



Packington

Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter

DEAR ALL,

Well it has been a short but action packed half term. We seemed to come back from the Easter break and then went straight into our May Fayre and this was closely followed by SATS and internal testing for pupils from year 2 upwards. It hasn't stopped there as children have also been involved in a variety of activities and sporting events plus some of our special projects have also got underway.

So please do enjoy reading our news.

NEWS HEADLINES

***BIKEABILITY** ~ We were really proud to hear that all the Year 5 pupils who took part in the Bikeability course passed with flying colours. Terry, the course leader, was really impressed with the listening skills and self-control demonstrated by all our cyclists. He told us, 'It's one of the best groups I've worked with!'

***TESCO BAGS** ~ We were delighted to hear that we came 2nd in the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. That means a fabulous £2000 for our climbing frame/reflection garden project. Thank you for all your support.

***NEW CLIMBING FRAME** ~ We would like to thank Mr Wilson, Mr Gammon, Mr Picton and all the helpers who took down the old climbing frame. The new climbing frame has now been installed and the special rubber flooring is drying as I write. By the time you receive this letter I hope that all the children in KS1 will have had a chance to play on it. Photos will be on Twitter shortly.

***UNITY SWIMMING GALA** ~ We sent a small team of 6 pupils to this year's Unity swimming gala and they won a fantastic 4 Golds and 2 Silvers. Well done to all involved!

***ART GARDEN** ~ Mrs Avery and myself have been renovating the art garden over recent weeks. We have replenished the resources, improved the storage and generally spruced up the area. We hope that it will be open to the children in the next few days.

Warning Zone

Our Year 6 pupils have had a fabulous time developing their citizenship skills and learning how to stay safe at the warning Zone. Photos can be seen on Twitter.

HOCKEY SUCCESS

We are really proud to announce that we have a Year 3/4 team and a year 5/6 team representing Packington at the NWLSSP hockey finals later in the term. A fantastic result for a small school.

Grandparents Words of Wisdom

We have now made a folder of the words of wisdom that our grandparents shared with pupils at their afternoon tea. The folder can be viewed in the entrance hall. We have also placed the most popular comments on a flower to go on our wisdom tree in the hall. It is really blooming – so do take a look.

PENTECOST

This week Rev' Vivien will lead a special worship time to help pupils learn about Pentecost. The children will also work together in their classes to consider the meaning and their understanding of the Holy Spirit.

Clerk to Governors

John Bennett, our clerk to the Governing Body has decided to retire at the end of this term. We would like to thank him for his dedication and commitment to the school and wish him well for the future.

MAY FAYRE



The Summer Term started with our May Fayre and as always it was a great community and family event. There was a fantastic range of stalls including a bouncy castle and the ever popular cake stall. Pupils in the Eagles were keen to help out and made a positive contribution by running stalls



All the classes entertained us. There was traditional country dancing from FS/KS1. Then we had some very impressive Samba Drumming from the Eagles which really got us moving to the beat. Finally, we had our traditional May Pole dancing where the Owls demonstrated their skills making the most perfect spider's web with the ribbons. As always it was great to see the parents join in with the spirit of the event as they tried their hand with the May Pole. They certainly did a grand job.

So thank you everybody for supporting the school and PSA. The PSA raised a magnificent £900+ which will go towards our climbing frame and reflection garden project.



MAY QUEEN/S



Every year the Packington Morris Men ask the school to find them a May Queen from our year 6 pupils. This year the girls decided to share the role of May Queen and include everybody who wanted to be an attendant. One group represented the school at the May Day celebrations at the Bull and Lion and another group opened our May Day Fayre.



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

Funding Formula - UPDATE

We are obviously in a period of purdah with the announcement of the general election so it is a bit of a case of watch this space when it comes to school funding. Just prior to the election being called we did get a reply to the letters we sent to Nick Gibb and Justine Greening, although both were exactly the same. Head Teachers from the Ashby Learning Community have also met and agreed to write a joint letter to parents to keep you informed about the impact of proposed changes on our local schools. This is likely to be delayed until after the election. The school cuts website: www.schoolcuts.org.uk is a useful source of information should you wish to question any parliamentary candidates on their school funding policies.

