



# Packington

Church of England Primary School

October 2014

# Newsletter

## DEAR ALL,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first half term. It has really flown by and school is now in full flow with the whole school community working towards making school a great place to be. Pupils have been working hard in class, our new 'House' system is having positive results and there is a great team feel around school. Already pupils are achieving their citizens' award and pupils in the Eagles have been busy organising clubs to lead for younger pupils at lunch times. I've even heard a whisper that it won't be long before we award our first Bronze Effort Certificate of the year!

*Please do enjoy reading our news.*

### Sporting News

#### Rugby

Both the Eagles and the Owls have had a successful time at the recent Ashby Rugby Tournaments. Our Year 3/4 team did exceedingly well getting through to the final but lost to Willesley after a very close match.

We had several teams playing in the Year 5/6 event with one getting as far as the playoffs for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The team still have to play their match against Newbold Primary School so let's wish them luck.

#### Football

The schools' football season has now started with Packington playing their first match against Whitwick St. John. Sadly, they lost 3-1 but it is early in the season.

Well done to all the pupils for their super sporting attitudes.

### The School Council

New representatives have been elected to the School Council and already they have been busy making decisions, reviewing our mission statement and aims, designing a logo and deciding on this year's charity for our Harvest Festival fund raising. They will now review Achievement Assemblies and attendance certificates.

The new offices are:

Chair: James Brothwell  
Vice Chair: Iona Dring  
Secretary: Emily Marvin  
Treasurer: Ben Linney

### 'Best Ever Visit to Bude'

Our Year 5/6 pupils had a marvellous time on their residential visit to Bude getting involved in a whole range of activities from surfing to mountain boarding. There were plenty of challenges and opportunities for team building and we've heard some super stories of pupils stretching themselves and having a go.



### Robins and Blackbirds Build a Sukkot

Pupils in the Robins and the Blackbirds were fascinated to learn about the Israelites in the wilderness when Mrs Rogers shared a 'Godly Play' story with both classes. The children went on to study how Jewish people celebrate harvest and both classes worked together to build their own Sukkot in the outdoor learning area.



### Eco News

#### Eco Committee

The Eco Committee has had two meetings this term. Four new members have now joined the team: Oliver Mitchell, Sofia Bond, Ania Tebbett and Seren Marston. New offices have also been elected: Harriat Whitehead is our new Chair, Iona Dring Vice Chair, Seren Marston Secretary and George Worrow Goodin is Treasurer.

The group will meet at least once a month and their first task is to produce an action plan for the year and update their news board in the hall.

#### Environment Club

The Environment Club have had a busy start to the year. They began by tidying up the raised beds and preparing them for the winter months. They have also dug over a garden area around the old cedar tree stump in the car park and planted it with wild flower seeds. Finally they harvested the apples from the school orchard and used some of the produce to hold their own 'Great Eco Bake Off'. It was very hot in the kitchen with concerns about 'a dry mixture and a soggy bottom' but the results were very tasty. The Star Baker Award went to the team who made the Oaty Apple Flapjack.

### NEWS HEADLINES

**\*ART WEEK** ~ Our final week of this half term is Art Week in school. Every class will use different stimuli to produce their own art work on the theme of courage. The artwork will be displayed in school after the holiday with some pieces also being displayed in the church.

**\*CHRISTMAS CARDS** ~ The pupils will be designing their own Christmas cards on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October to help raise funds for the PSA. Proofs will be sent home after the half term holiday.

**\*FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME** ~ Just a reminder that flu vaccinations will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October for those children who have been given parental consent. We will be showing the children an NHS film prior to the vaccinations to prepare them in advance.

**\*EAGLES TO VISIT ASHBY CASTLE** ~ As part of their work to study our local history the Eagles will visit Ashby Castle on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**\*FAVOURITE PARABLE DISPLAY** ~ We have now completed our display of the Good Samaritan following our survey to find Packington's favourite parable. So if you get a moment do take a peep down the Year 6 corridor.

### Dress Code

Please could parents ensure that all girls skirts are an appropriate length for school.

