



Packington

Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter

DEAR ALL,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. We've had a good first week back and I've been particularly impressed with the positive learning attitudes in school. It's also been great to see some brighter and drier weather and the children enjoying getting out in the sunshine.

Please note because February is such a short month in school we have produced a shorter newsletter.

We do hope you enjoy reading our news and should you be unsure of anything then please do come and ask.

NEWS HEADLINES

***STARGAZING EVENT** ~ We have been advised that the Stargazing Event at Ashby School has now been rearranged for Thursday 17th March. All children who were allocated a space for the event cancelled on 15th December have been transferred over to the new date. If you are no longer able to attend, please let the school office know asap.

***OWLS CLASS ASSEMBLY** ~ Just a reminder that the Owls class assembly will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 9.15 am.

***PARENTS EVENING** ~ All parents evening appointment slips have now been sent home. If you have not received yours please call the school office. Please note that appointments are strictly only **10 MINUTES** long to ensure everyone can be seen on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

***FUN YOGA** ~ A new fun yoga club for KS2 pupils starts next week and we are really looking forward to trying a new activity to help pupils keep fit and stay healthy.

ANTHEM WRITING DAY Exploring Our British Values

The pupils really rose to the challenge to write their own version of our national anthem. Each class thought carefully about the words and values that they wanted to include. Trust, care and respect were seen as important as was recognition of the Queen. The pupils also liked the fact that people in Britain can get along with people with different faiths, cultures and beliefs. The end results have been great and we are now planning the best way to share them with parents.



Unity Art Day

Well done to Layla and Emily for being super representatives for the school at the Unity Schools Art Day.



New Entry System

We have finally had the entry system to the gate replaced. We really hope it will be an improvement but we have noticed that you have to press the green button right in the centre to release the gate.

WORLD BOOK DAY

I am looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to read to the children on the day, Mrs Dyche is currently sorting the slips and we will be in contact shortly.

We are also having a special visit from Anne-Marie Blewitt, Principal of Ivanhoe College, on Friday 4th March. Mrs Blewitt will be reading two stories to two year groups to help with our World Book Day celebrations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

27th Feb ~ Unity Cross Country at Albert Village

Cancelled due to water-logged field

29th Feb/ 1st March ~ Parent Evenings

NO SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK

1st March ~ Open the Book Visit

4th March ~ PSA Mothering Sunday Activity

5th March ~ NWL Cross Country at Measham

W/B 7th March ~ R.E Week

8th March ~ Owls Class Assembly 9.15 am

9th March ~ Open the Book

11th March ~ Recycling Workshops for the Owls

17th March ~ Stargazing event at Ashby School

19th March ~ Unity Cross Country at Griffydham

W/B 21st March ~ R.E Themed Project on Easter

24th March ~ PSA Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Service in Church and break up for the Easter Holidays

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Some of you will have seen the Traffic Management officers out in front of school on the Wednesday before half term.

Following their visit, they recommended that the yellow zig zag lines should be re-painted across the full length of the front of the school and Church Walk gates. This is to ensure that staff and visitors arriving and leaving the school car park can clearly see children using the footpath.

The lines were re-added on the last Friday of term. Although we are aware that this does reduce the amount of available parking outside school, please may we remind all parents that they can park at the Recreation ground and cut through the church to get to school.

The officers also reported noticing some parents driving too fast along the lane and past the school. Please can we ask that all parents, both driving and on foot, are extra vigilant when near school. We have heard many a report of near misses where cars are speeding or children are rushing ahead on scooters etc.

The safety of our school community remains our number one priority and we appreciate your support with this.

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.