

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Families

Our first full week of the Spring term, and the Autumn break already seems so long ago. Our children are fully focused on their learning. It is quite amazing to see how much further they have grown in confidence and maturity from the start of the academic year until now. This week, I have shown a few prospective parents around the school. They have all remarked on the positive attitude of our children as they have looked in all the classes.

### Dates for Next Week

M 14	Day	Book Fair arrives
T 15	08.00 15.30	Judo Club starts Ninja's Cookery club starts
W 16	15.30 17.00- 19.00	Lego Club starts Keys Academy Trust meeting at Earley St. Peter's
Th 17	p.m.	Cross Country event at Braywick
Fr 18	14.00	PTA Meeting at PJS

### Academies Consultation meetings

We have held our parent consultation meetings on the proposal to convert to academy status and join the Keys Academy Trust. Thank you to the parents who attended the meetings, and to those who have sent in comments and questions. Parents who attended the presentations heard how our governors have been researching the possibility of becoming an academy for three years. The presentations demonstrated a thorough knowledge and much considered thought. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on the school website. If parents would like to find out more information about the Keys Academy Trust, they can attend a surgery for parents at Earley St Peter's School on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 5 to 7pm. If you have any further questions or comments to make, you can email the governors at [governors@polehampton-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@polehampton-inf.wokingham.sch.uk) or you can put your comments or questions in writing, in a sealed envelope marked to the attention of the Chair of Governors, and hand to the school office. The consultation period will conclude on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

## NSPCC workshops

The whole school had an informative assembly delivered by Miranda Aston from the NSPCC on Monday. Workshops will take place for Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday 16th January.

## Green Park Challenge

This year the Green Park Challenge will be held on Sunday 17th March. This is a fun run of just under 3km organised for families and children of all ages, which takes place in Green Park just before the Reading Half Marathon. We are promoting it as a fun opportunity for children to run as part of our whole school strive for a 'healthy lifestyle'. The mile that the children run regularly at school should prepare them well. The finish line is inside the Madejski Stadium and the atmosphere is fantastic!

Children can run for charity, for exercise, for competition or just for the fun of it! For those who want to run competitively, the school is automatically entered into the Schools Challenge and the schools with the fastest runners win trophies. To enter, just tick the Polehampton School box when filling out the entry form.

For more information and to enter the race go to <http://www.readinghalfmarathon.com/race-info/green-park-challenge.htm>

## Change to menu

On Wednesday week 2, carrots will be served with green beans instead of red cabbage.

## Medications in school

Please remember to check your child's medication is in good supply and has not passed its expiry date.

## PTA

Funds raised last term paid for the Pantomime coaches; new bark for the play structure; new book shelves; furnishings for the class book corners; a new outdoor clock for the playground; IT support; Christmas lunch table cloths and crackers. As always, thank you for all your generosity supporting the PTA.

Our next meeting is on Friday 18th January, 2pm at the school. We'll be discussing how PTA funds are to be used this year and beginning to plan events for this year including discos, the annual quiz and the summer fayre.

Friday 1st February - Year 5 cake sale. Topaz and Diamond classes get to decide how to spend proceeds. Let's get baking!

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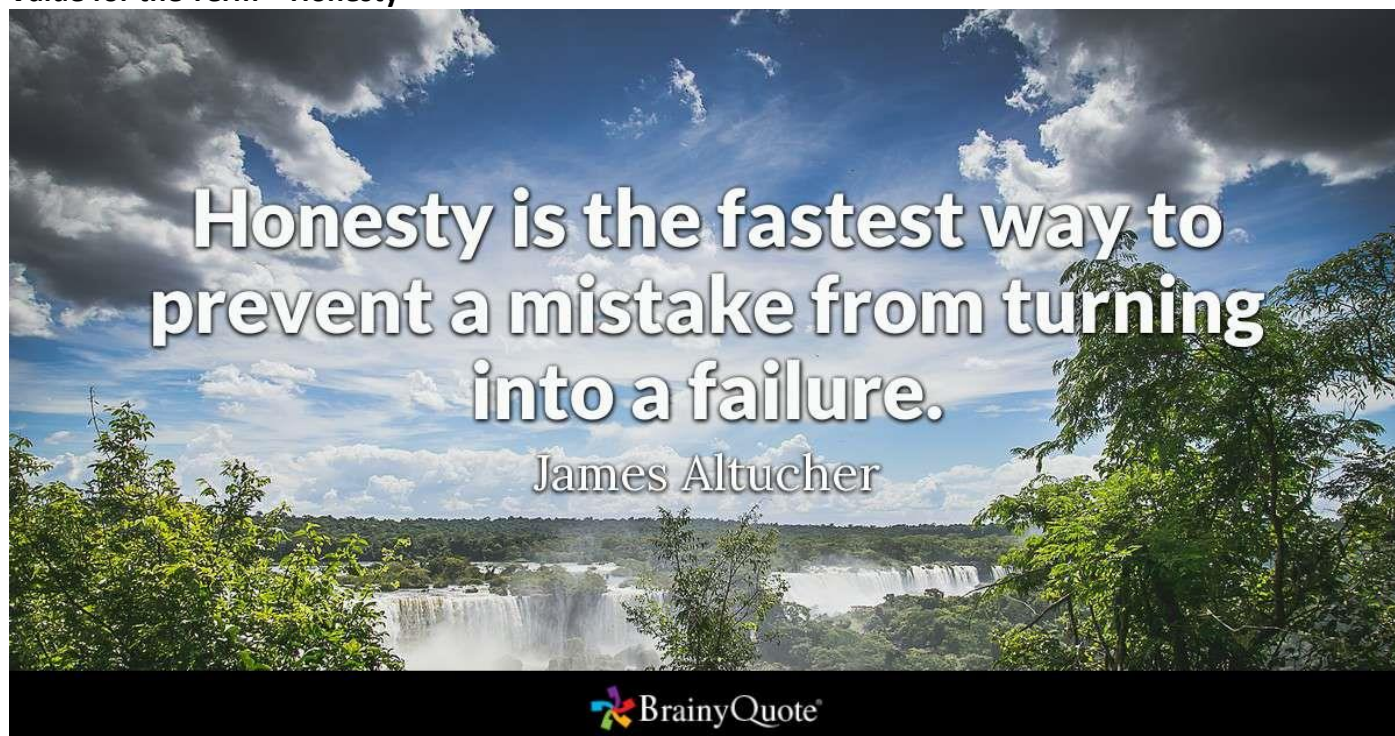
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## Enterprise in Year Six

On their own volition, three of our Year Six boys – Joseph Errington, Tom Pitts and Thomas Croft, collaboratively organised a Christmas tree competition last term. Today in our celebration assembly, they announced the winners. I was so impressed with their confidence when they spoke to the whole school and explained the competition, and how they awarded the prizes – in addition to their whole organisation and dedication to the project. I can imagine these boys will be extremely successful in whatever careers they pursue when they grow up. What a credit they are to their parents and to the Polehampton Federation.

## Value for the Term – Honesty



With best wishes

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