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

## CROSS COUNTRY

Despite wet and windy weather the school were well represented at the first Unity Cross Country event at Market Bosworth. Mrs Braithwaite was very proud of all the runners and said there were some impressive personal bests. The Results are as follows:

**FS Girls:** Florentyna Dring -6<sup>th</sup>

**FS Boys:** Joe Tebbett 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bailey Baker 5<sup>th</sup>, Elliot Nash 7<sup>th</sup>, Tom Dallow 8<sup>th</sup>

**Yr1/2 Girls:** Jemimah Dring 6<sup>th</sup>, Meren Nash 21<sup>st</sup>, Eva Mathias 44<sup>th</sup>

**Yr1/2 Boys:** Samuel Sharpe 19<sup>th</sup>, Sam Lewis 27<sup>th</sup>

**Yr3/4 Girls:** Iona Dring 4<sup>th</sup>, Georgie Lewis 7<sup>th</sup>, Poppy Mathias 23<sup>rd</sup>, Katie Wilson 25<sup>th</sup>

**Yr3/4 Boys:** Harrison Eaton 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ben Linney 4<sup>th</sup>, Will Cross 6<sup>th</sup>, Ben McLean 11<sup>th</sup>, Archie Linney 12<sup>th</sup>, Joseph Stretton 17<sup>th</sup>, Jake Boulton 33<sup>rd</sup>

**Yr5/6 Girls:** Ania Tebbett 1<sup>st</sup>, Harriat Whitehead 2<sup>nd</sup>, Emily Marvin 7<sup>th</sup>, Holly Marvin 17<sup>th</sup>

**Yr5/6 Boys:** Harrison Dring 5<sup>th</sup>, Tom Wilson 7<sup>th</sup>

### The next Unity Cross Country is at Packington on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November

We do need more runners and anybody is welcome to run so please dust off your trainers and come and have a go at our event after half term. All pupils who run get a certificate in achievement assembly. Scores are kept over the season and children who have the lowest combined score over three races are presented with an award from the Unity School Partnership.

## MARSHALS WANTED

We do need marshals to help with our cross country event on 1<sup>st</sup> November. If you are able to help then please see Mr Emery.

## Car Safety

Just a reminder about parking and driving near school.

Please remember to drive with caution when dropping off and leaving school and to be aware of pupils who walk or cycle on the narrow lanes to school.

Also, please remember to be considerate of our neighbours and keep drives and verges free from cars. You are able to park at the recreation ground and use Church Walk. Many thanks for your support on this matter.



## PUPILS LEAD COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our first pupil Collective Worship Team of this academic year is busy preparing for their whole school presentation on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. All the Year 6 girls have worked together to plan their own collective worship from start to finish on the theme of courage. The pupils and staff really enjoy it when the children lead collective worship so we can't wait to find out what music and hymns have been picked and what they will make us think about. I'm certainly excited as I've seen some interesting costumes being modelled!

We have also made some changes to our collective worship timetable this year with classes that go swimming holding their own class worship time on the day they swim. This is working well but we have added another twist as pupils in the class can plan and lead the worship. Already it is proving popular and several groups in the Owls have had a go.



## Fish n Chip Bingo

It was eyes down once again last Friday for the PSA's Fish and Chip Bingo. Mrs Braithwaite says "It was a great night, the fish and chips were yummy and it was brilliant to get the school community together." Best of all the evening raised a whopping £230 approx. Thanks go to all the PSA members who worked hard to make the event a success and everybody who gave their support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ Parent Interviews

W/c 13<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ Art Workshops on the theme of courage

17<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ PSA Cake Sale

29<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ Open the Book visit

31<sup>st</sup> Oct ~ Final date to apply for Secondary Schools (Yr6)

1<sup>st</sup> Nov ~ Packington Cross Country

W/c 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov ~ RE Week

7<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ PSA Disco

12<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ Open the Book

14<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ Children in Need

W/c 18<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ National Anti-bullying Week

20<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ Eagles Class Assembly 9.15 am

5<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ Christmas Jumper Day/ Christingle Making/  
Christmas Creative Time

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

7<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ Christingle Service in Church- 4pm

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ KS2 Christmas Concert

12<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ Christmas Party

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ KSI Nativity

18<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ Whole School visit to the Pantomime

19<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ Carol Service in Church/ End of Term

**The spring term starts on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 for pupils.**

## PSA

The PSA are working hard to plan next half terms events and particularly the Christmas Fayre, which is a great fund raiser for the school. If you can offer any help or support it would be very welcome. The team really want to get the raffle organised and are looking for donations of raffle prizes. So if you have any items that you can donate then please let Rachel, Andrew or Mel know. Also if you are able to obtain any donations from your work or company then please get in touch. It could be anything from a free service (beauty treatment, household service etc) to a product made or sold by the company. It doesn't matter how small, everything helps and the pupils really do benefit from all the additional resources and activities that you parents help provide.

The PSA's next project is to replace two more of the old benches in the playground with the lovely all weather ones.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL

**WE RAISED A SUPER £123.50 FOR THE DERBYSHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE.**

We are now arranging a visit from the DLRAA so we can present them with our donation.

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](mailto:headteacher@packington.leics.sch.uk)). Remember if you are coming into school please report to the school office.