

Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear Parents,

## Deaf Awareness Week

**Talking Hands**

**DEAF AWARENESS WEEK**  
6-12 May 2019

**DEAF**  
Index and middle fingers extended ('N' shape) touch ear

This year's theme is  
**"celebrating role models"**  
**#DAWRoleModels2019**

**When you meet a deaf person**

- Face the person while you are speaking, don't turn away
- Speak clearly without shouting
- Repeat yourself if necessary
- Never say 'It doesn't matter'
- If the person doesn't understand you, don't give up!
- Write it down or draw a picture
- Speak one at a time, don't talk over each other
- Keep your mouth visible
- Smile and relax
- Don't speak too quickly or too slowly
- Please use gestures

In assembly today, we talked about it being Deaf Awareness week and I set a challenge for each child - to learn to finger spell their name. A few children can do this already – maybe those children could learn their mum or dad's name?

Attached to the newsletter is a finger spelling alphabet - let's see how many of us can learn something new over the weekend!

## Top Tips for Screen Time

How much time does your child spend using a device at home? There are some troubling statistics about even very young children becoming addicted to their tech and the impact of that on many aspects of their development.

I always advise setting the rules while your children are young, such as no online devices in their bedrooms. Please find a handy parent guide to **"Screen Addiction"** attached to today's newsletter.

## Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, please do contact us by 9.00am, either by email to the admin address or by calling the school.

It is our duty to know about our pupils' whereabouts, to know our children (and families) are safe and are not in need of any help.

This means we would need to use any contact number we have for your child to find out how they are. If we still don't know, we would make a home visit. If we cannot make contact at all, we would contact the police to do a welfare visit.

## Judo

There is a free taster session on Tuesday 14th May for our morning Judo club. This runs 8:00-8:45am in the school hall and is open to all year groups. Interested children should wear PE kit or a tracksuit.

## Big Battery Hunt

All children will have received a small box this week to help them take part in the nationwide 'Big Battery Hunt'. Please help your children collect any used batteries and deposit them in the collection barrel in the school reception area. This is a great way to help the environment and also give the school a chance at winning some prizes.

## Swimming Lessons

Please remember to pay for swimming lessons online (Tucasi); lessons start next week.

## Music lessons next week

PIANO - morning lessons will be cancelled due to SATs and rearranged.

## Sports Club Half Term

We are pleased to announce that FACE Events will be running a Sports Club at Polehampton Junior School this May half term. Please see all details in our flyer below, as well as the proposed timetable of sports and activities.

The club will run 8:30am-4:00pm on Tuesday 28th May and Wednesday 29th May.

The club will be open to children from Year 1 up to Year 6. The group will be split between under and over 8's.

The children will get a chance to experience a variety of different sports across the two days, including football, dodgeball, swimming, archery, nerf and many more.

The club is aimed at coaching children to improve in different sports as well as improving Fundamental Movement Skills whilst enhancing teamwork, cooperation and sportsmanship.

Places are limited to book now to avoid disappointment.

<http://www.facevents.com/holiday-club>

As this is a pilot, it will only be running for the 2 days. If successful, we look at more dates in the summer holidays. Please be aware that this may have to cancel the club if numbers are low, but parents will be informed by Friday 24th May.

Please see the attachment for more information.

## PTA News

Thank you to all who attended the termly meeting at Buratta's last night.

We are pleased to say that, thanks to all your fund raising support and the boost in funds from match funding, the PTA are able to contribute £14,000 towards the school toilet refurbishment. We are working with the school to allocate additional funds for materials / equipment / IT and ongoing projects that will enhance the children's experience and environment.

**Year 6 Leavers Hoodies** - There will be a letter / order form coming home tonight to order Hoodies.

Sample sizes are in school for your children to try on. Please make sure we get your order by Friday 17th May to ensure they're ready for the trip to Hayling Island.

## Summer Fayre – Saturday 29th June 2-4

Please join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday 21st May 7.45pm

Venue – PTA committee member house (call school for venue). As this is the last Fayre for the whole PTA team, it's important we get new helpers along to help handover. The format remains pretty much the same each year so it's straight forward to organise – any new ideas are very welcome.

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**SUMMER FAYRE RAFFLE PRIZE APPEAL** – If you or your business is able to donate a raffle prize please let us know. The raffle is one of our biggest fund raisers and any prizes are much appreciated. Perhaps you can offer a beauty treatment? A voucher for your business? Or you work for a company that could offer a prize? Please let us know as soon as possible as we need to order raffle tickets in plenty of time.

### **Year 3 Cake Sale**

Thanks to all those that provided cakes for the sell out sale last Friday. We'll be handing over the profits to the class teachers who will work with the children to work how they'd like to spend money.

The PTA are going to raise funds for years 4 and 5 classes (whose missed out on cake sales due to snow and admin error) by organising refreshments before and after Sports Day... we'll need a few helping hands but rest assured you won't miss any of the action!

Many thanks for your ongoing support from the PTA team  
pjspta@hotmail.co.uk

### **Infant School Spring Fair – Today!**

The Infant School Spring Fair is taking place this afternoon – we're trying a Friday for a change. All the usual fun will be on offer, so do pop along if you are free. I know lots of our Junior children love to volunteer on the stalls. 4.30-6.30pm

### **Luckley House School information**

Open evening – Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm  
Year 5 Taster days - Thursdays June 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Open House – most Fridays.  
Arrive at 9.30 am for coffee with the Head, followed by a tour.  
Book online at [www.luckleyhouseschool.org](http://www.luckleyhouseschool.org)  
Tel 0118 978 4175 e: [Registrar@luckleyhouseschool.org](mailto:Registrar@luckleyhouseschool.org)

### **Best Wishes**

**Have a Lovely Weekend.**

### **Miss Ball**

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