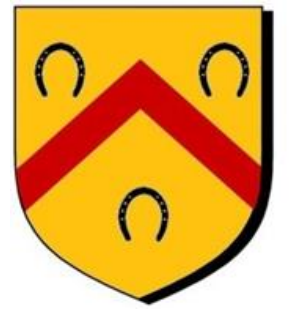




The Pochin School

Newsletter 9th September 2022



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II yesterday evening. I am sure there will be a range of emotions from our community and the nation. As a school we held a special assembly where all children took time to think and consider her accomplishments, her values and the amazing legacy she has left behind from her inspirational reign over 70 years. We gave thanks for her life as a community and hope that King Charles III will be able to continue her legacy of peace, love and selfless service to all.



Other news...

It has been lovely to have a whole week with the children in school. All the classes have been busy learning. Class 1 have enjoyed learning about the gingerbread man and have made a wonderful role play area where they have acted out the play and had many fun activities exploring and extending elements of the story. I particularly enjoyed joining Class 2 on a treasure hunt around the village to find houses built in different time periods. The oldest house was an Elizabethan house built on the site of where Barkby Hall stands today. Mr Pochin kindly showed the children the original walls of the house when they visited this week. All the children enjoyed seeing the old house and glimpse part of the new house built in the 1800s.

Parking - Parking this term has become an issue with the lines outside school that were there for safety reasons not currently visible. The school is waiting for the lines to be repainted on the road. Can I please ask that all parents respect the area outside and not park there. This is for the safety of ALL children and pedestrians.

Before school queuing - It is wonderful to see parents and children so enthusiastic to come to school in the morning. However, the school gates do not open until 8:30am and long queues of parents and children are now waiting on the pavement by the busy road. There is a great concern that potentially a child could fall into the road and become hurt. For this reason we ask that parents might consider waiting in their cars with their children until the school gates are open to avoid queuing. If you are unable to do this the school will trial opening the school gates at 8:25am to allow parents and children to wait in the small playground until the school doors open at 8:30am. However **ALL children** must be supervised in the school playground and parents take responsibility for them. No child should enter the school premises before 8:30am unless supervised by parents or another adult with responsibility for that child.

Attendance - The Government has issued new guidance to schools concerning attendance of pupils. The new updated 'Attendance and Punctuation' policy will be on the school website by Monday and it will also be sent out to all parents. Attendance information can also be found on the 'Attendance' tab on the school website. Can we please emphasize that holidays should not be taken in term time. Term dates have been published up until 2024 on the school website. Punctuality is also vital to give every child the best start to the day and to their education.

Diary Dates

September:

Thurs 29th - Harvest Festival Church service 9am

October:

Fri 7th - PTA Dress Down Day £1 fundraiser

Sat 8th - PTA Autumn Fair 11-2pm

Mon-Fri 10th-14th - Min Y Don Year 5 Residential

13th - 14th - Beaumanor Year 4 Residential

13th - Whole School Trip

Head Teacher Awards

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

Rosie, Kanwar, Mia and Max



Cultures Celebrated within our School

Language of the Month - French

British Value of the term - Democracy

Pochin Value of the Month - Confidence



Confidence



Honesty



Independence



Kindness

Next week **School Dinners** 2 main choices with sides, bread and dessert

Mon - Cheese and Tomato Pizza / Veggie Chilli with Rice

Tue - Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges / Veggie Sausage with Potato Wedges

Wed - Quirky Bird - a choice of flavoured Chicken or Vegan Quorn with Potato Wedges and Salad

Thur - Sticky Chicken Noodles / Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice

Fri - Fishfingers & Chips / Cheese Quiche with Chips