



Packington

Church of England Primary School

September 2013

Newsletter

DEAR ALL,

Wasn't it super to get some great weather over the summer? I hope you all had fantastic holidays and are now looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The first few days have gone extremely well and I'm pleased to say that I have been impressed with the standard of work and the positive attitudes of pupils. So well done to them!



Can I also welcome all our new parents to our school community.

Please do enjoy reading about our news and all the events we have planned for this term, and should you be unsure of anything then please do come and ask.

'New Term Pack' ~

Next week we will be sending home various documents / 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

Welcome to Packington
We would like to welcome all our new pupils this term in the Foundation Stage:

Dara Curtis, Jemimah Dring, Daisy Lambden-Francis, Eva Mathias, Anna Mitchell, Alex Sharkey, Eleanor Sharkey, Samuel Sharpe, Katherine Simkins, Remy Simms, Katie Sisman, Codey Stafford, Sophie Stone, Poppy Walshaw

Keep Our School Healthy

Remember healthy snacks only at break please!
"Yes" to fruit, veg', cereal bars, cheese!
"No" to crisps and sweets!



Super SATs Results

We are delighted to announce our marvellous 2013 SATS results. The children have made us very proud both at KS1 and KS2 and once again all our results are better than those in the local authority and nationally so we are really glowing!

Our Year 6 pupils worked especially hard with all pupils achieving above national expectations (level 4) in Maths, English and Science. And, as you can see from the table below the number of children achieving the higher level 5 is also superb.

	Level 4 and above	Level 5
English (TA)	100%	83%
Reading	100% (85%)	83% (44%)
Writing (TA)	100% (83%)	58% (30%)
Grammar, Punctuation and spelling	100% (73%)	92% (47%)
Maths	100% (84%)	83% (41%)
Science (TA)	100%	60%

(National figures for 2013 in brackets- results shown where published)

Our KS1 pupils also performed exceptionally well with results above those locally and nationally.

	2+	2b+	3+
Reading	100%(85%)	92.3%(79%)	61.5%(29%)
Writing	100%(85%)	84.6%(67%)	46.2%(15%)
Maths	100%(91.4%)	92.3%(78%)	53.8%(23%)
Speaking & Listening	100%	-	53.8%
Science	100%	-	46.2%

All the pupils put in an outstanding effort and deserve their success – well done!

NEWS HEADLINES

***LIFE EDUCATION** ~ The Life Education Bus will visit on Friday 27th September. A different programme of activities is organised for each year group and this supports our PSHE and Science work. Details to follow.

***HARVEST FESTIVAL** ~ We are currently putting together our plans for our Harvest Festival which will take place on Friday 18th October at 9.15 am in the Church. More details to follow.

***FOOD TASTING VISIT** ~ Our new starters in the Robins have already enjoyed a special food tasting session organised by the School Food Team. Mrs Rogers says, "The jelly was very popular!!"
***INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS** ~ The school photographer will be visiting school on 2nd October so remember smart uniforms, combs and a winning smile! Further details will be with you shortly.

"Our Year of Determination"

This year will be "Our Year of Determination", encouraging our pupils to develop positive learning attitudes, aspiration, resilience, and a determination to succeed. Our work will once again link subjects and themes throughout the year including PSHE, Art, Science, Philosophy and R.E but will also explore issues such as how to develop good friendships and how to develop a positive mindset and belief in yourself.

We have already started some of the work as part of our annual review of behaviour where pupils help staff identify the stop and start behaviours for our 1,2,3 Magic Behaviour Policy. This activity enables the staff and pupils to identify what makes a positive school environment and helps good learning to take place. The charts are now on display around school.

However, we will officially launch our year with a special "Learning Superhero Day" later in the month where pupils will explore the skills and qualities needed to succeed and will set their own personal goals.

The work will then continue over the year and will include activities to look at positive role models, the introduction of a Head Boy and Head Girl, regular opportunities to review and update personal targets, and a friendship week. The year will end with a celebration of "Our Year of Determination" and a special graduation ceremony.

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).

AT PACKINGTON WE WANT TO DO OUR BEST AND WORK TOGETHER.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES

We would like to welcome you to our Achievement Assemblies that take place each Friday at 2.40 pm. Parents, grandparents, siblings, relations and friends are all welcome.

Our Achievement Assembly is a special time for the children and part of our timetable of Collective Worship, therefore we would appreciate your support in helping us to create a calm atmosphere for the children by ensuring you switch off mobile phones and encourage younger siblings to be as quiet as possible so it is an enjoyable experience for everybody. Many of our parents with very young children have said they like to sit near the doors so they can slip out if necessary or keep an eye on pushchairs in the small lobby ~ so please help us accommodate them by filling up seats further into the hall first. **Please note pupils in the FS don't attend Achievement Assemblies for the first few weeks. Mrs Rogers will let parents know when the children are ready to join in.**

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 30th 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!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th Sept ~ Hot House Music Jazz Club starts
- 11th Sept ~ Open the Book visit to lead Collective Worship
- W/c 16th Sept ~ Most clubs start – please check individual start dates when you receive the clubs letter next week.
- 19th Sept ~ Meeting for parents of pupils attending the Yr5/6 residential – 6pm at Newbold CE Primary to be led by Robin Wood Staff **(TIME STILL TBC)**
- 27th Sept ~ Life Education Bus Visit
PSA Cake Sale
- 28/29th Sept ~ Flower Festival
- 30th Sept ~ Learning Superhero Day and First 21st Day
- 2nd Oct ~ School Photographs
- 8th & 9th Oct ~ Parent Interviews
- 11th Oct ~ PSA Film Night
Ragtex Collection
- 18th Oct ~ Harvest Festival in Church
- 31st Oct ~ Gruesome Science Day
Final date to apply for Secondary Schools (Yr6)
- 6-8th Nov ~ Yr5 /6 Residential Visit to Dobroyd Castle
- W/c 11th Nov ~ RE Week
- 15th Nov ~ Children in Need
- W/c 18th Nov ~ Friendship Week (National Anti-bullying Week)
- 26th Nov ~ Eagles Class Assembly 9.15 am
- 29th Nov ~ Christingle Making
- 1st Dec ~ Christingle Service in Church- 4pm
- 6th Dec ~ Christmas Creative Time
- 9th Dec ~ Working Space Theatre
- 10th Dec ~ Christmas Party
- 10th/11th Dec ~ KS2 Christmas Concert
- 17th/18th Dec ~ KS1 Nativity
- 19th Dec ~ Whole School visit to the Pantomime
- 20th 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 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. **Please also remember that it is illegal to park on the zigzag lines.**

Parents picking children up from KS1 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!

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 FS/KS1

**Wednesday 18th 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 and any parents of pupils in Year 1 who may have missed last year's event. The workshops have been well received by parents over the last few years so please put the date in your diary.