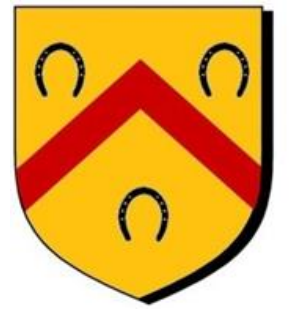




The Pochin School

Newsletter 17th February 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

Valentine's Donut sale and Disco.

Thank you for all the support from parents and children in making the Donut sale and the disco a great fundraising success. We would like to thank the PTA for their continued support in raising funds to support the children at school.

New Books for class reading

The school has used the money raised through the Read-a-Thon and the Book Fair sales from last year to purchase new whole class novels for each class. The class novels are challenging. These will support the children's love of reading and expose them to high quality fiction that will engage our pupils. The books have been carefully chosen to be aspirational in vocabulary and expose our children to a rich language environment around many current relevant topics. Great books build the imagination. The more we read aloud expressively, and the more children are able to savour, discuss and reinterpret literature through the arts, the more memorable the characters, places and events become, building an inner world within our children's minds.

Writing Competition

Reminder to all children that the 500 word writing competition for World Book Day needs to be returned to school by Thursday 2nd March 2023 (first Thursday back).

STRIKE DAY

The National Education Union (NEU) are due to commence industrial action on Wednesday 1st March 2023.

Based on the latest information we have received from teaching staff, The Pochin School intends to be open to all pupils on this day. However, please be aware if we experience high staff absences on this day, that would affect the safeguarding and well being of children, we may have to close a class at short notice. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

The majority of lessons will go ahead as normal on this day. In the event of manageable staff absence, pupils will be supervised and appropriate activities given.

Diary Dates

20-24th - February Half Term Holidays

March

- 2nd - World Book Day - Pjs and bedtime books
- 3rd - 8th Book Fair afterschool in village hall
- 6th - Yr 5/6 Football League
- 7th Uni hockey Competition
- 8-9th - Parents Evening
- 17th - RED NOSE DAY - Bake My Day!
- 24th - Mad March Hair Day PTA £1
- 29th School Easter Service in St Mary's Church

April

- 3rd-14th April - Easter Holidays**
- 17th - School reopens for Summer Term

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.

**Sophia W, Raghav, Emily A,
Lyra, Rosie, Lucas**



Perseverance

Optimism

Confidence

Honesty

Independence

Ness Kindness

Cultures Celebrated within our School

Language of the Month - Chinese/Cantonese

British Value of the term - Tolerance

Pochin Value of the Month - Optimism



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

- Mon** - A choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours with meat and vegetarian toppings
- Tue** - Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato / Veggie Shepherd's Pie with Gravy
- Wed** - Pork Sausage, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes / Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese with Roast Potatoes
- Thur** - Chicken Pasta Bake / Vegetable Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread
- Fri** - Fishfingers with Chips / Mexican Roll with Chips