



Packington

Church of England Primary School

September 2017

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've had an excellent start to the school year and we are all really pleased with the way pupils have settled in to their new classes. It's been great to see their super learning attitudes and how they are trying hard to 'Be the best we can be'.

Please do enjoy reading our news as well as all the events we have planned. Should you be unsure of anything then please do come and ask.

Super SATs/ End of KS2 Results

We are pleased to announce our 2017 SATS results. Once again our attainment is higher than the national average in all subjects and reading, writing and maths combined. Below you will find the headline figures; we will put more details on the website once data checks are completed. **However, initial data indicates that progress was similar to national and attainment remains above national which we are delighted with, especially in light of the new challenging assessments. On top of this the % of pupils achieving a High Score in reading has increased by 14% since 2016.**

Once again these scores put us in the group of schools who are the highest performing in the county and we are proud to have maintained this position.

	Achieving Expected Standard	Achieving Greater Depth or High Score	Scale Score
Reading	94% (71%)	41% (25%)	108 (104)
Writing (TA)	94% (76%)	29% (18%)	105 (N/A)
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	94% (77%)	29% (31%)	106 (106)
Maths	94% (75%)	29% (23%)	107 (104)
Combined Reading, Writing and Maths	94% (61%)	18% (9%)	
Cohort Size	17		
1 pupil (%)	6%		
% of SEND in cohort	12%		

(Provisional national results in brackets)

'New Term Pack' – On Monday we sent home various documents and permission slips for signing to new parents ~ **Village Visits / Photographs / Internet Access / Home School Agreement / Helping in School etc.** Photo permission slips were resent to all pupils so that we can re-confirm your preferences. Please return them as soon as you can so that our records are kept up-to-date.

Awards for All Lottery Grant

Sadly, the Parish Council were unsuccessful in their bid for an Awards for All Lottery Grant for the school. This means that we will be unable to run the free toddler keep fit club and free holiday clubs this year. We do intend to apply again next year. In the mean time we have asked Finding Fitness to help us run an afterschool sports club, although there will be a charge for this.

WE'VE GOT GOLD! – Sports Kite Mark Success

Our sporting year has got off to a great start with the news that we have once again achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Kite mark for our sports work. Well done to everyone who has helped us maintain this position.

Behaviour Policy

At the start of the new academic year we work with the pupils to review and update our Behaviour Policy. The children know this as 1,2,3 Magic. Hopefully by now you will have received an information leaflet that provides a summary of our behaviour policy so you can understand how it works and how best to approach situations where behaviour is less than exemplary.

PSA – A Plea for Help

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. However, the current committee is just a small group and they are finding it difficult with other work and family commitments to do everything. They really want the PSA to continue and do have ideas about how this might happen. They just really need more help. Over the next few weeks they will communicate their ideas and arrange the AGM so please do take the time to consider how you could help. The PSA provide great value for your children. Please don't let it fold.

P.E Kits

Just a reminder that pupils need a plain white T shirt and either plain blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms / leggings for PE.

TWITTER

Remember to sign up to the school twitter account for regular updates of what is happening in school.

Welcome to Packington

We would like to welcome all our new pupils this term in the Foundation Stage: Eddie Bosma, Frankie Brown, Megan Fowler, George Henstock, Austin Phillips, Harriet Robinson, Lucy Simkins, Isaac Smith, Zoe Stevens and Oliver Turner. **We also welcome:** Raj Tailor to Year 1.

Holiday Consultation Update

Thank you for your responses to our consultation on holiday and term dates for 2018-19. The Governors have met to read and discuss the views expressed and are in the process of contacting the Local Authority so that a final decision can be made. They will then write to parents so please look out for further information.

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

NEWS HEADLINES

***LIFE EDUCATION** ~ The Life Education Bus will visit on 21st and 22nd September. A different programme of activities is organised for each year group and this supports our PSHE and Science work.

***HARVEST FESTIVAL** ~ We are currently putting together our plans for our Harvest Festival which will take place on Friday 13th October at 9.15 am in the Church. More details will be with you shortly.

***INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS** ~The school photographer will visit school on Thursday 5th October 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 7th 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. Other dates are:

4th Nov 2017 – Packington, 9th Dec 2017 - Viscount Beaumonts,
27th Jan 2018 - Woodstone, 21st April 2018 – Griffydiam.

Church worker

We are delighted to welcome our new church worker Ceriann Kelly to Packington. Ceriann, who likes to be known as Ces will work across the parish and will be a regular visitor in school. She is currently exploring the possibilities of setting up a lunch club or group in school that will support our Christian distinctiveness. In the next week or so she will visit school to work with a focus group of pupils to find out what interests the pupils.

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!

And please think say no to high sugary snacks such as fruit winders.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th Sept ~ School Nurse drop in 8:30-10:00am

19th Sept ~ Reading workshop for Parents

20th Sept ~ Open the Book visit

21st/22nd Sept ~ Life Education Bus Visit

25th Sept ~ School visits church for worship

27th Sept ~ Rev Vivien visits

29th Sept ~ Macmillan Coffee Morning

9th / 10th Oct ~ Parent Interviews

12th Oct ~ Open the Book

12th Oct ~ School Nurse drop in 2:30-4:00pm

13th Oct ~ Harvest Festival - whole school in church

17th Oct ~ Open the Book

20th Oct ~ School Closed for an INSET Day followed by the Half Term Holiday

31st Oct ~Final date to apply for Secondary Schools (Yr6)

1st Nov ~ Rev' Vivien visits

4th Nov ~ Packington Cross Country (TBC)

9th Nov ~ The Owls visit Conkers

W/c 13th Nov ~ National Anti-bullying Week

17th Nov ~ Children in Need

21st Nov ~ School Nurse drop in 8:30-10:00am

3rd Dec ~ Christingle Service in Church- 4pm

6th/7th Dec ~ KS2 Production

8th Dec ~ Xmas Creative Time & Christmas Fayre TBC

12th Dec ~ School Nurse drop in 2:30-4:00pm

13th/14th Dec ~ KSI Nativity

15th Dec ~ Whole school visit to the pantomime

18th Dec ~ Christmas lunch

19th Dec ~ Christmas Parties

22nd Dec ~ Carol Service in Church/ End of Term



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 that 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.

Education Guides

A guide for parents of pupils moving to Secondary Education can be downloaded from <http://www.leics.gov.uk/yourguides.htm>

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 RECEPTION PUPILS

Tuesday 19th 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 pupils new to the school in year 1. 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). Remember if you are coming into school please report to the school office.