Robins Class Assembly

We all enjoyed the Robins fabulous class assembly on the theme of the seaside. It was great to see the pupils speaking with such confidence and self-control in front of the whole school. Well done!



Unity Cross Country Success

Scores are finally in for the Unity Cross Country season and it certainly has been very successful with many runners in the top three of the individual competitions and four of our teams winning the team event. Congratulations to the following pupils:

Yr 2 Boys – 2nd place Bailey Baker
Yr 3 Girls – 1st place Katie Sisman, 2nd place Anna Mitchell
Yr 3 Boys – 3rd place Samuel Sharpe
Yr 4 Girls – 2nd place Tilly Bennion
Yr 5 boys – 3rd place Archie Linney
Yr 6 Girls – 3rd place Iona Dring

Winning Teams:

Reception Girls – Packington (Lucy Plant/ Lucie Linney/ Isobel Holden/ Nevaeh Jordan)
Year 1/2 Boys – Packington (Bailey Baker/Joe Tebbett/Tom Dallow/Elliot Nash)
Year 3/4 Girls – Packington (Tilly Bennion /Katie Sisman/Anna Mitchell/Jemimah Dring)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th May ~ Robins Class Assembly
20th May ~ Unity Swimming Gala
22nd May ~ KS2 Science Fayre
23rd May ~ Open the Book Visit
25th May ~ Learning about Pentecost, Rev' Vivien Visit
26th May ~ Sports Day (weather permitting)
6th June ~ Sea Life Centre Visit for FS/ KSI
W/B 12th June ~ Yr 1 Phonics Check
15th June ~ Solar Farm Visit
15th June ~ Open the Book Visit
29th June ~ Unity Celebration Evening
5th July ~ Rev' Vivien visit
6th/ 7th July ~ Ivanhoe / Ibstock taster Days
14th July ~ Leavers Service

Governor Corner

Our Governing Body work very hard behind the scenes. In every newsletter we always try to give you a flavour of what they have been doing to both support and challenge the school. This term is no exception and since Easter the Finance Committee have met to review the school finances and to consider different scenarios and budget plans. As you can imagine, with the uncertainties around future school funding this is a key piece of work and has needed more time than usual. The Strategic Committee have also met and have agreed new policies relating to Behaviour, Vexatious Complaints and Staff Leave. They have also reviewed school data and the progress being made towards our school improvement plans. The Monitoring and Curriculum Committee have also met. This committee reviews all the monitoring and evaluation undertaken by governors in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the school. They also look at the impact that actions being put in place are having. This term they have looked at the success of new literacy developments and new behaviour systems, as well as R.E, E-safety and swimming.

Several governors have also spent time in school to witness that we were following the correct procedures for delivering the Year 6 SATs, something that is considered good practice by the DFE.

Governors can be contacted via the office e mail.

SCIENCE FAIR - Monday 22nd May

Well done to all children who participated in our annual Science Fayre on Monday 22nd May, there were some very interesting and unique entries.

Thanks go to our 4 judges who had the tricky task of deciding which 3 entries would be put forward to the Ashby Learning Community Science Fayre on Tuesday 20th June.

Congratulations to our winners, Meren Nash & Sofia Bond, Jemimah & Iona Dring and Will Cross. Well Done!

Parking

Please support the children by parking sensibly around school.

Could we remind parents not to park on the zig zag lines at any time of the day. They are there to protect our children.

Could we also ask parents to use the recreation ground car park when they can and to think about how they park so that there is enough space for everyone.



Uniform

We currently have a few children not wearing the correct uniform and who are coming to school in trainers, sweatshirt type tops instead of a school jumper or wearing jean type trousers. We also have a few girls in very short skirts and this can cause some embarrassment for other pupils and staff.

We are very keen to maintain our high standards and would like to remind you that these are not part of our school uniform and not appropriate for school.

Remember SPORTS DAY

**takes place on the morning of
Friday 26th May 2017**

(Weather permitting)

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

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.