



# Packington

Church of England Primary School

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# Newsletter

## DEAR ALL,

Well the weather may be somewhat changeable but we've had a great start to the summer term. It's been super to see the children using the outdoors even more than normal for lessons. The May pole has been dusted off and we've some new music to inspire us to dance. Athletic activities have also begun and we've even managed to have our first lunches outside – a sure sign that summer is not far away. There's plenty yet to do as this term is always busy and packed with events. *So, please do enjoy reading our news.*

## NEWS HEADLINES

**\*NEW ART WORK TO BE UNVEILED ~** Over the last few years' pupils have worked together on different art projects to help them develop their understanding of our school Christian and British values. This year each class have taken two of the school's Christian values that they haven't explored in depth before and have produced two larger pieces of art work. These will be permanently displayed in the hall above the windows. The children have put in a lot of thought to how they represent each value and why they are important to us and help us to thrive? We will unveil the art work in our Growing and Glowing time on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May and parents are invited to attend.

**\*UNITY CROSS COUNTRY AT GRIFFYDAM ~** Our final race of the season took place just over a week ago and what a great day we had. The weather was fantastic, in fact positively balmy. It didn't put our runners off their stride and everybody put in a great effort so well done. Special mention goes to Poppy (Yr6), Anna (Yr4) and Samuel (Yr4) who came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their respective races. We now await the final scores to see how well we did in the overall individual and team events for the season.

**\*CYCLEWISE/BIKE4LIFE ~** This term our Year 5 pupils will have the opportunity to develop their cycling skills by taking part in cycle training organised by Leicestershire's Road Safety Team. The sessions are free and help children understand how to stay safe when cycling on the road.

**\*SATS WEEK ~** Our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May. There will be some variations to timetables internally in school in order to accommodate timings of tests and the hall will also be in use for some lessons and tests. So please be aware if you visit school in the mornings that week things could be a little different.

**\*ROBINS CLASS ASSEMBLY ~** The Robins class assembly will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9.15 am. All parents are welcome so please put the date in your diary.

**\*MAY QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANTS ~** Olivia in Year 6 will be this year's May Queen and she will be supported by her attendants Kitty and Harriet at the traditional crowning of the May Queen at the Bull and Lion on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## Introducing Rotary Stars – Our First Citizen of the Year

We were absolutely delighted to introduce our new Rotary Star Award by presenting our very first Citizen of the Year trophy. The award is given for an outstanding contribution to community work both in school and the village. Our super citizen is now working with staff to select one pupil to receive a Rotary Star badge at each Growing and Glowing time. Our first badge has already been presented to Ella Rodrigues Orme who was nominated for her hard work helping in school.



## ROTARY YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION SUCCESS

Back in the autumn term we were very impressed with the writing being produced by our Year 5 and 6 pupils, particularly their creative writing connected with their topic on Egypt. So much so, we decided to enter the Ashby Rotarian Young Writers Competition. We sent 12 entries- an impressive number by itself, and all the pupils were commended for their work. So a great big well done to all who entered. I am also beaming with pride to say that the entries of three children from Packington were judged to be the best in the competition and they will now progress on to the next stage. So many congratulations to our winners Will, Poppy and Oliver. All the pupils who entered will receive a certificate and pen and our winners will also receive a book voucher.



## So What is it?

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter the weather will have been kind and all will be revealed. There have been some very creative ideas from both children and parents, but I can confirm it's not a swimming pool or a long jump. It is something for everybody and it will give us more space to be active outdoors.



**MAY FAYRE**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MAY FAYRE TAKES PLACE ON FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL. ALL THE CLASSES ARE WORKING ON A DANCE OR PERFORMANCE TO SHOWCASE.**

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

## SPORTS PAGE

We've got a busy term ahead of sporting events, with Sports Day, Saffron Lane, cricket and tennis tournaments to name but a few. Please look at the diary dates for a quick heads-up of what's coming up and when.

