



# Update



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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

*'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.'* John 10 v 14

*It has been great to see parents in school for the parents evenings over the past two weeks. We have received lots of positive comments during these meetings which is very encouraging. To help us further PLEASE complete the Parent View questionnaire (link on our home page), this will help our school grow and all feedback is gratefully received. I would also like to thank the parents who have taken the time to complete and return our Diversity Questionnaire, if you would like a copy please see the front office team. Have a restful half term - Dave*



**1. Pulford Pirates Last Training Session:** Just a quick reminder that the last training session for Y1-Y4 for this half term is *Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021*. There is no training tomorrow – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.



**2. Harvest Festival:** Thank you to the families who donated food and money at our Harvest service. We are pleased to share that together we donated over 250 food items and raised **£263.30** for the Bishops Harvest Appeal. Thank you!



**3. Having A Clear Out Over Half Term?** Here is two ways you can put things to good use! If you are clearing your wardrobes ready for the winter, please keep your clothes, bags and belts for the **Bags 2 School** collection at *9.00am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November* – just drop these off in a bag at the top of the hill near to Pre-School (please do not block the gates) on the day. Also, if you have any unwanted 'good as new' children's books, for the **Book Elves** collection please drop them outside the office between *Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November* – let's help bring some Christmas cheer around Beds, Herts and Bucks.



**4. YR Pulford Pirates:** We are pleased to share that all YR children are invited for a free trial football session on *Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021* at 9.15am here at Pulford on the school field. Parents must stay on site for the duration of training and all children should wear warm and comfortable clothing and trainers for the session. If your child enjoyed the trial and would like to sign up for the re with the deadline to sign up being *Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021*:

<https://forms.gle/5Uu6Wj3bdz41hsJP6>



**5. Poppy Appeal:** After the half term break we will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal at the school gates at the end of each day. We will have a supply of paper Poppies and this year we have managed to get the very popular school box too! Each item sells for £1.



**6. Flu Immunisations:** All completed forms will be collected after the half term break, we have not been given a date for these to be administered. As soon as we hear more from the Immunisation Team we will let families know.

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**7. Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** As the additional bank holiday to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee falls in the May half term break, it has been agreed that school employees will be granted an additional non contact day. This has been set for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Please add this date to your diary.



**8. Considerate Parking:** We have had a call from Leighton Road Surgery (Grovebury Road) with a complaint that parents are parking in their Doctor and Emergency staff bays. Please can parents avoid these spaces.



### **9. Helpful Tips for Reading With Your Child at Home:**

#### **Finding and Retrieving Information**

- Where does the story take place?
- When did the story take place?
- What did he/she look like?
- Where do the characters live?
- Who are the main characters?
- What happened in the story?
- What kinds of people are in the story?
- What happened after.....?
- Can you tell me why.....?
- Describe what happened when.....

#### **Deducing and Inferring Information**

- What does the word.....make you think of?
- If you were going to interview / ask a character a question – who would you ask and what would your question be?
- What do you think will happen because of.....?
- Through whose eyes is the story told?
- Why do you think.....feels.....?
- If this was you, what would you do next?
- How have the characters changed during the story?
- Predict what you think is going to happen next. What makes you think this?
- How do you know that....?
- What does the main character feel at this point in the story? How do you know this? Can you pick out a sentence to show it?

#### **Structure and Organisation**

- How do headings help you when you scan the text?
- How does the layout help the reader?
- Some of the text is printed in a different way, why do you think the writer does this?
- Why has the author repeated words or phrases?
- What is the purpose of the pictures?
- What is the purpose of subheadings, headings, chapter titles?

*Have a lovely half term break!*