



Packington

Church of England Primary School

September 2016

Newsletter

DEAR ALL,

On behalf of the staff can I welcome all our new families to our school community and say welcome back to the new academic year to everyone else. We would also like to welcome Mrs Gosling and Mr Sharp to the Packington team. Mrs Gosling will job share with Mrs Marriott in the Robins; she will work all day Thursday and Friday mornings. Mr Sharp is a Teach Direct Student who will work with us for most of the year. He is currently based in the Owls.

We've had an excellent start to the school year and we are all really pleased with the way pupils have settled in to their new classes. It's been great to see their super learning attitudes and how they are trying hard on our focus this year to 'Be the best we can be'.

Please do enjoy reading our new news as well as all the events we have planned. Should you be unsure of anything then please do come and ask.

Super SATs/ End of KS2 Results

We are pleased to announce our 2016 SATS results. It's all a bit different this year with the new assessments and different methods of grading and calculating scores. Below you will find the headline figures; we will put more details on the website once data checks are completed. However, initial data indicates that progress was similar to national and attainment remains above national which we are delighted with, especially in light of the new challenging assessments.

	Achieving Expected Standard	Achieving Greater Depth or High Score	Scale Score
Reading	100% (66%)	27% (19%)	107 (103)
Writing (TA)	93.3% (74%)	20% (15%)	105 (N/A)
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	100% (72%)	33.3% (23%)	108.5 (104)
Maths	100% (70%)	27% (17%)	108 (103)
Combined Reading, Writing and Maths	93.3% (53%)	13.3% (N/A)	
Cohort Size	15		
1 pupil (%)	6.6%		
% of SEND in cohort	6.6%		

(Provisional national results in brackets)

Figures do not include pupils who entered school after 11.4.2016.

New Houses and Friendship Groups

This term we have reviewed our Houses to make them more equally balanced. We have introduced a system whereby each house is now also divided into 6 mixed aged friendship groups. We have organised the hall so that during collective worship the children sit in their houses and with their friendship groups. This means that they can move into their groups to work together during worship. For example, they can discuss ideas and act out plays. It allows everybody to take part and share their ideas.



'New Term Pack'

Over the next few days you will receive various documents as well as some permission slips for signing. Please return them as soon as you can so that our records are kept up-to-date:- Village Visits* / Photographs / Internet Access* / Home School Agreement* / Helping in School etc (*= new children only)

Welcome to Packington

We would like to welcome all our new pupils this term in the Foundation Stage: Archie Griffiths, Owen Griffiths, Isobel Holden, Veah Jordan, Lucie Linney, Amelia Miller, Seth Nicklinson, Lucy Plant, Lucas Rodrigues-Orme, Blythe Salt, Joseph Sanders, Charlie Sharpe, Indy Stanley, Harrison Stewart and Reuban Stewart.

We also welcome: Dylan Beardsmore and Finlay Soutter to our Eagles Class.

TWITTER

Remember to sign up to the school twitter account for regular updates of what is happening in school.

PSA - AGM

Our parents group, The PSA, work hard to provide social events for pupils and parents and also raise valuable funds to pay for additional resources and activities. The pupils and staff really appreciate what they do for the school. Their first meeting, including the AGM, is on **Thursday 22nd September at 7.30 pm** in the hall. Everyone is welcome so please come along.

Awards for All Lottery Grant



We are delighted to announce that the PSA has been successful in their bid for an Awards for All Lottery Grant. The funding will enable us to continue our toddler keep fit club. This year it will also be used to pay for a lunch time club, an after school club and several free holiday play schemes for pupils at the school. (Unfortunately we are unable to run the Mums Keep Fit Class this year.)

WE'VE GOT GOLD! - Sports Kite Mark Success

Our sporting year has got off to a great start with the news that we have achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Kite mark for our sports work. This is great news and a feather in our cap to be one of the first NW Leicestershire Primary Schools to receive the award.

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE – with Jesus as our guiding light!

NEWS HEADLINES

***LIFE EDUCATION** ~ The Life Education Bus will visit on 23rd September. A different programme of activities is organised for each year group and this supports our PSHE and Science work. Please look out for details.

***HARVEST FESTIVAL** ~ We are currently putting together our plans for our Harvest Festival which will take place on Friday 30th September at 9.15 am in the Church. More details will be with you shortly.

***INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS** ~The school photographer will visit school on 13th October to take individual photographs of pupils. So remember smart uniforms, combs and a winning smile! Further details to follow.

