Putteridge Primary School Newsletter Issue No. 1

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the start of the second month of the new school year already and that the summer holidays are now a distant memory.

We have welcomed a number of new staff to Putteridge this term: Mrs Baldwin, Miss Hussain and Miss Begum have joined our Teaching team, in Years 1, 4 and 5 respectively, Mrs Basherat, Mrs Khaleed and Mrs Sanko have joined our team of Teaching Assistants, and Mrs Choudhury has joined our Midday team – I hope that you will make them feel very welcome.

Please make sure that you are connected to our ParentMail system, as this is our main communication tool to keep you up-to-date with information. Please check this on a regular basis, particularly first thing in a morning, so that you are aware of any changes that might need to be put in place that day. Please also check the 'forms' section, so that you do not miss out on important information regarding any upcoming events, consent to attend or meal choices. 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.

Please make sure that you read through the different sections in the newsletter; there is a lot of important information contained within it.

Kind regards,
Colin Pickard
Headteacher

Attendance Figures

Well done to our weekly attendance winners for this month, who are listed below:

Week ending	Key Stage 1 & EYFS	Key Stage
04/09/26	Bronze class (100%)	4W & 5R (100%)
11/09/26	Bronze class (100%)	5T (99.03%)
18/09/26	Bronze class (98.57%)	5S (99.67%)
25/09/26	Bronze class (98.93%)	5S & 6Q (99.33%)
02/01/26	Purple class (100%)	3Z & 4W (99.30%)

Values Programme

The value for the month of October will be

'Co-operation'

LOST PROPERTY

We are already amassing a number of lost property items across the school, 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.



Bikes and Scooters

If your child brings their bike or scooter to school, these need to be wheeled whilst on the school site, not ridden (this includes the pathways in to/out of school).

If your child has brought their bike or scooter and arrives after the gates have closed, the bike or scooter will need to be taken back home; we do not have the staffing capacity to be able to transport both children who arrive late and bikes/scooters.



Harvest Foodbank Appeal

This year's Harvest Challenge take place on Friday 16th 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/



PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We'd love to invite all parents and carers to our **Putteridge PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on **Thursday 15th October, 5:00–6:00pm**.

The PTA is all about bringing our school community together, creating fun experiences for our children and raising funds to support Putteridge Primary School. 🌟

At the meeting, we'll look back at what we've achieved, chat about our plans and fundraising ideas for the year ahead, and give everyone the opportunity to share ideas and get involved.

You don't have to join the committee or commit to every event to come along! Whether you can spare an hour occasionally, help at an event, share an idea or simply want to find out a little more about what we do, **everyone is welcome**. 🥰

We're always looking for new faces, fresh ideas and extra pairs of hands — the more of us there are, the more we can do for our children and our school. 🤍

If you're able to attend, please confirm your attendance by emailing us at Putteridgepta@gmail.com.

We'd absolutely love to see you there and hopefully welcome some new faces to our PTA!

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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 . If sending an email, please ensure that you include the name of the class that your child is in.



Parent consultations
Our autumn term parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 20th October** and **Thursday 22nd October (4.00pm – 7.00pm)**. Information will be sent shortly via ParentMail, with details of how to book an appointment.



October half-term
School finishes for the half-term break at **3.30pm on Friday 23rd October**. All children return on **Tuesday 3rd November** (please note that **school is closed to pupils for INSET on Monday 2nd November**)

Change of address

If your address differs from the one that you gave on your child's information sheet when they joined Putteridge Primary, please make sure that we know as soon as possible. In order for us to change the address we hold on the system, you will need to provide a copy of either your Council Tax bill or a utility bill (the bill presented to us must bear your name on it). If you are sending this information in to our enquiries email, please remember to include your child's name and class in the message header.



School lunches
In order for the Kitchen to be able to order the correct amount of food, we operate the following systems:
Your child has school dinner 5 days per week
Your child has packed lunch 5 days per week
Your child has packed lunch Monday to Thursday, and then 'Funday Friday' school lunch.

Food has to be ordered in advance, so we cannot facilitate children swapping and changing each day from school dinner to packed lunch or vice-versa.

If your child currently has packed lunch and wishes to change to school dinners each day, we need 5 days' notice to be able to do so; the same applies for the reverse.



The term dates for September 2027 – July 2028 can be found on the website in the 'News & Events' tab.

Again, we will be returning to school on a Thursday for the start of the new academic year. The first few days are crucial for the children to be in school, so that they settle back in to the school routine, re-establish friendships, get to know their new teacher from the outset and start their new learning from the very first day.

This year, we had a number of families who did not return to school until the start of the first full week back, meaning that their children missed out on what had already been taught. These children found it more difficult to get to grips with the Maths and English being taught, as they had missed the initial introductory lessons of the units.

Can we please ask that you carefully note when school returns when planning summer holidays.