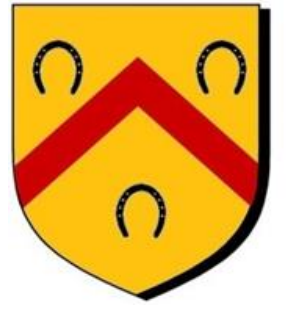


The Pochin School

Newsletter 16th September 2022



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

Please see the below message from Rev Biddy

Barkby Church will continue to remember our late Queen and give thanks for her life of service. Both to her country and to God. There is a book of condolence for people to reflect on their memories of her majesty in the church which is open all day Friday and Sunday. There will be a 2nd service of thanksgiving and prayer on Sunday at 6pm at St Mary's Church in Barkby. People of all faiths and none are welcome to attend.



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This week has been busy at school. It is nice to see all the classes working hard and our afterschool sports clubs starting a gain. Our new children in class 1 have become very grown up and come into school very sensibly and gone into their new class in the morning with very little support needed from siblings or staff. Next week we know they are going to be very grown up as they enter the school like other pupils independently in the morning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents who have supported the school in keeping the roads clear in front of the school to ensure the safety of all pupils at key points in the school day. Also, the opening-up of the school gates early has meant there is not a dangerously large queue outside the school gates by the side of the road and children and parents are making good use of the space in the school playground. I have celebrated this success of the children's behaviour in assembly today.

All children in school should now have received their homework packs and a reading book at the appropriate level. Can I please encourage parents to support their children with their homework. This might mean that you encourage your child to do it at a set time each week (my children always did it at the dinner table after the dinner dishes were cleared away), support them in reading the activity, testing them on their spellings, checking in with them that they have completed all tasks, or ensuring that they are reading daily. **We require all children to be heard being listened to reading on a daily basis, this ensures that all children make good progress in their reading ability which opens the door to the world!** Can all parents please ensure they sign their child's reading books and homework packs on a daily/weekly basis.

Diary Dates

September:

Mon 19th - School Closed National Bank holiday

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.

**Aviana, Shray, Elijah
Benjamin, Anya, and
Lucas**



Internet Safety!

Here is a great website with a fun game to teach the children about internet safety, scams and phishing emails. This complements what many children have been learning in school. We recommend you sit with your child while they play the game so you can talk about the issues being addressed.

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland/landing/reality-river



Cultures Celebrated within our School

Language of the Month - French

British Value of the term - Democracy

Pochin Value of the Month - Confidence



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

Mon - Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes / Tomato Pasta

Tue - Chicken Curry with Rice / Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice

Wed - Roast of the Day with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy / Crunchy Top Veg Bake with Roast Potatoes

Thur - Burger (Chicken or Vegan) with Toppings and Potato Wedges

Fri - Fishfingers or Salmon with Chips / Cheese Omelette with Chips