



# Packington

Church of England Primary School

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# 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 have had a fantastic first few days with good news about our lottery grant and lots of great work being produced by the children. 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.

### Introducing "Our Year of Responsibility"

This year will be "Our Year of Responsibility", encouraging pupils to take responsibility for their own actions and to use their talents, abilities and opportunities in the best way they can. Once again our work will link a range of subjects and themes over the year as outlined below:

**Autumn – How I can be responsible for myself**

**Spring – Being responsible for others**

**Summer – Justice – What is fair? What can and should we do to make a difference?**

*Further details will be posted on the school website.*

## Super SATs/ End of KS2 Results

We are pleased to announce our 2015 SATS results and once again all pupils met or bettered national expectations in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths with 100% of pupils achieving Level 4 in all subjects. The percentage of pupils achieving Level 5 was also impressive as you can see in the table below.

Assessments also indicate that pupils made good or better progress in all subjects.

	Level 4 and above	Level 5
<b>English (TA)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>100%</b> (89%)	<b>90%</b> (48%)
<b>Writing (TA)</b>	<b>100%</b> (87%)	<b>50%</b> (36%)
<b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b>	<b>100%</b> (80%)	<b>80%</b> (56%)
<b>Maths</b>	<b>100%</b> (87%)	<b>80%</b> (42%)
<b>Science (TA)</b>	<b>100%</b> (89%)	<b>70%</b> (40%)
<b>Cohort Size</b>	10	
<b>% of SEND in cohort</b>	0%	

*(Provisional national results in brackets)*

Our KS1 pupils also performed well with results above those locally and nationally at both Level 2 and Level 3.

	2+	2b+	3+
<b>Reading</b>	<b>100%</b> (91%)	<b>100%</b> (82%)	<b>59%</b> (32%)
<b>Writing</b>	<b>100%</b> (88%)	<b>100%</b> (72%)	<b>41%</b> (18%)
<b>Maths</b>	<b>100%</b> (93%)	<b>100%</b> (82%)	<b>47%</b> (26%)
<b>Speaking &amp; Listening</b>	<b>100%</b> (90%)	-	<b>59%</b> (25%)
<b>Science</b>	<b>100%</b> (91%)	-	<b>47%</b> (23%)

*(Provisional national results 2015 in brackets)*

Well done to all our pupils for their hard work!

### Awards for All Lottery Grant



We are delighted that we have been successful in our bid for an Awards for All Lottery Grant to support our local community. The grant has specific criteria and will be used to pay for a free after school sporting activity for pupils, a Mums and toddler keep fit class, a community keep fit class, a free holiday play scheme as well as some sports equipment for school.

The classes and club have now started. The football club and Mums and Toddler session has had a good up take but we had no takers for the adult session so far. Please do think about attending. The children will be in their classes so the hall will be private – just in case you are a little shy. I will send out a questionnaire to see if a different event or time would be more attractive. One suggestion is for a 'Boot Camp' activity on the Recreation Ground.

### Welcome to Packington

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

Scarlett Beynon, Maya Gammon, Leo Griffiths, William Hallam, Jack Hawkesford, Evie Henstock, Daniel Linney, Toby McGuinn, Marko Monk, Mia Picton, Marley Simms, Alice Smith, Erin Stanley, Carla Stevens, Grace Watson, Archie Wileman-Pepper

We also welcome: Cerys Fletcher, Amelia Johnston, Vanessa May Lappin and Kaitlee Fletcher

### '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**

### Cuddles and Kindness - Project Paddington

At the moment the news is full of stories about the refugee crisis in Europe and particularly the impact it is having on children who are escaping from the war in Syria. Rev Linda has made us aware of Project Paddington - an online campaign that is growing in strength. The idea behind the project is for children to write a message on a parcel label, attach it to a teddy and send it to a refugee child from Syria. Children can also post a message on the Project Paddington Facebook group. Rev Linda has registered as a supporter of the project and is happy to collect any donations of bears that will then be sent to Calais. So should you wish to participate in this project then please send your donations into school. We are happy to laminate the labels in school to protect them. Further details of the project can be found online by googling Project Paddington.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45 pm** in the hall. Everyone is welcome so please come along.

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

## NEWS HEADLINES

**\*LIFE EDUCATION** ~ The Life Education Bus will visit on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 am in the Church. More details will be with you shortly.

**\*INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS** ~The school photographer will visit school on 30<sup>th</sup> September 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Day

This year we will continue our "21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> day will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> 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!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14<sup>th</sup> Sept ~ Reading workshop for Parents

17<sup>th</sup> Sept ~ PSA AGM – 7.45 pm – in the school hall

W/c 21<sup>st</sup> Sept ~ Most clubs start – please check individual start dates on the clubs letter

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept ~ Open the Book visit

25<sup>th</sup> Sept ~ Life Education Bus Visit

29<sup>th</sup> Sept ~ RAGTEX – Textile Collection

30<sup>th</sup> Sept ~ School Photographs and Yr5/6 Tag Rugby Festival

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct ~ Packington Village Flower Festival

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ Parent Interviews

7<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ Year 3/ 4 Tag Rugby Festival

9<sup>th</sup> Oct ~Harvest Festival- whole school in church

10<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ Cross Country at Bosworth Country Park

14 - 16<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ Year 5/ 6 residential visit to Dobroyd

**16<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ School Closed for an INSET Day followed by the Half Term Holiday**

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

7<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ Packington Cross Country

9<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ Flu Vaccinations

W/c 9<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ RE Week

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

W/c 16<sup>th</sup> Nov ~ National Anti-bullying Week

4<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ Christingle Making/ Christmas Creative Time

5<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ Cross Country at Viscount Beaumonts

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

7<sup>th</sup> Dec~ Whole school visit to the pantomime

## 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.

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 AND POSITIVE MINDSET WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF RECEPTION PUPILS

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 6 pm-The Eagles Classroom**

This workshop will cover how we teach reading at Packington and how you can help your child. We will also discuss how you can help your child develop a positive attitude to learning. 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](mailto:headteacher@packington.leics.sch.uk)). Remember if you are coming into school please report to the school office.