



# News Update

Summer Term 6—Week 3

25th June 2021

## Diary Dates

Sports Day No spectators	30th June
Class photo orders deadline	6th July
Y1 India Day	14th July
Transition Day	21st July

## Recognition Awards

**Year R:** Henry B, Jayda K, Zaviyar M, Amira D, Ignac M, Lilla B, Ava B.

**Year 1:** Betsy B, Finn C, Sahasra G, Liana A.

**Year 2:** Amira H, Thiya P, Ritwik R.

## Last Orders

Proof cards for the class photos were sent home yesterday with the children. Please note the closing date for orders is Tuesday 6th July.

All orders and payments should be made direct with Yellow on-line—see proof cards. No payments will be handled by the Academy Office.



## End of year gifts for staff

This is a polite message to thank some parents already asking about the logistics for gifts for staff at the end of this academic year. There is certainly no expectation for gifts to be provided to staff. However, if any parent or carer would like to provide a gift then please consider e-gifts or there will be drop boxes for gifts on Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20th July placed around the academy site. This enables us to meet quarantine measures. As ever, thank you for your support, kindness and understanding.

## Principal's Post

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another action-packed week it has been! The children have continued to work incredibly hard and enjoy their learning.



The academy, over the last two weeks, has had a number of virtual visits and virtual meetings with representatives from the University of Brighton Academies Trust to discuss the academy's curriculum and how the academy continues to meet the academic and social and emotional needs of all children at the academy. I am delighted to share some key headlines:

- Children are keen to engage in their learning and feel safe at the academy.
- Children are passionate about talking about their learning.
- Phonics teaching, curriculum design and learning spaces have been identified as real strengths.

In addition to the above, this week, I have been enjoying looking through many examples of children's writing. I have been impressed with the children's use of descriptive language, exploring punctuation and I was struck by how many children are really persevering with writing for longer periods of time. As an academy our next focus, for writing, will be working on improving children's handwriting. The academy will send more information about this in the new academic year.

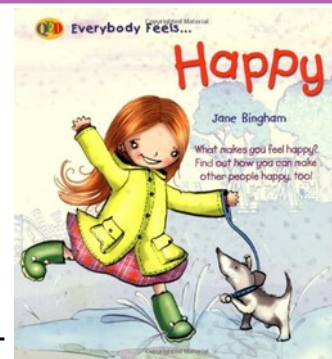
I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!  
Take care and stay safe,

**Mr Tom Jordan—Principal**

## A Good Read

This week during assembly Mrs Ellis read us a book called 'Everybody feels....Happy' by Jane Bingham.

This fantastic story helps children to understand emotions and focuses particularly on being happy. You can enjoy reading and listening to the story together on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmf58vdd9IM>



Can you think of a time where you were really happy? What could you do to make someone else feel happy?

## Sports Day

Next Wednesday is our Academy Sports day. Please keep an eye on the forecast and make sure your child is kitted out appropriately not just with PE kit, but also sun creamed and with a sun hat and plenty of water.

We fully appreciate parents' disappointment around not being able to see Sports Day, particularly when we thought this would be possible within the government's original roadmap to easing lockdown restrictions. However, unfortunately, circumstances have changed. Like many schools across the country, the academy's decision was not taken lightly and rested on many factors including:

1. Year groups cannot mix, in line with government guidance for schools.
2. The number of visitors we could accommodate would be limited to 30 under current government guidance.
3. Each class is required to remain in their bubble of 30 children. For all children to enjoy Sports day, each year group will be allocated a strict time slot to complete the carousel of activities. As a result, 90 children within the year group will be out on the field at the same time.
4. All equipment is required to be fully cleaned between timetabled sessions.
5. To achieve the above, staff not working in class bubbles or wings are required to clean or support the academy's day-to-day running. This severely limits staffing capacity.
6. The use of the field requires joint organisation between Pound Hill Infants and Pound Hill Juniors. Therefore the timetables for both schools need to be carefully managed throughout the day to meet the needs of all children.

After consideration of the above, and with a heavy heart, we have had to plan for a 'closed' event this year.

Please note—normal PE lessons will continue as usual next week. Sports Day will not replace these!

### Bee Creative!

Join Radio2 and the Royal Horticultural Society looking after our bees by designing a bee-friendly garden. Open to 6-12 year-olds, the winning design will be actually created and planted at an NHS site as a garden for use by children and young people with mental health needs. Download an entry form from the site below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2qk4dDdJJdsVFmcLhZ7RwmW/how-to-enter>



Year 2 Leavers' T-shirts have arrived and will be distributed to those families who ordered them next week.

The children will be able to wear the T-shirts into the Academy at specific times in the run up to the end of term—more details will be sent out next week.



This week was National Thank a Teacher Day.

Do you know someone who has been amazing this year, or someone who needs a boost at the end of a long week? Let them know they're appreciated by sending them a free thank you e-card - available to all staff working in UK schools, school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff. Please use our PHIA email addresses:

[Reception@phiacademy.org.uk](mailto:Reception@phiacademy.org.uk)

[year1@phiacademy.org.uk](mailto:year1@phiacademy.org.uk)

[year2@phiacademy.org.uk](mailto:year2@phiacademy.org.uk)

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### [Thank a Teacher Form | Thank a Teacher](https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Anyone can send a card for Thank a Teacher Day. The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners.

[thankateacher.co.uk](https://thankateacher.co.uk)