

THE POCHIN SCHOOL



Friday 10th September

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This week.....

It has been a lovely week at school and the rain did not dampen the children's spirits. Class 4 were lucky enough to start a 5 week block of drama lessons by a specialist Drama teacher from Wreake Valley who is working with the children to explore a Shakespearian text.

Class 1 enjoyed a family picnic and activity afternoon on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see all the children with a special family member/s attending with them.

We would like to thank all the parents who attended the Phonics Information session, it was well attended and we hope the information will allow parents to better support their children through their learning.

Head Teacher's Award Winners



Harvest Festival (class1-5)

DONATIONS

The Pochin School will be supporting St Mary's Church in collecting donations which will be taken to Soar Valley Food Hub based at Mountsorrel Baptist Church. The food bank has requested that the donation of **dried goods and toiletries** would be gratefully received. Please **no pasta or pasta sauce**. Could these please be brought into school **on Monday in a carrier bag** as the children will be taking them down to church when they have their harvest practice.

PLACE AND TIME

Harvest Festival will take place at **St Mary's Church in Barkby at 9am on Wednesday 22nd September.**

All children will be expected to be dropped off at the church between 8:30 - 8:50am. There will be no Kiss and Drive. Any child attending the Before School Club will be walked down to the Church at 8:30am.



PARKING

Extra parking has been provided kindly by the Pochin Family in the Stable Yard, there are limited spaces. Please park your car there and then walk back to the main road to the church.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Hands-Face-Space

- Can everyone please use the hand sanitising station when they enter the church.
- Can all adult guests attending wear a face covering within the church.
- Can we politely request that all families attending the Harvest Festival sit within their family groups or friendship groups.

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

Congratulations to all the children who have been working so hard to build their times tables knowledge on TT Rockstars.

Well done to Krish who has achieved Rock Hero status and has an average studio speed of 0.76 seconds. Watch out for Shanneya who is the fastest Year 5 pupil and Noah who is storming ahead in Year 4.

The hard work of all of the children is definitely paying off. Not only are the teachers seeing an improvement in the classroom, The Pochin School has inched up the local schools' leader board moving from 21st to 20th this week. Remember that playing in the Studio will boost your rock star status. All the Year 4 children will be undertaking the Government's Multiplication Check next summer so TT Rockstars is a great way to practice. The Soundcheck option on TT Rockstars is set up like the Multiplication Check and gives the children 25 rapid multiplication questions. Why not see if you can get them all correct in the time given?

Mrs Southwell Maths leader

Raffle - Kevin the Carrot!

Giant Kevin and Katie Carrot Greatest Showman Plush Toy Raffle

Enter our raffle to be in with a chance to win these fantastic plush toys!



You can purchase tickets using the following link:

<https://pochinschoolpta.rallyup.com/kevinandkatiecarrotaffle>



Things to remember for next week and beyond ...

September

- **22nd Harvest Festival Service in the Church 9am**
- 23rd Class 4 and 5 Stone Age Activity Day

October

- 11th Year 5 Wales Min Y Don Trip
- 14th Year 4 Beaumanor Residential
- 14th Whole School Beaumanor Activities Day
- 26th Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition 3:30-5pm

November

- 1st Class Photos
- 3rd Parents Evening 3:45-7pm
- 4th Parents Evening 3:45-7pm
- 8th Year 6 Wales Min Y Don Trip
- 9th Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition
- 23rd Stirring the Pudding Service in the Church 9am

Kind regards

Mrs Heather Sharpe

Head Teacher