



## Headteacher's Message

Apologies for not being around on the gate in the mornings for the first two weeks of term – I injured my ankle in the holidays so I've not been able to do gate duty. I will back on gate duty on Monday so looking forward to seeing more of you all next week.

This week I have begun to look at the teaching of reading at school. I have observed lessons in Larch, Willow, Sycamore, Holly, Beech and Acer classes together with our reading leader Mrs Castano. We were so impressed with the responses of our children to the teaching they were receiving. The behaviour and the learning in all the classes was excellent and it was a joy to see our children learning so well.

Well done children and staff! Next week we will look at the rest of the school and their reading too. We have had an exciting week. Year 6 children have started their swimming lessons at the Kingfisher Centre. They all came back very enthused!

## Year 5 Formula Goblin racing cars

We have taken delivery of our 2 kit cars which the Year 5 pupils will build, drive and later race against other schools in June (Covid permitting!). The cars are called Formula Goblin cars and the work to build includes science, technology and engineering as well as practical Maths!

## Parent/Carer Governors

We have two Parent Governor positions available on the Governing Body. If you would like to get involved in leading our school, please email our Chair of Governors for more information on [louise.arnold@potkiln.net](mailto:louise.arnold@potkiln.net)

Please express interest to the school or Louise by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April please. We need YOU!

## Whole school attendance = 95.4%

This is improving week on week – this is fabulous!! Let's keep working on attendance together!

## Safeguarding

To help prevent the creation of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens; empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for 6 weeks. You can find out more as parents at <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/> Please take a look for information and useful tips over 6 weeks.



Ash – Amelia  
Chestnut – Spencer  
Cherry – Max W  
Beech – James Wh.  
Acer – Leo  
Holly –  
Willow – Poppy

Sycamore – Amaleigh  
Larch – Kairi  
Cedar – Kara  
Oak – Fred  
Hawthorn – Oliver