

Update

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“Lord, you have examined me and know me. You know everything I do; You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know all my actions. You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power” Psalm 139 V1, 3 & 5

I hope that you have all had a restful Christmas and New Year. It seems like a distant memory already, but I am pleased to announce that £173.08 was raised for Children In Need from our Bake Sale and £239.30 from the sale items for the Poppy Appeal. The RE teaching at Pulford has again received external verification. The Diocese has spotlighted our Harvest Trail in their schools' newsletter and we have been asked by the local authority to support CBC schools in developing exciting RE learning opportunities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave Farlam for his time on the PTA, as he now moves on to the role of Church Governor for Pulford School. Dave

1. Pulford Pirates Restarts: Training starts again on Saturday 6th January 2018. If you would like your child to continue training this term, please ensure that £15.00 subs are paid to the front office by Friday 12th January 2018. Please can we remind parents that they are responsible for their children during the session. PLEASE ensure that the Reception Class outdoor areas/toys are not used.

2. REMINDER Applications for main school or Transfer to Middle School 2017: As the deadline for applications falls on a Monday (15th), applications must be received at Central Beds Council by **Friday 12th January 4.30pm.**

3. House Point Winners: Last half terms tokens have been counted, results are as follows: Stockgrove 485, Rushmere 630 and Tiddenfoot 671. CONGRATULATIONS TO TIDDENFOOT! All children in the Tiddenfoot team are welcome to come to school in MUFTI, wearing a white top if they wish on FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2018.

4. PTA AGM TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2018 – ALL WELCOME: The next meeting will be in the New Year in the staff room at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to come along, even if you do not want to be considered for a main committee role. Any fresh fundraising ideas for 2018 will be gratefully received. Key roles will be up for re-election and a vacancy for PTA Treasurer will need to be filled. If you are interested in this role, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the PTA (Ann Emery or Karen Wood) to discuss the requirements before the AGM.

5. Itchy scalp? . . . Please check your children's heads, 'friends' have been found in children across the year groups over the Christmas break.

6. Time to pay for Lunches and Pre-School Fees! This half term as follows:

	Years 3 & 4 Lunches	Pre-School Lunches 3+
Mondays	£11.50	£21.50
Tuesdays	£11.50	£21.50
Wednesdays	£13.80	£25.80
Thursdays	£13.80	£25.80
Fridays	£13.80	£25.80
Everyday	£64.40	£120.40

Pre-School fees are also due: 3+ £12.15 per am/pm session. Rising 3's - please come in to the front office to arrange payments for lunches and fees.

7. Advanced Notice: After reviewing the costs of Little Saints and After School Clubs (which have been frozen since 2012), we now find it necessary to increase our charges to £4 per hour. The changes will come into effect after the Easter break (16/04/2018).

8. Recorder Lessons: Lessons re-start next week. Please forward payment of £20 to the front office for this terms fee.

8. Able and Talented: Mrs Rees is looking at updating the 'more able and talented' registers for school. If your child has a particular talent that the school may not already be aware of eg. swimming, dance, gymnastics, music etc. please forward the details via the front office of contact numbers of coaches and details of your child's talent.

8. Staff Thank You!: All of the staff here at Pulford would like to thank the Pulford family for their Christmas cards, blessings and gifts – and wish you all of the best for 2018!