



# 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 and the summer holidays are now a distant memory.

Please make sure that you check ParentMail 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.

We have welcomed a number of new staff to Putteridge this month: Mrs Vitale has joined our teaching team and Mrs Dempsey has joined our pastoral team – I hope that you will make them feel very welcome.

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 of September, who are listed below:

#### Week ending

05/09/25  
12/09/25  
29/09/25  
26/09/25

#### Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Purple class (99.38%)  
Blue Class (98.62%)  
Purple Class (97.41%)  
Gold Class (98.67%)

#### Key Stage

3Y (98.67%)  
3Y (100%)  
4V (100%)  
4W (99.33%)

### Values Programme

The value for the month of  
October will be

**'Tolerance'**



### Jeans for Genes

**Thank you to everyone who took part in Jeans for Genes day – your generous donations helped raise £455 for the charity.**



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.



## Harvest Foodbank Appeal

This year's Harvest Challenge take place on Friday 17th 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/>



## Parent consultations

Our autumn term parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** and **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (4.00pm – 7.00pm)**. A letter will be sent shortly with further information and details of how to book an appointment.



## Coats

As the weather is becoming more unpredictable, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day, even if it is dry when your child sets off to school



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### Foundation Stage playground

*Thank you to our donators, including BLCF, that have helped to fund our revamp of the Foundation Stage playground, which hopefully you will agree is much brighter, inviting and child friendly. The children in Foundation Stage have certainly been making the most of the new equipment; constructing different obstacle courses, exploring the climbing frame, enjoying the literacy area (particularly sitting in the 'teacher' chair) and performing on the stage.*



#### 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.*



#### School Lunch

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.



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



### **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



### **October half term**

School finishes for the half-term break at **3.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. All children return on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** (please note that this is an ordinary school day, **we are not closed for INSET**)