

Update

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,”
Galations 5:22

WELCOME TO PULFORD! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new families to Pulford. Please do not hesitate to contact the school by telephone or email, where our office team will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. There is always lots of information on the school website, please do look first! Dave

- 1. All Pupils Return Wednesday 4th September:** We look forward to seeing all of you tomorrow. All after school activities start and Little Saints is open for Breakfast Club and after school.
- 2. Pulford Pre-School Open Evening Wednesday 4th September:** Tomorrow evening Pre – school are opening their doors to prospective families between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. The Pre-School staff will be there to show families around the setting and to answer any questions that you have – please pass this information to anyone you know that may be interested in going along.
- 3. Teddy Bears Picnic:** This Friday the whole school will be having a picnic out on the field, children can bring in a bear (not a precious one) for the occasion. What a lovely way for us to all come together during our first week!
- 4. Y3 & Y4 only & Pre-School Dinners and Fees:** Please note you will not receive invoices for lunches etc, only Little Saints (breakfast/afterschool club). Parents are expected to work out what is due and pay within the first week of each half term. If you need help with anything please do not hesitate to call into the office where we will be happy to help. We have carried on last years’ arrangements. If you want to change your child’s meals/days, please do it in writing and we will make the changes at the next half term. If you have forgotten which days your child is having a hot lunch etc please pop in to the office to check. Lunch prices remain the same as last year for main school and Pre-school. Please pay now by cash, cheque, PayPal on the school website shop or in person by credit/debit card at the Front Office. Please see days below for this half term (up until the October break).

	Years 3 & 4 Lunches	Pre-School Lunches 3+	Pre-School Lunches Rising 3’s
Mondays	£13.80	£25.80	£30.30
Tuesdays	£13.80	£25.80	£30.30
Wednesdays	£16.10	£30.10	£35.35
Thursdays	£16.10	£30.10	£35.35
Fridays	£16.10	£30.10	£35.35
Everyday	£75.90	£141.90	£166.65

Pre-School fees are also due: 3y+ £12.15 per am/pm session. Rising 3’s £16.50 per am/pm session - please come in to the front office to arrange payments for lunches and fees.

- 5. Uniform Orders:** There has been a large volume of uniform orders received over the summer break. The lovely PTA will be in over the next few days to fulfil them. Please look for them in your child’s black bag at the end of the day.

6. Helpful Hints! Please have a through read through our helpful hints to help get you through the school year – whether you are new to Pulford or not!

- **Jargon Buster** – To help you navigate the minefield that is being a parent, we would like to help you with some of the terminology that we use:

Class	Year Group	Key Stage
Pre-School	-	Early Years
Silver Birch & Oak	Foundation Stage or Reception Class	Early Years
Horse Chestnut, Willow, Elm	Year 1 or Year 2	Key Stage 1 (KS1)
Cherry Blossom, Juniper, Beech	Year 3 or Year 4	Key Stage 2 (KS2)

- **Communication -**
 - 1) Email communications – all newsletters, trip letters etc will come out via email using the email address that you have given us. Please look out for the email from ‘RMIntegriss’.
 - 2) Our School website is kept up to date and reviewed frequently. It is a great way of finding out information about what is going on at school. When looking at our Diary Dates hover over the date/event and further details will appear. *Please keep looking at the school diary on our website as some events may be subject to change.*
 - 3) We also have a Facebook page – follow the link on the website. This is used for ‘flash notices’ only.
 - 4) Please feel free to call or email the Front Office team if you have a query of any nature – we are here to help. It’s good to talk!
- **Uniform** – Please make sure that your child comes to school in full, NAMED uniform and a coat everyday (the British weather is very changeable), the children do spend a lot of time outside rain or shine. PE Kit should be sent into school at the beginning of each half term. PE kits are sent home at the end of every half term for washing. PE lessons are held outside so please make sure that it contains correctly fitting plimsolls and a GREY tracksuit. UNIFORM LIST is on the front notice board and you can also find it on the website (prospectus).
- **Forest School Kit** – this should come in on the day that your child is timetabled for Forest School and must be taken home the same day.
- **Long Hair** – luscious locks must be tied up for school. Not only is it smart but it’s a good way to keep ‘unwanted little friends’ away! Please keep to yellow/black/grey hair bands/clips etc.
- **Lost Property** – At the end of last term, over 30 unclaimed items (not named) were sent to be recycled ☹️. Please make sure that name labels are clear and visible on all of your children’s belongings. Named items will be returned to your child’s peg. Lost property is located in the Front Office and is cleared out fortnightly, please make an effort to check.
- **House Points YR – Y4** – Every child is allocated to a ‘House’, new children will be told which one by their class teacher and they will stay in this ‘House’ during their time here at Pulford. BLUE – Stockgrove, WHITE – Tiddenfoot and RED – Rushmere. We operate a token system. Tokens are earned for displaying good behaviours/work during the school day. At the end of the term, the House with the most amount of tokens are given a reward e.g. a non-school uniform day. At the end of the year the House with the most tokens over all receive the prestigious ‘House Cup’ – last year this went to Tiddenfoot!
- **Little Saints Morning Club** – When dropping your child into Little Saints, please leave them with a member of staff at the internal hall door to avoid causing obstructions/near misses on the road outside. If you would like your child to have breakfast (cost of £1) that morning please let the staff know.

- **Courteous Parking** – We have very good neighbours up on Church Avenue, please be mindful of where you choose to park in the mornings. There is free parking outside the Post Office for 30 minutes and there are ALWAYS spaces before 8.30am.
- **KS2 Breaktime Snacks** – All children need to bring in a fresh piece of fruit or veg for their breaktime snack from home in a re-usable container (no bags please). The government only provide ‘free’ fruit snacks for KS1, sorry!

7. Teaching Staff List: Please see our staffing list below:-

CLASS	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Ash/Pre-School	Mrs. Major (Teacher)/Mrs. Crockett (Play Leader)	Mrs. Young/Mrs. Keen (Play workers)
Silverbirch	Mrs. Kirk	Mrs. Marchant
Oak	Mrs. Brown	Mrs. Dominguez/Miss. Bak/Mrs. Norwood
Horse Chestnut	Mrs. Pickering/ Mr. Heather	Miss. Waterhouse
Willow	Mrs. M Quick/Mrs. Rees	Mrs. Bunn/Mrs. Keen
Elm	Miss. O’Neill/Mr. Webb	Mrs. Gregory
Cherry Blossom	Mrs. Horsfield/Mrs. Borrelli	Mrs. Perkins
Juniper	Mrs. Nurden/Mrs. Cox	Miss. McGahey
Beech	Mrs. Youngs/Mr. Webb	Mrs. Norwood/Miss. Bak