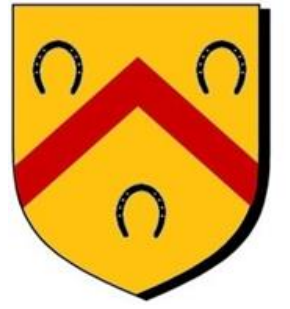




The Pochin School

Newsletter 8th December 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

We started the week with a special assembly by Reverend Bidy on Advent. It was lovely to see the children gain a deeper understanding of what advent is and its purpose. The children enjoyed the props she used to help them learn about the importance of it to Christians. On Wednesday the children had another special guest in the school who came to demonstrate and inspire the children musically with his acoustic guitar, electric guitar and his ukulele. Apart from the different sounds they all made and the fun facts he shared I think the kids loved playing, 'Name that tune!' Top favourite tunes were Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean and Batman!



Extra Curricula Clubs

We have had a number of parents express an interest in a greater variety of clubs offered by the school. In response to this the school is offering two new clubs by external providers. They will start in Spring term. One club will offer the children a chance to learn to play the guitar or the Ukulele and the other club is a creative construction club.

Cold Weather Uniform

We are aware that it has been extremely cold recently with temperatures some days struggling to get above freezing. Therefore, we are changing our uniform policy for the Autumn and Spring term on a temporary basis and allowing the children to also wear smart leather or leather-effect black boots. Black school boots must not have heels, logos or be of a height that makes it difficult for children to cross their legs when sitting down. Your child should also be able to independently put them on and off, and do them up themselves.



Action Homeless Shelter

Please be reminded we are still collecting donations for Action Homeless Shelter. All donations need to be in school by Wednesday 13th December to ensure that the packages can be delivered to those in needs.

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.

George, Viaana, Ruqaiyah, Sianna, Poppy, Prithvi



Diary Dates

December:

- 14th - Year 3 Nativity 2pm and 5:30pm
- 15th - Whole school Panto visit
- 19th - KS1 Nativity 1:30pm and 5:30pm
- 20th Whole School Christmas Service 8:50am
- 21st - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- 21st - Whole school Christmas Dinner Day
- 21st - Christmas Jumper Day
- 21st - School Christmas Disco 6-7:30pm - **Cancelled**
- 22nd - School Closes for the Christmas holidays

January:

- 8th - School reopens for Spring Term
- 9th - Class 3 and 4 swimming lessons begin
- 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)

February:

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

School Dinners 2 main choices with sides, bread and dessert

- Mon** - Tomato Pasta/veggie pasta
 - Tue** - Sausage roll/veggie roll with wedges
 - Wed** - Chicken/quorn shack with seasoned potatoes and salad
 - Thurs** - Peri peri chicken/Veggie meatballs with rice
 - Fri** - Fish fingers/Omelette 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

