

The Pochin School

Newsletter 21st April 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

Welcome Back

It is lovely to be back at school with the children. The school has put in place many new resources to improve our children's educational experiences this term. The school has a whole new computer system in all classrooms to improve the quality of interactive learning for all children across the school. We have had a few hiccups with the technology, but all seems to be working. New resources have been purchased for lunchtime play, which are being fully utilised by the children. In both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 playgrounds we have seen an increase in creative, imaginative, physical and positive social play (see photos below). We would like to thank CEL sports who have successfully gained charity funds and have purchased basketball posts for the children to use.

Coronation

We are all excited about the Coronation of King Charles III. To celebrate this occasion the school will be holding a special assembly, fun dance lessons and have lots of activities. We are also encouraging the children to come dressed as royalty and enter a cake decorating competition. Please see below of further details about the day and the events.

The Big Help Out

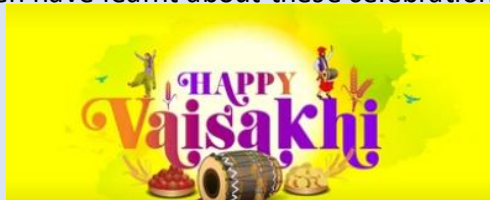
As part of the Coronation weekend, King Charles has encouraged communities get together and people volunteer to make a difference on Monday 8th May. Please see the flyer below. As a school we want to support volunteering in the local community and within the school. As a school we will be open on Monday 8th May from 10-1pm to support this initiative. Please see further information below about how you and your family can also make a difference by helping out The Pochin School.

Strike Dates

We have been informed that the NEU will be striking on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Thank you to all the parents who have informed us already if they wish to be considered as a critical worker. As a school we intend to open all classes on these days. However, if circumstances change we will inform parents by 7:30am if any classes will be closing. Individual parents will be notified by 7:30 if their child in a closed class has a place in school on that day.

Let's celebrate as a community

We are aware that there have been many celebration over the Easter holidays, such as Vaisakhi and Eid today and wanted to take time to share these with the school community. The children have learnt about these celebration in assembly on Monday and some children have shared how they have already celebrated these as a family.



Happy Vaisakhi -14th April,

Happy Eid al-Fitr – 21st April



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.

Simar, Emily B, Ria, Harry, Theo P, Aaron

Reading support for Parents

Please take the time to look at the school's Reading webpage. The page has lots of helpful information to help parents better understand how reading is taught in school and some great recommendations of books to encourage your child to read. A quick link to the page is below.

[Reading - The Pochin School \(bepschools.org\)](https://bepschools.org)

Diary Dates

May

- 1st - Bank Holiday
- 4th - Elections - Preschool closed today
- 5th - School celebrating the Coronation
- 8th - Bank Holiday
- 9th - 12th - Year 6 SATS week
- 15th - Year 6 Adventure Activity Day
- 19th - National Endangered Species Day, Class 3 fundraising activity
- 26th - Class 4 Fundraising Day
- 29th - 2nd June - May Half term

June

- 5-6th - Year 6 Sports and Challenge Days
- 6th - Governors meeting 4:30pm
- 8th - New EYFS Parents Meeting 6pm
- 22nd Leavers Disco
- 27th - Sports Day
- 29th - Reserve Sports Day

July

- 4th - Class 4 and 5 Play 2pm and 6pm

Reading at Home with your Child

Just a reminder that all children should be reading 5 times a week at home to a parent/ adult, this should be recorded and shared with the teacher. We understand that many children are competent readers and can read for pleasure at home independently. However, as children read more complex and challenging books/stories, the vocabulary they experience will become more challenging. Through experience, we know that it is during the times parents listen to their children read, and discuss what has been read, that children and parents explore the true meaning of the words within context, **extending children's vocabulary**. This **build back ground knowledge** around the topic and a **greater depth of understanding**. As a result, pupils reading ability improves, they gain more pleasure out of reading and generally do better at school as they have a greater general knowledge of the world.



King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

We are all excited about the Coronation of King Charles III. For many people and children this will be the first coronation they will have seen in their lifetime. In celebration the school will be holding special Coronation events on Friday 5th May.

- Children are encouraged to come dressed up as a King and Queen if they wish this day, if not they will continue to wear their school uniform.
- The day will start with a special assembly and a variety of fun activities in their classes.
- In the afternoon, the children will all participate in learning a Flashmob dance. This will be performed to all parents at 3:10pm in the big playground after school. All children to be picked up after this event from the large playground.
- Coronation Cake Decorating competition. (please see the flyer attached for this fun competition). All competition entries to be brought to school and displayed for whole school viewing on Tuesday 9th May.



The Big Help Out!

The Pochin School will open its doors on Monday 8th May from 10-1pm. We hope families will pop in and give of their time to support improving the school and the community area of Barkby.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer and make a difference.

Such activities: Gardening, weeding, improving the school garden area, planting, preparing railing for painting, sorting out the school PTA cupboard, helping sort out the schools PE cupboard, pimping up footballs, little pick around the village etc.

This is a family event. Families can stay for as long or short a time as they wish.

Free refreshments will be on offer.

If you are considering coming, can we please ask that you complete the MSForms to support the organisational the event, by Friday 5th May - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=33_wzdLTyk2HVK3vxmXhiBcVXrl7k3NLnEozsadyto9UNThVROFIS1c1RzZ5VzBUUzZVV09YVvk9JMy4u

Attendance Matters - Our attendance target is 97%
Our attendance for the week beginning 27th March: 94.1%
Winning class from last week was Class 1 with 99%. Well Done!
Thank you for helping your children get to school when they are able



Cultures Celebrated within our School
Language of the Month - Portuguese
British Value of the Month - Independence
Pochin Value of the Term - Kindness



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

- Mon** - Mac and Cheese with different toppings, Summer Lemon cake
- Tue** - Hot dogs/ vegetarian hot dogs and potato wedges, Chocolate short bread
- Wed** - Chicken pie and roast potatoes/ Potato and veg layer bake, Fruit Medley
- Thur** - Chicken/ vegetarian curry with rice, Peach crumble with cream
- Fri** - Fishfingers/ omelette with Chips, Vanilla Shortbread



A Right Royal Coronation Cake Competition!

The Pochin school will be celebrating the Royal Coronation of King Charles III

with a Coronation themed cake decorating competition.

Key Stage 1 + Key Stage 2 Prizes

Date: Tuesday 9th May

All entries will be judged on their appearance only. They will be on display at the end of the day from 2:50pm in the village hall. All entries maybe taken home from 3:15pm.





In support and celebration
of The Big Help Out,
I hereby pledge to...



Take part in a volunteering activity
on Coronation Bank Holiday Monday,
8th May 2023



Find a volunteering opportunity I can
continue after the Coronation weekend



Share my volunteering experience
to encourage others to take part

Share your pledge @LeicsLieutenant #LeicsBigHelpOut

Fun in the sun with new playtime equipment

