



Packington

Church of England Primary School

September 2018

Newsletter

DEAR ALL,

We would like to welcome you all back to the new academic year. It has been a super start. Our school grounds are looking fresher thanks to the hard work of Mark, our new Premises Officer, and we've had one or two changes including the new 'Cottage' in the outdoor learning area, a new gazebo in our developing reflection area and a brand new door in the Blackbirds to increase outdoor learning opportunities. We are also delighted with how well pupils have settled and are trying hard to 'Be the best we can be'. Please do read our news.

Super SATs/ End of KS2 Results

We are pleased to announce our 2018 SATS results. Once again our attainment is higher than the national average in all subjects and in reading, writing and maths combined. Below you will find the headline figures; more details, including results for KSI have been posted on the school website.

	Achieving Expected Standard	Achieving Greater Depth or High Score	Scale Score
Reading	93.3% (75%)	20% (28%)	106 (105)
Writing (TA)	87% (78%)	33% (20%)	105
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	87% (78%)	27% (34%)	106 (106)
Maths	87% (76%)	13% (24%)	105 (104)
Combined Reading, Writing and Maths	80% (64%)	13% (9.9%)	
Cohort Size	15		
1 pupil (%)	6.6%		
% of SEND in cohort	20%		

(Provisional national results in brackets)

'New Term Pack' – At the start of term, children in Reception & Year 3 should have received various documents and 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 etc.**

Lottery Grant Success

We are pleased to announce that we were successful in our Awards for All Lottery Bid this year. The good news is that the funding is enabling us to extend our curriculum and enrichment provision. Already, we have set up a free afterschool multi-sports club run by a sports coach and we are very excited to have introduced a weekly boxercise session for Year 2 pupils. In addition, we will be able to offer two holiday club weeks (free of charge to parents), one at Easter and one in summer 2019, as well as a free toddler keep fit club for pre-schoolers. **The session for toddlers will start on the 1st October 11.05-11.35 am in the school hall.**



GOLD AGAIN! – 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 everybody.



Happy Lunchtimes

We had an awesome day when Steve visited school to help staff and pupils improve the lunchtime experience. He 'taught' us all about the Happy Lunchtime system and we can't wait to introduce his ideas over the next couple of weeks. We will begin with the School Council introducing the goals for lunchtimes to the whole school:

- For pupils to show respect to staff, equipment and each other.
- For pupils to play with kindness and consideration
- For a quieter, pleasant dining hall.

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. Please search for Packington CE School and ask to follow us.

Welcome to Packington

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

Sebastian B, Jude C, Clarissa G, Jacob H, James H, Tillie J-C, Amelia J, Charlie M, Alexander M, Jessica-May S, Harry S, Edward S, Freddie S, Elsa T & Thea W.

We also welcome: Oscar J-C, Suzanne B & Robin H.

Holiday Pattern for 2019-20

We have now agreed that our term and holiday dates for 2019-20 will follow the same pattern as those set by the Leicestershire Local Authority. These are published on the LA and school website. **However, we would like to remind you that our term dates for 2018-19 follow the pattern agreed by the Ashby schools and are different to the LA.** Please check our website for details.

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

NEWS HEADLINES

***LIFE EDUCATION** ~ The Life Education Bus will visit on 26th and 27th 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 28th September at 9.15 am in the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

***BUDE** ~ A large group of pupils from the Eagles are getting to ready to 'ride the waves' on their residential visit to Bude. They will set off on 30th September accompanied by Mr Emery, Mrs Clark and Mr Gammon. Let's hope the sun shines and they all manage to catch a wave or two!

***INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS** ~The school photographer will visit school on 11th 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 6th 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:

3rd Nov 2018 – Packington, 8th Dec 2018 - Viscount Beaumonts,
12th Jan 2019 - Woodstone, 9th February 2019 Snarestone TBC,
30th March 2019 – Griffydham TBC

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 and Yellow Zigzag lines 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.

PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE 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.

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.

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

25th Sept ~ Community Afternoon
26th/27th Sept ~ Life Education Bus Visit
28th Sept ~ Harvest Festival - Whole school in church
1st Oct ~ Ceriann, our Church worker to lead worship
9th Oct ~ Poppy Creations, preparing for our 1st WW Commemoration
10th Oct ~ Open the Book Visit
11th Oct ~ Individual Photographs
15th / 16th Oct ~ Parent Interviews
18th Oct ~ Open the Book
19th Oct ~ School Closed for an INSET Day followed by the Half Term Holiday
30th Oct ~ School Collective worship in church
31st Oct ~Final date to apply for Secondary Schools (Yr6)
3rd Nov ~ Packington Cross Country
9th Nov ~ School Remembrance Service in Church
W/c 12th Nov ~ National Anti-bullying Week
16th Nov ~ Children in Need
19th Nov ~ Flu Vaccinations
29th Nov ~ Open the Book
2nd Dec ~ Christingle Service in Church- 4pm
5th/6th Dec ~ KS2 Production
7th Dec ~ Xmas Creative Time & Christmas Fayre
12th/13th Dec ~ KSI Nativity
14th Dec ~ Christmas Parties
19th 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>

'Oh Me Oh My' – the Year 3's Have Started Learning the Ukulele!

It's been great to see the happy faces of our Year 3 pupils and their growing passion to learn the ukulele. So many learning characteristics on show – listening, risk-taking, resilience, pride etc



PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME!

It really helps us, and helps your child keep their belongings safe!

Please remember we are a welcoming school 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.