



Packington

Church of England Primary School

May 2014

Newsletter

Dear All,

I think I can only describe this term as short, busy and fantastic. In fact there is so much news we've struggled to include it all in two sides. But I have to say the pupils have certainly been working hard in school not only to prepare for SATs and the May Day celebrations but also for special events coming up. So please do enjoy reading our news.

GREAT START TO THE TERM

Crowning of the May Queen and the May Fayre

The Summer Term started with a real bang with two fantastic events. It began with our May Queen, Lottie Coke being crowned at the village celebrations on 1st May. Despite the very cold weather Lottie and her attendants Charlotte and Elissa successfully fulfilled their responsibilities to parade around the village and dance with the Morris Men with enthusiasm and decorum. Well done girls!



Our May Fayre quickly followed and a super time was had by all thanks to the PSA who organised a great event for us all to enjoy. There was a great range of stalls including face painting, a chocolate tombola and a bouncy castle and pupils in the Eagles enjoyed the opportunity to help by becoming stallholders.



All the classes performed a dance. There was traditional country dancing from FS/KS1 and for the first time parents were able to demonstrate their skills by joining in for a spin around the playground. Then we had a specially choreographed Brazilian World Cup dance from the Eagles which was a fusion of Samba and urban free dancing which really got us shaking our hips. Finally, we had our traditional Maypole dancing where the Owls demonstrated their skills making the most perfect spider's web with the ribbons. The parents also tried their hand with the Maypole and I have to say were very impressive.



There was a great community feel to the day and we were delighted to be supported by Phil & Emma, the new landlords at the Bull and Lion, who pre-cooked and chilled all the BBQ food and then came with Dan Cox to the fayre to cook the food on the day. The fayre was a great success and raised over £800 which is a massive amount. So our thanks go to all the parents, staff, pupils and villagers who supported the event.

NEWS HEADLINES

***UNITY SWIMMING GALA** ~ A group of pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 have been selected to swim at the Unity Swimming Gala. We wish them well.

***CLASS AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS** ~ Whole class and any special group photographs will be taken on Friday 6th June. Please put the date in your diary and come prepared with the correct uniform and a comb!

***ASHBY SCIENCE FAYRE** ~ After last year's success Mr Emery has organised another science Fayre for KS2 pupils. The pupils will present their experiment ideas to parents, pupils and judges on Tuesday 20th May. The winning experiments will go forward to represent Packington at the Ashby Science Fayre on Wednesday 4th June.

***DE MONTFORT PERFORMANCE** ~ Once again we are very proud that our Clarinet players have been selected to play at the Leicestershire Music Services Concert at De Montfort Hall. It is quite a feather in our cap to have pupils from years 3, 4 and 5 playing and recognises the pupils hard work and skill.

***SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP** ~ Megan Cooper, Elissa Brothwell and Harry Shelton Smith will represent Packington at a Science and Technology workshop at Newbold next week. The workshop involves a competition to design and make a lighthouse.

***MAYPOLE DANCING FESTIVAL** ~ A team of dancers from the Owls will represent Packington at the Unity Maypole dancing festival at Newbold in June. The pupils need to perform a dance of their choice and a dance that they have created to a set piece of music.

***ZUMBA COMES TO PACKINGTON** ~ After half term Tuesday afternoons will become Zumba time for pupils in the Eagles, providing yet another new opportunity to develop sporting skills and fitness.

***PIRATE DAY** ~ Yo ho ho! The Robins and Blackbirds will cast off for a day of adventure on the high seas when the school hosts a special Pirate Day on Thursday 12th June. Further details will follow after the holidays.

***DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING** ~ Mrs Clark and Mrs Price attended the defibrillator training at the village hall.

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.

SATS WEEK FOR YEAR 6

This week it has been that time of year when all year 6 pupils in the country take their SATS so things in the Eagles and around the school have been a little different. It has meant that every morning the year 5 pupils have worked in the hall and the year 6 pupils have worked quietly in their classroom or the staffroom supervised by staff. Mr Emery tries to make the experience as positive as possible so each morning has begun with a short revision time, followed by a motivational video before the time comes for the papers to be removed from their sealed packaging and silence for the start of the test. The pupils always enjoy the motivational video - this year's favourite was the mouse who escapes a mouse trap! (I'm sure they'll explain if you ask!) I'd also like to say well done to Year 6 who have coped really well with the stresses and strains of the tests and tried their best throughout the week.