### Hockey

Already this term we've had our year 3/ 4 pupils attend the NWLSSP Hockey tournament. They played extremely well and Mrs Dyche was very proud of the sporting attitudes and fair play. She was stunned by some of the skills that our young people are developing and delighted that we progressed to the semi-final stage before being knocked out. Well done to all who attended.

### Introducing our Head Boy and Girl for the summer term



### Sports Day

We have set a date for our annual summer Sports Day where houses compete against each other on a range of activities from penalty shoot outs to sack racing. We always set a couple of dates because we know what the weather can be like in our British summers. The first date is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. As usual the event will take place on the recreation ground in the morning after registration. Parents and families are welcome to attend and, weather permitting, it's a great way for the school community to get together. Plus, there will be individual races for mums, dads and siblings – so don't forget to dust off those trainers!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd May ~ 3M Marble Challenge Final at Loughborough  
4<sup>th</sup> May ~ May Fayre  
9<sup>th</sup> May ~ Y3/4 Tennis  
10<sup>th</sup> May ~ Open the Book  
W/B 14<sup>th</sup> May ~ SATS week and cycle Training for Yr 5  
14<sup>th</sup> May ~ Owls visit Calke Abbey  
W/B 21<sup>st</sup> May ~ RE week  
22<sup>nd</sup> May ~ Robins Class Assembly  
23<sup>rd</sup> May ~ Grandparents Afternoon tea  
23<sup>rd</sup> May ~ Y5/6 Tennis  
24<sup>th</sup> May ~ Y5/6 Kwik Cricket  
25<sup>th</sup> May ~ Sports Day in the morning (first attempt).  
Break up for half term  
4<sup>th</sup> June ~ KS2 Science Fayre  
7<sup>th</sup> June ~ Eagles visit Leicester for a culture and faith visit  
8<sup>th</sup> June ~ Sports Day – second attempt  
9<sup>th</sup> June ~ Unity Swimming Gala  
20<sup>th</sup> June ~ Unity Presentation Night at Ivanhoe  
21<sup>st</sup> June ~ Saffron Lane Area Athletics  
28<sup>th</sup> June ~ Clarinet Players perform at De Montfort Hall  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Service in Church. End of term.

## Governor Corner

There has been a flurry of meetings this month for governors. The Finance Committee are working hard on the new budget, the Strategic Committee have discussed policies and the Monitoring and Curriculum Committee have looked at evidence from governor visits to identify strengths and areas for future development. Governors have also attended special training to improve their knowledge and understanding of new data documents that have been introduced by the DFE this year.

*Governors can be contacted via the office e mail.*

## Collective Worship Themes

We base our themes for collective worship on both our school Christian values and the themes sent from the Diocese. This term each week is dedicated to a different Christian value and this is enabling us to explore other Christian values beyond those of the school. Themes include: **determination, discipline, tolerance, co-operation, honesty, truthfulness, reliability, caring, patience, happiness, understanding and Christian love.** Each week we look at what the Bible tells us about each value and what makes them Christian values as well as human values. Many of our children help to take an active role in presenting collective worship by spontaneously leading the school in our liturgy to gather and send, saying prayers, giving Bible readings or acting out Bible stories. They are all eager to help, and blowing out the candle at the end of worship is a firm favourite.

### What's happening around school – what learning characteristics have we spotted?

**The Robins** - The mud kitchen is being well used to help act out the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, so, we've witnessed some very creative ideas to make porridge. We've also spotted our learning characteristic of co-operation as groups have worked together to make sure they don't miss any part of the story.

**Year 1** – Our year 1 pupils have been enjoying working together on their computing lessons. They've had to use their questioning skills as well as reasoning, reflection and perseverance to solve problems.

**The Owls** - There's a real passion for learning about all things Greek in the Owls. They are getting to grips with remembering the difficult names of the Greek Gods, and making top trump cards based on the different attributes of their Greek heroes has caused great excitement.



## GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

### BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

**We have now sent out letters to invite grandparents to our afternoon tea. Please let them know and book them a place as soon as possible.**

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.