and put food on the table. Items most needed are: Rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, long-life milk, dried rice & biscuits

For further information about the Luton Foodbank please go to: <https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/>

### OCTOBER HALF TERM

School finishes for the half-term break at **3.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. All children return on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** (please note that this is an ordinary school day, **we are not closed for INSET**)



We are already amassing a number of lost property items, particularly in cupboards by the Key Stage 2 blue external door. If your child has lost an item of clothing, can they please look in the relevant lost property sections to try to find it.

Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are labelled or initialled, so that we have a chance of returning these items to you.