***CROSS COUNTRY** ~The first Unity Cross Country is on Saturday 8th October at Bosworth Country Park. It is a great event and pupils from Reception upwards can run. We do need younger runners so please look out for the letter with more information.

21st Day

This year we will continue our "21st day" programme which involves children bringing home all the work carried out on a particular day in school to share with parents. The work will be placed in a folder; it may be written work, art work or a photograph of a practical activity ~ whatever has taken place. Our first 21st day will take place on 26th Sept. We hope you will enjoy finding out what your children have been doing at school.

Please remember to send the folder back to school ASAP ready for the next instalment!

Keep Our School Healthy

Thanks to your support we have proudly maintained our Healthy Schools Award for well over a decade, so:

Please remember healthy snacks only at break!

Think low sugar, low fat snacks

"Yes" to fruit, veg, healthy cereal bars, cheese!

"No" to crisps, biscuits (sweet or savoury), chocolate and sweets! And please say no to high sugary snacks such as fruit winders.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th Sept ~ Reading workshop for Parents

15th Sept ~ Religion and Belief Roadshow

21st Sept ~ Open the Book visit

23rd Sept ~ Life Education Bus Visit

26th Sept ~ Growth Mindset Workshop for parents

30th Sept ~ Harvest Festival - whole school in church

W/C 2nd Oct ~ Year 5/ 6 residential visit to Bude

8th Oct ~ Unity Cross Country – Bosworth Country Park

11th / 12th Oct ~ Parent Interviews

13th Oct – Individual School Photographs

14th Oct ~ School Closed for an INSET Day followed by the Half Term Holiday

26th Oct ~ Open the Book visit

29th Oct ~ Packington Cross Country

31st Oct ~Final date to apply for Secondary Schools (Yr6)

3rd Nov ~ Ashby Youth for Christ Visit

W/c 7th Nov ~ RE Week

W/c 14th Nov ~ National Anti-bullying Week

18th Nov ~ Children in Need

30th Nov~ Whole school visit to the pantomime

2nd Dec ~ Christingle Making/ Christmas Creative Time

3rd Dec ~ Cross Country at Viscount Beaumonts

4th Dec ~ Christingle Service in Church- 4pm

7th/8th Dec ~ KS2 Production

9th Dec ~ Christmas Parties

13th/14th Dec ~ KSI Nativity

16th Dec ~ Carol Service in Church/ End of Term

Education Guides

A guide for parents of pupils moving to Secondary Education can be downloaded from <http://www.leics.gov.uk/yourguides.htm>

Some Reminders about Keeping Safe

Photographs ~ during the year we hold various events which parents may wish to record in some form either by photographs or video footage. Please remember that if you video or photograph groups of children at school functions the pictures you take are for family viewing only and must not be put on social media websites.

Parking ~ at the beginning and end of the day please park with consideration for others. Mill Street is always a problem and it is important that you do not use the verges as part of the road and that the school gates are kept free from parked vehicles. Please remember that you can always park at the recreation ground behind the church and use Church Walk.

Parents picking children up from KSI should enter school via Church Walk and walk around the front of the school to the Robins door and then exit via the path near the hall back to the playground.

AT THE START AND END OF THE DAY: Please use the gate on Church Walk when bringing and collecting your children. **Parents and Children should not walk through the school car park at any time. IT IS DANGEROUS!**

We also request that you drive with care around the local roads. Many families walk, cycle or scoot to school with some older children travelling to and from school independently so please be cautious especially where there are no footpaths.

Jewellery ~ The wearing of jewellery is not allowed in school ~ it is not appropriate, can be a hazard and may be costly if lost. **Please note that this includes any fashion bands and bracelets. (Studs, sleepers and watches may be worn but pupils will be asked to remove them, or cover earrings for P.E and swimming.)** Many thanks for your support on this.

Hair ~ Long hair should be tied back at all times both for hygiene and safety reasons but on a more simple level children find it difficult to work if they constantly have to move hair out of their eyes or can't see properly.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME!

It really helps us, and helps your child keep their belongings safe!

READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF RECEPTION PUPILS

Monday 12th September 6 pm-The Eagles Classroom

This workshop will cover how we teach reading at Packington and how you can help your child. This workshop is suitable for all parents of our Reception pupils. The workshops have been well received by parents over the last few years so please put the date in your diary.

Please remember we have an open door policy so should you have any concerns please contact your child's class teacher or myself. You can contact us either in school, by phone (01530 412425) or e-mail (headteacher@packington.leics.sch.uk). Remember if you are coming into school please report to the school office.