



The Pochin School

Newsletter 22nd December 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and in high spirits as we bring you some delightful updates from The Pochin School. The festive season has brought joy and cheer to our school, and our young stars have been shining brightly on the stage and in the classrooms.

Key Stage 1 Nativity Play: A Brilliant Performance!

We are thrilled to announce that the Key Stage 1 Nativity Play was a resounding success! The hall was filled with joy and festive spirit as our talented young performers took the stage, captivating the audience with their enthusiasm, talent, and the timeless story of the nativity. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to: the students for their hard work, dedication, and delightful performances. The teachers and staff who invested time and effort in guiding our young actors and ensuring the smooth execution of the play. Parents for their incredible support and participation throughout the performance. Please see pictures below.

School Church Christmas Carol Service:

Thank you to all the parents that attended the service. The children did a fantastic job of sharing the Christmas message through readings, poetry and music! Please see pictures below.

Action Homeless:

We would like to express our gratitude for your recent donation to Action Homeless and to share the incredible impact your generosity is having on our mission to support the homeless. The items were repackaged and distributed out to those needing extra support this Christmas. Please see the comments below from the charity.

Just wanted to say thank you so much to you and the staff and students at The Pochin School for such a fantastic donation, it's really appreciated. I've attached some photos here of our volunteer team from Druck (Baker Hughes) who helped pack and sort the donations today, and a couple of photos of packed up gift bags and Christmas dinner family packages.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Kind regards,
Jessamyn Witthaus
Funding and Communications Officer



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.

Fletcher, Teddy, Amari, Jay-Te, Eva P, Josh K



Diary Dates

January:

- 8th - School reopens for Spring Term
- 9th - Class 3 and 4 swimming lessons begin
- 9th - Taster Ukulele and Guitar lessons take place
- 9th - Ukulele lesson start for class 3 and 4
- 9th - Parents Meeting Min Y Don residential 2024 (current year 4)
- 10th - Parents Meeting Beaumanor residential 2024 (current year 3)
- 15th - First Time Primary School Application Closing Date

February:

- 16th - School closes for February Half Term Holidays
- 26th - School opens

March:

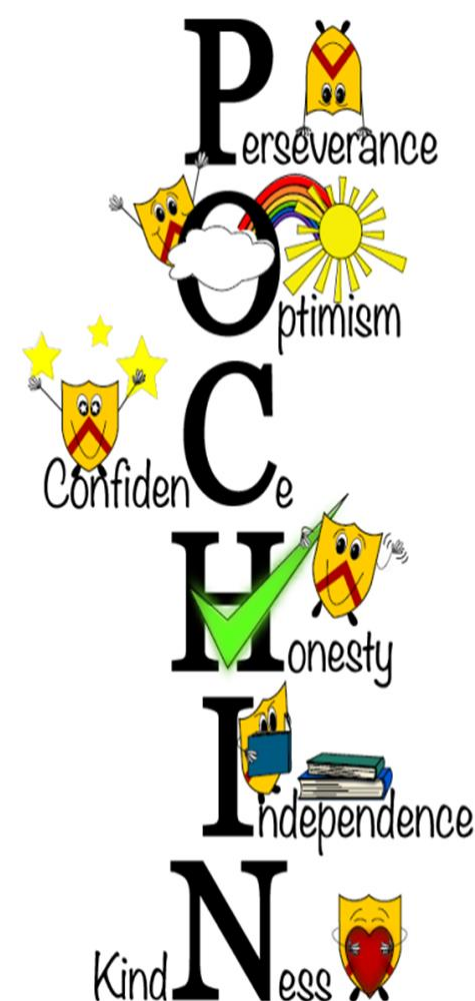
- 19th - School Easter Service at St Mary's Church
- 21st - School closes for the Easter School Holidays

School Dinners 2 main choices with sides, bread and dessert

- Mon** - Cheese and tomato pizza with pasta salad
 - Tue** - Chicken and bean/veg fajitas with wedges
 - Wed** - Roast of the day, stuffing roast potatoes and gravy
 - Thurs** - Creamy chicken & broccoli bake with garlic bread
 - Fri** - Sausage/cheesy bean pasty with 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)

Cultures Celebrated within our School

- British Value of the Term
Tolerance
- Pochin Value of the Term
Optimism



Key Stage 1 Nativity



Christmas Service in the Church



A Gift from class 4 to the school community

Poems written about a Christmas Carol

Spirits Visited

Scrooge from past, present, future
Will he change his ways?

The Spirits arrived
Mister Scrooge was petrified
So he ran away

Ebenezer Scrooge
Grumpy, miserly, mean man
Dismal Mister Scrooge

Singing carollers
Happy, kind, charitable
Joyful, merry men

Mister Selfish Scrooge
He says humbug all the time
And is tight-fisted

Scrooge is tight-fisted
And ruthless and cold-hearted
Will he change his path?

Scrooge is tight-fisted
Who had a distinguished face
He is cold-hearted

Ebenezer Scrooge
who has a selfish, cold heart
despises Christmas

Christmas selfishness
Cold-hearted, bitter miser
Ebenezer Scrooge

Uncharitable
Scrooge greedy, tight-fisted man
A selfish miser





Winter **WATER SAFETY**

EVERY YEAR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO PLAY ON THE ICE FORMED ON OPEN WATERS AND ADULTS FIND THEMSELVES AT RISK AS THEY ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEM. OVER 50% OF ICE RELATED DROWNING INVOLVED AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A DOG

TOP TIPS



Keep away from the edge of the water



Only walk in well lit areas



Keep dogs on their leads



Walk with an adult or group of friends



Never go on the ice under any circumstances

WHAT TO DO IN DANGER



Shout help and call 999. Use your what3words location



Never go onto the ice to try and rescue a person or animal



Keep an eye on the person in danger



If possible lie flat to spread your weight



Wait for the emergency services