

THE POCHIN SCHOOL



Friday 10th September

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This week.....

It has been lovely to see all the children in school for our very first FULL week. We were very lucky to experience hot weather this week and have the use of the school garden for outdoor learning. The Cherry trees provided some welcome shade from the beating sun. Many of the children have been looking after the plants, composting the fallen apples and sweeping the path to make sure the area remains clean, tidy and useable.

Year 6 children this week enjoyed a trip to Chetwynd Barracks and they have included the report below.

Head Teacher's Award Winners



Harvest Festival

We are excited to be able to offer parents to attend the school's traditional Harvest Festival which is held each year in St Mary's church in Barkby.

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**.

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.

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.



Class 5's day out with the Desert Rats



When everyone in Class 5 arrived, they all took one last photo outside in the playground before heading onto the coach. It took around about an hour before they had all reached their destination- The Chetwynd Barracks in Nottingham. Sergeant Lee Wragg, (an ex Pochin parent) and



a few other soldiers met them under a shady tree and separated them into sections 1,2 and 3. There were three activities laid out in front of them; the tyre challenge, the bridge crossing and the save your supplies game. The groups took it in turns going from activity to activity trying as hard as possible to solve these games. They all then visited the memorial where they read the names of people from the Munitions factory which stood on the site in World War One. Unfortunately it was destroyed in a freak

accident in 1916 and over 100 people lost their lives. The children had a lunch of pizza and chips in the Mess.

After getting filled up by their delicious lunch, Class 5 were driven to the top of the site where they learned how to put up army tents and about the gear worn by modern soldiers. After saying bye to the Desert Rats- a group of the British Army- Class 5 travelled in the coach back to the Pochin School. Hot, happy and exhausted, Class 5 said it had been an amazing trip.

Arya Parmar-Vegad

Language of the Month - French

British Values of the Month - Rule of Law



Maths Quiz from Year 6

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Year 6 have been working on their place value knowledge and writing these tricky guess the number challenges. How long does it take you to work out what Krish's number is?

1. It is a 7 digit number.
2. The millions digit is half the ones digit.
3. The last 3 digits go up in 2s.
4. The thousands digits descend in ones.
5. The millions digit is 3.
6. The hundred thousands digit is the largest total possible.

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