



# The Pochin School

## Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer Holiday. It was lovely seeing all the children return to school today.

Staff have all been in school working hard this week to prepare the classrooms and plan an exciting curriculum for them. This first term we have many exciting events and activities taking place. We thought we would share some of the information below with staff so you can put special dates in your diaries, get to know staff better and ensure the new school day arrangements take place smoothly.

We have welcomed our new reception and preschool children to the school today. Just a reminder that the new reception children will have a phased start to their schooling as set out below.

In this first newsletter we have included a picture of all teachers, with support staff in next week newsletter and added in some extra features in response to parents feedback and request from our 'Newsletter Questionnaire' last year. We hope all parents find this information helpful.

### **Meet the Teacher Meetings**

All our teachers will be running a small meeting to introduce themselves to parents and share the learning that will be taking place in their class. They will also share the PE days, homework expectations etc. This is a lovely opportunity to get to meet and chat to your child's teacher. If you are unable to attend the PowerPoint will be sent to all parents in the class and will also be on the class webpage. Please see separate letter for further details of times and dates for individual classes.

### **Leavers and Starters**

We welcome this term Mr Willoughby who will be class 3's teacher and also Miss Riley who will be class 2's teacher. All children have enjoyed meeting their teachers last term and our teachers are enthusiastic to get to know their pupils better.

We also have Mrs Whitmore in class 1 and Mrs Baker supporting in class 5.

Miss Shilton in the office will be off for a number of weeks and we do not foresee her return until after October half term at the earliest. Therefore, Miss Mc Dowell will be supporting in the office for limited hours a day. The office will be staffed from 8:30-10am and then from 2-3:15pm. During other times in the day the best way to contact the school would be through email or to leave a message on the phone.

### **Beginning and End of Day Arrangements**

**Morning arrangements** - School registration is between 8:30-8:45am

All children arrive at school between 8:30-8:45 and come straight into the small playground then straight into school. There will be a member of staff in the small playground to welcome children into school.

**End of Day Arrangements** - Class 1 will be picked up at 3pm from the green side door.  
Class 2 will be picked up at 3pm from the school playground.  
Class 3 will be pick up at 3:10pm from small playground.  
Class 4 will be picked up at 3:10pm from class 4 door in small playground.  
Class 5 will be picked up at 3:10pm from the small playground. Children can walk home themselves if parents give permission through emailing the office.

### **Class 1 Transition Beginning and End of Day arrangements**

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

- Class 1 arrive between 8:30 - 8:45am and wait in the small playground with the Class 1 Team. Parents will have the opportunity to speak with the staff.
- 8:45am - Parents say goodbye to children and leave the small playground. The staff will take the children into class.
- 2:45pm - Reception parents pick up from the side door on School Lane. Class 1, year 1 parents at 3pm. Parents will have the opportunity for a quick catch up on how the day has been.

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

- Class 1 arrive between 8:30 - 8:45am and wait in the small playground with the Class 1 Team. Parents will have the opportunity to speak with the staff.
- 8:45am - Parents say goodbye to children and leave the small playground. The staff will take the children into class.
- 3pm - Class 1 parents pick up from the side door on School Lane. Parents will have the opportunity for a quick catch up on how the day has been.

#### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

- Class 1 arrive between 8:30 - 8:45am. If the child has an older sibling and they would like to take them to class 1, they can walk straight into school. If the child does not have an older sibling a member of the Class 1 Team will be on the playground to guide them into the school building.
- 3pm - Class 1 parents pick up from the side door on School Lane. Parents will have the opportunity for a quick catch up on how the day has been.



# Important Dates



## PTA Dates

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept - AGM  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Autumn Fair  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - School Disco (6-7:30)  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - School Disco  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - School disco  
 TBC- Spring Fair  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Leavers Disco

**TESCO BLUE TOKEN - reminder this is still active. Every token counts and is needed!**

## Whole School Community Services at St Mary's Church

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Harvest Festival Service  
 Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Stirring the Pudding  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Service  
 Tue 19<sup>th</sup> March Easter Service  
 Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July - Founders Day

All services are expected to start at 9am except Founders Day which will be 2pm

## School Trip

There will be more school trips throughout the year.

12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Richard III  
 Class 3 and 4

9-13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Min-Y-Don  
 Year 5 Residential

12-13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Beaumanor Hall  
 Year 4 Residential

12<sup>th</sup> Oct - Beaumanor Hall  
 Whole School Trip

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Young Voices Concert  
 School Choir

24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Warning Zone Year 6

Spring Term - Swimming  
 Class 3 and 4

17<sup>th</sup> May- Activity Day  
 Year 6

## Other Significant Dates

**Parents' Evening**  
 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
 27<sup>th</sup> + 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Sports Days**  
 11<sup>th</sup> June  
 12<sup>th</sup> June (reserve)

**School Plays (TBC)**  
 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Class 3 Play  
 18<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 Play  
 1/4<sup>th</sup> Jul Class 4+5 Play

**Governor Meetings**  
 19<sup>th</sup> Sept  
 24<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 6<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 4<sup>th</sup> June



Mrs Sharpe  
 Head Teacher



Miss Kirk  
 Class 5 Teacher



Miss Evans  
 Class 4 Teacher



Mr Willoughby  
 Class 3 Teacher



Miss Riley  
 Class 2 Teacher



Mrs Partridge  
 Class 1 Teacher



Mrs Holmes  
 Preschool Manager



Miss Howkins  
 Preschool LSA

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

Mon- Mac & Cheese with different toppings  
 Tue - Sausage hotdog/ Vegan sausage hotdog with wedges  
 Wed - Piri Piri Chicken / Quorn Chicken with Rice  
 Thur - Sausage Roll/Mexican Roll and Wedges  
 Fri - Fishcakes/Veggie fingers and chips

Jacket potatoes available, (please email the office by 9am Monday to order for the week ahead stating which date and filling your child would like)

### **Meet the Teacher Meeting**

We would like to invite parents to a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting. These meetings will be held by the class teacher and will give parents an insight into your child's day at school, what homework will be set, expectations for the year and also give you opportunities to ask any questions. They will last approximately 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend the Powerpoint or any information that is given out can be requested to be emailed out to you or sent home with your child.

The meetings will take place in your child's classroom. Children can be supervised outside so they do not need to attend with parents.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Class 1	Friday 8th September	3-3:30pm
Class 2	Friday 8th September	3:30- 4pm
Class 3	Thursday 7th September	3:30 - 4pm
Class 4	Thursday 7th September	3-3:30pm
Class 5	Thursday 7th September	3-3:30pm

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please confirm by 7th September by email to Ms McDowell if you will be attending ([office@pochin.bepschools.org](mailto:office@pochin.bepschools.org)).

