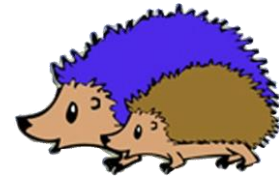


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Dear Parent/Carer



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a very happy Christmas and are enjoying a good start to 2020.

New Staff

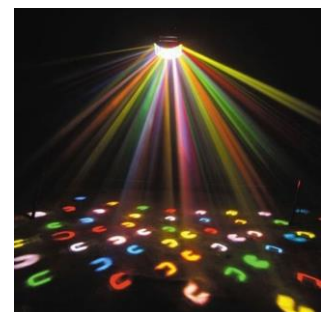
Mrs Taylor-Garrett has started her maternity leave. We wish her well for the pattering of tiny feet which are due in February!

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Roberts who has joined Team Pittington to cover Mrs Taylor Garrett's maternity leave. Mrs Roberts started on January 6th to ensure a smooth handover from one teacher to another which benefits the children and their routines. We know that Mrs Roberts will enjoy her time at Pittington Primary School.

Disco

We will be holding a disco for the children in reception, Key Stage 1 and 2 on Monday 10th February. Nicky Noo Noo will be the Disc jockey for the evening. Tickets will be available from school from Monday 27th January at a cost of £2.00.

Please could you send the money for the disco tickets into school in a named sealed envelope. I can then return tickets to your child in the same named envelope. Thank you.



Healthy Eating Workshops

To complement our curriculum work on healthy eating, the children will be taking part in some Healthy Eating Workshops run by Inspire.

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All children, including nursery, will have an opportunity to work with the Inspire Chef to cook and taste a variety of foods.

Bhangra

On Tuesday 28th January, children in Reception, Year 3, 4 and 5 will have an opportunity to take part in some Bhangra Dancing. Children in Year 1,2 and 6 had an opportunity last year to take part.

The children do not need to wear anything in particular; their usual PE kit will be suitable.

Yoga

The children from reception to Year 6 will be taking part in yoga on Friday 24th and 31st January. This will be delivered by a yoga coach and will complement our curriculum work on healthy life styles.



Dementia UK



On Monday 24th February, children from Year 1 to Year 6 will have an opportunity to work with a Dementia Champion from Dementia UK. Using an age appropriate level, she will explain to the children about dementia and how we can help people who have the condition and ultimately make our school more dementia friendly.

We will become a Dementia Friendly School and the children will receive a badge to acknowledge this.

Age UK

In the summer term the children in Years 5 and 6 will spend an afternoon working with Age UK and some volunteers on some intergenerational activities.



Victory in Europe Day - May 8th 2020

Members of the local community are busy planning celebrations for VE Day in Pittington and Littleton in May 2020.

Below is a list of events and activities that will be happening during these celebrations.

Friday 8th May

10.15 am Unveiling plaque at Littleton, with names of men from the village who gave their lives in the war.

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11 am Remembrance at St Laurence including the Last Post played by a member of Pittington Primary School.

Saturday 9th May 1-4 pm

Celebration event at Pittington Village Hall, including
Yvonne Vintage Vocalist singing war time songs
Pittington Brass Band
Pittington Youth Club performing
Climbing wall
Military vehicles
Display of war time memorabilia
Children's war time fancy dress competition
Refreshments including, tea, cakes, bar, hot food



If anyone has any resources that the group could borrow for the display, they would be very grateful. Contact Jaci Dooley on 07742616494, or Craig Hicks Parish Councillor.

Term Dates 2020-2021

A copy of the term dates for next year have been emailed to you. A copy will also be added to the website.

Cathy Lee
Head Teacher

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