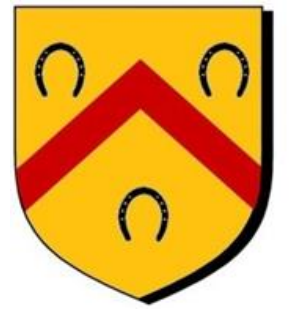




# The Pochin School

## Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

### Garden Glory!

The children at school are really getting into gardening at lunchtimes this week. They are weeding all the raised beds in preparation for growing. It feels like we only did this a month ago and the weeds have already grown again! Class 1 and 2 are growing cress seeds and bean seeds in their classes to find out what the best conditions are to help plants grow. We had a great team of path sweepers also who worked hard to ensure all paths were clear and safe to walk on. It is lovely seeing the children choosing to do these activities in their own time. Some Year 5 pupils will be running a gardening club this term at lunchtimes. All Key Stage 2 children are welcome to join the club. The PTA funds has allowed the school to purchase new benches and sun canopies to support outdoor learning.

### Bank Holidays and Strike Dates

Just a polite reminder to all parents that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> are national bank holidays and school is closed. We have been informed that the NEU will be striking on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. As a school we intend to open all classes on this day. 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 is in a closed class has a place in school on that day.



### 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.

**Rishi, Charlotte, Isla, Gio, Aria, Ram, Prithvi**

### Diary Dates

#### May

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

#### June

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

#### July

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Class 4 and 5 Play 2pm and 6pm

**Attendance Matters** - Our attendance target is 97%.  
Our attendance for the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April: 97.1%  
Winning class from last week was Class 5 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 - Individual Liberty  
Pochin Value of the Term - Kindness



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

- Tue** - Chinese Chicken Noodles/Chinese Vegetable Noodles
- Wed** - Greek Chicken Pita/Spinach Cheese Parcel with Seasoned wedges
- Thur** - Fish and chips / Quorn Burger and Chips
- Fri** - Coronation Day Menu
- Jacket potatoes available, (please email the office by 9am Tuesday to order for the week ahead)**



# Reminders- King Charles III Coronation Celebrations in school

## Reminder - 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> May.



## Reminder - The Big Help Out!

The Pochin School will open its doors on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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, pumping up footballs, litter 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 5<sup>th</sup> May 9am -

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### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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