GOVERNORS CORNER

This term the Finance Committee have met to review the budget and will present this to all the Governors at the next full meeting for ratification. The Curriculum Committee have also met and reviewed and updated the Equality and Diversity Policy. An action plan is now being worked on and governors expect to publish the policy and action plan on the school website in September.

Governors can be contacted via the office e mail.

Christian Values

Thank you very much for all your responses to our Christian Values Project – there is a real variety of responses for a favourite parable. The children are currently finishing their choices and we will start to collate the forms into a special book over half term but please do keep sending in your ideas.

UNITY CROSS COUNTRY- FANTASTIC RESULTS

Despite the wet weather we have had a very successful cross country season. Our runners ran their hearts out to produce some great results at the final race at Woodstone and the overall season results are really fantastic as you will read below.

Woodstone Results

Mrs Braithwaite reports that everybody showed great determination and as a result there were some super results. Particularly spectacular was the Year5/6 Boys race where Louis Bassett and Jack Roe finished well ahead of the rest of the pack to come first and second respectively. So well done boys! Congratulations also go to the following children:

Samuel Sharpe (2nd Reception Boys)

Poppy Matthias (2nd Yr 1/ 2 Girls)

Alice Green (3rd Yr 1/ 2 Girls)

Iona Dring (3rd Yr 3/ 4 Girls)

Overall Season Results

The overall winners of the season's races have now been calculated and it is my pleasure to congratulate the following pupils for their success:

Foundation Stage Boy's: Samuel Sharpe (3rd)

Year 3 Girls: Iona Dring (2nd)

Year 3 Boys: Harrison Eaton (1st)

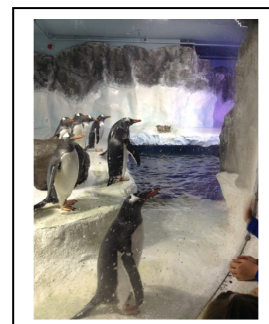
Year 3 Boys Team: Harrison Eaton, Ben Linney, Jake Boulton (1st)

Year 5 Girls: Ania Tebbett (2nd)

Year 6 Boys: Louis Bassett (1st), Jack Roe (2nd)

All the pupils mentioned above will now be invited to the Unity Presentation Evening at Ivanhoe on Tuesday 17th June. Invitations and further details to follow.

SEALIFE CENTRE



The pupils in the Foundation Stage and key Stage 1 have been eager to share their experiences following their visit to the Sealife Centre in Birmingham and it has been a delight to hear them talking enthusiastically about the day. They were thrilled to meet the Penguins and watch them leap in and out of the water. Other favourites included the Hammer Head Sharks, the turtles and the seahorses. Mrs Rogers said it was a super day, the pupils learnt so much and the adults survived the stresses of a visit to the shop! Staff would like to thank all the parent helpers who gave up time to make this visit possible.



ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

DATES - Note changes in bold

16th May – Blackbirds

23rd May – No Achievement Assembly

6th June – **Eagles**

13th June – **Robins** / 2nd Choice of Sports Day

20th June – Owls

27th June – No Achievement Assembly

4th July – Blackbirds

11th July – Leavers Service in Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th May ~ Unity Swimming Gala

22nd May ~ Robins Class Assembly

23rd May ~ Sports Day - morning

3rd June ~ Maypole Festival

6th June ~ Group Photographs

10th June ~ Science Problem Solving Morning

12th June ~ Pirate Day

W/B 16th June ~ RE Week

17th June ~ Unity Presentation Evening at Ivanhoe

25th June ~ Clarinet Performance at De Montfort Hall

3rd/4th July ~ Year 6 Taster Days at Ivanhoe

4th July ~ Reports out

11th July ~ Last day of term/Leavers Service (2pm Holy Rood Church)

SPORTS DAY

Friday 23rd May 9.45am 2014

(Weather permitting)

Please do come along and meet us on the Recreational Ground for a morning of energy and fun.

The morning will start with all the pupils taking part in the team event, rotating around a carousel of activities. It will finish with some traditional races for pre-schoolers, Mums and Dads and hopefully one or two new fun twists. So do get your trainers at the ready!

More Details to Follow