

A very warm welcome back to you all; I am sure you enjoyed the holiday break and not having the pressure of getting children out of bed in the morning!

The children have very, readily settled back into the school routine including the new children that joined us this September. There have been lots of smiley faces during assembly.



Some of you may have had the opportunity to meet Sam Pearce, our new Marketing & Admissions Manager. Sam joined us just as we were breaking up for the summer holidays and has been 'learning the ropes' alongside receiving training for the role.

Mike Chalmers-Hunt, Bursar, leaves us this week and we look forward to Theresa Clarkson joining us very soon to take over the role.

A gentle reminder for parents to ensure the children are wearing the Polam uniform. This includes the school coat, hat, scarf and school bag as well as the swim uniform. It is important for the children to have a sense of identity and belonging, no matter what age they are. We are very proud of our school and by

wearing the school uniform we are demonstrating this. Please could girls remove nail varnish before attending school and if earrings need to be worn, only stud earrings please. Many thanks for your support with this.

We now have a specific web address for Polam parents: [office@polamschool.co.uk](mailto:office@polamschool.co.uk). Please do use the address if you are contacting the school as your email is less likely to be 'lost' between the junk mail that arrives every day.

So early in the term there is not a huge amount of news but please do check the 'Dates for Diaries' which informs you of upcoming events. We try to adhere to the dates but there are times when these need to be moved.

I look forward to seeing you at the events coming up.

Warm regards,



## KEY DATES

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2015—2016

23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2015	Individual School Photos
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Numeracy & Literacy Information Evening 6-6.45pm
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2015	Year 2, 3, 4 boys to Bedford School
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2015	Year 2, 3, 4 girls to Bedford Girls' School
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	'Learn Along-side' Literacy
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	'Learn Along-side' Numeracy
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	Harvest Festival 9am

*19th October to 30th October 2015*

*HALF-TERM/ Holiday Clubs*

4 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Year 2 to Bedford Modern School
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Swim Watch Week
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Parent Consultation Evening 4-6.45pm
20 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Open Day

*14th December to 31st December 2015 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS*

5th January to 18th March 2016	Spring term
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*15th February to 19th February 2016 HALF-TERM/ Holiday Clubs*

*21st March to 8th April 2016 EASTER HOLIDAYS*

12th April to 8th July 2016	Summer term
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*30th May to 3rd June 2016*

*HALF-TERM/ Holiday Clubs*

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 — 2017

3rd September 2016	Start of new academic year 2016-2017
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