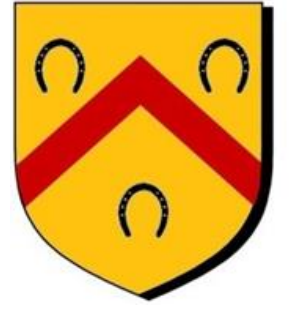




# The Pochin School

## Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

The school has had a very busy week with the children all preparing for the Easter Church Service next week. It is nice for all the children to think that they will be able to come together with the local community and lead the local Easter celebrations on Tuesday. Can we please ask parents to look at the arrangements below for the Easter Church service.

This week the school played it's last football league game of the season and came first in their group. Well done everyone who participated and supported the school across the season. We also on Tuesday took a team to play in the BEP Netball tournament. All the children worked hard and having the netball posts as an activity during breaktimes this term has really ignited many children in wanting to participate in the sport.

Staff changes - we would like to inform parents of a few staff changes taking place after the Easter holidays.

- Mrs Lane who has been with the school since 2020 will be leaving us to further develop her career in education. She has been appointed as an Arts and Crafts tutor for a local college for 16-24 year olds. We wish her well in her new role. We are excited to announce Mrs Sykes, an experienced Teaching Assistant, has been appointed as the new LSA in class 1 and will start in the Summer term.
- Miss Hayward our HLTA who started in September has found the 'Perfect Job' for her to further develop her passion for working with pupils 0-5 year olds. She will be leaving us to work in a nursery school where she can use her preschool training and develop as a teacher of Foundation 1 and 2 children. I am sure all the children across the school will miss her as she has successfully built up bonds with pupils in all classes. Mrs Rushton, a very experienced supply teacher we use, will be covering Miss Hayward's role until we appoint for the Autumn term.
- Miss Poynter who has for many years worked successfully as a TA and as a lunchtime supervisor will be stepping down from her lunchtime supervisor role, although will continue as the Teaching Assistant in class 2. We will all miss Miss Poynter out on the playground, who has always been good with the children at lunchtimes. We have appointed Miss Griffith as our new lunchtime supervisor. She has much experience of working with younger children and we are looking forward to everyone getting to know her.

We are looking forward to the whole school community welcoming in our new members of staff.

## Head Teacher and House Point Awards

The following children have worked extremely hard and this has been celebrated by the pupils receiving awards in front of their peers.

**Autumn B, Tirun, Kyla, Rosie, Liam,  
Kanwar, Mikhail, Seb**



**Cultures Celebrated within our School**  
Language of the Month - Spanish  
British Value of the Month - Mutual Respect  
Pochin Value of the Month - Perseverance



## Diary Dates

### April

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Beaumanor Year 4 (current Yr3) trip parents meeting 3:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> - School Easter Assembly at the church 9am
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Min Y Don Year 5 (current Yr4) trip parents meeting 3:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> - France Year 6 (current Yr5) trip parents meeting 3:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - School closes for Easter Holidays
- 25<sup>th</sup> - School opens for Summer term

### May

- 9-13<sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 2 SATS week
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Governors meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 3&4 Football Festival (BEP)
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Photo

Next week

### School Dinners Week 3

2 main choices with sides, bread and dessert

- Mon** - Meatballs or Quorn  
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce
- Tue** - Roast Pork or Macaroni  
Cheese
- Wed** - Jacket Potato or  
Vegetable Tomato Pasta
- Thur** - Roast Turkey or Cheese  
Pinwheel and Pasta
- Fri** - Salmon Fishcake or  
Quorn Dipper

## Easter Church Service – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

- The Easter Church Service is for main school pupils only (Class 1 – Class 5). Preschool will have the opportunity to watch a shortened recorded version of the service during the day.
- All children must be dropped off at Barkby's St Mary's Church between 8:30- 8:45am
- All children must be in full school uniform
- Children who attend 'Before School Club' will be escorted to the church
- There will be no 'Kiss and Drive' drop off service that day
- When children arrive at the church they will be shown where to put their bags and then they go and register with their teacher and sit with their class
- Parents are encouraged to stay for the service. We do ask parents to bring activities to keep their younger children quiet throughout the service, so the school children are able to present their talks and songs with reduced distractions that might impact on their performance.
- Parents are asked to remain seated at all times throughout the service unless asked to stand
- All children should have been to the toilet before coming to church.
- At the end of the performance we ask parents to remain seated (if they do not need to quickly rush off to work) as the children get their coats and bags and give their children a little wave as they leave to go back to school
- Parking is always difficult during church service times. The Pochin Family kindly open up their courtyard for school parking. We also ask that parents are respectful of all residents and not to block anyone in. PLEASE AVOID PARKING ON THE BRIDGE ON BARKBY HOLT LANE AS THIS PREVENTS THE EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES FROM BEING ABLE TO ACCESS HOMES ON THE BROOKSIDE AND FARMS.
- We are happy with parents taking photos of their own children for personal use only. Please do not upload any pictures to social media or share on WhatsApp groups that have any other child in them.

## Sporting success for The Pochin School



It was a real pleasure to take the football players to the final matches of their mini league on Wednesday. After a motivational speak from Noah, the children played with confidence and skill scoring goals in every game and conceding none. They were supportive of each other and sportsmanlike in their behaviour, really showing the Pochin values in action. Miss Evans' hard work and additional coaching sessions have really paid off and the team will now play the winners of the Wednesday evening division. A big shout out to Tula and Lyla who were very solid in defence, Lucas who showed himself to be an agile and effective keeper, Frankie whose first goal for the school was a memorable one and the mid field players and strikers who were fast and focused. Well done!

On Tuesday evening, 11 enthusiastic netballers played in the first netball tournament of the year. Despite being relatively inexperienced players, they all showed themselves to be quick learners and great team players. Tyler deserves special recognition for his superb performance in defence, whilst Autumn's speed around the court ensured we dominated all our games. Great work everybody!



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The echo of the sizzling sun and the discomfiting crackle of the worthless leaves below. The murky ground being ignored and the trees with razorlike branches. "Help!" I cried. I was stranded in a shadowy vapour forest. The trees formed an unpleasant cage above and the exposed roots boobytrap the clearing. There was no use. I could sense the hypothermia slowly entering my body as the entwined trees mocked me for being so useless. Scavenging for hope did not help.

The scenery taunting me. I paused. Silently, I prayed for air, my head wedged between my knees. I was being eaten alive by ants, which were constantly calling for backup. My attempt to yelp choked me as sweat invaded my face. My insides coiled as my hand rose up and my mouth grew dry. I wasn't alone.

Lyla

**Class 5 have been honing their writing skills, focusing on creating suspense, tension and atmosphere. Lyla and Rian impressed us with their word choices and description. They're not for the faint hearted. Read on if you dare...**

Squinting through the forest as I find my way back home from school. As I glance through the trees, something glances back at me. I turn my head and start to walk faster and faster. I turn back, looking at the same tree, but nothing there. The snap of branches sends a chill down my spine. Now practically running, I find myself lost in darkness and the wrath of this creature. Heavy rain forming, the creature now emerges from the trees showing its whole body; consisting of long legs and arms and a mouthful with oozing liquid. Gasping in horror, I jump behind a tree. I shrieked as I am in arm's length of the mysterious figure. I force myself to sprint away from the monster. I find myself on the end of a cliff. My only choice is a jumping or letting the monster feast on me.

Rian