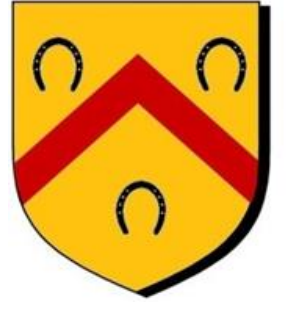




# The Pochin School

## Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



Dear Parents and friends,

### Action Aid - Homeless donations

Action Homeless would like to personally thank you for your generous contribution over the recent festive season to help support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Over the Christmas period, Action Homeless were accommodating over 250 people experiencing homelessness. We knew that it would be particularly challenging for many of our residents, who are often separated from their loved ones, and wanted to ensure that they felt connected and supported.

With your help we were able to do this, thank you!

Our festive support began in early December with a "Connections Week", which included a range of activities designed to bring people together from festive baking to Christmas card making and bingo.

Our dedicated teams of corporate volunteers helped pack over 90 gifts bags with treats which had kindly been donated in response to our Wish List appeal. These were handed out on Christmas Day when Christmas dinners were served at a range of projects. One gentleman commented that the gift bag had made him feel special as so many people connected to Action Homeless had thought of him at Christmas.

Our very youngest residents enjoyed a Christmas Party with a special visit from Santa who delivered some lovely gifts.

As well as helping people to enjoy the festivities, we were able to provide additional measures to support people who found themselves in crisis. We opened an extra 5 emergency rooms at our main hostel, Mayfield House, and were able to ensure that people had everything they needed to stay comfortable and warm. Our community lounge, food and hygiene pantry opened to provide essentials to anyone who needed them. We were able to help one lady who was moving into her own property to get all the essentials that she needed to settle into her new home at a time when many other services were closed.

Action Homeless really appreciates the contributions from individuals, businesses and the wider local community during the festive season, and the integral part these contributions played in making sure people experiencing homelessness at Christmas had the chance to feel connected and supported.

With thanks and appreciation,

Jessamyn Witthaus  
Funding and Communications Officer

### Radfield Home Care - Christmas cards

We are thrilled to share with you the heartwarming sentiments expressed by the residents at Radfield Home Care in response to the Christmas cards sent by the children. Your thoughtful gesture has brought immense joy and happiness to the residents, making this holiday season truly special for them.

Attached, please find a delightful letter from the residents expressing their gratitude. Reading through their heartfelt words, it is evident that the Christmas cards have not only brightened their days but have also created a meaningful connection between the younger and older generations.

### Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please note bookings will open 8am Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

## 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.

**Astrid, Sayaan, Reeyan, Alysia, Nivaan, Kieran**



## Diary Dates

### February:

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Governors meeting at school 4:30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - PTA Valentines Disco 6pm at Roots
- 16<sup>th</sup> - School closes for February Half Term Holidays
- 26<sup>th</sup> - School opens
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening

### March:

- 19<sup>th</sup> - School Easter Service at St Mary's Church 8:50am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - School closes for the Easter School Holidays

### April:

- 8<sup>th</sup> - School reopens for Summer term

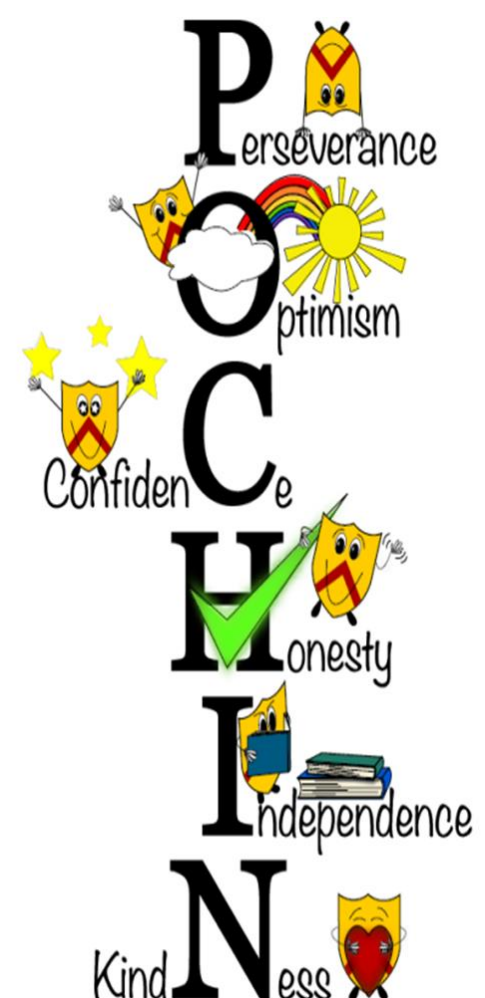
### May:

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 2 SATS week (year 6 pupils)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Aztec visit
- 25<sup>th</sup> - School closes for Half term

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

- Mon - Tomato/Veggie Pasta
  - Tues - Sausage/veggie roll with potato wedges
  - Wed - Chicken/quorn with a choice of flavouring with seasoned potatoes and salad
  - Thurs - Peri Peri chicken/veggie meatballs with rice
  - Fri - Fishfingers/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  
Mutual Respect  
Pochin Value of the Term  
Confidence



To everyone at Pochin Primary School



(Card delived by RADFIELD HOME CARE)



Thank you all for my lovely Christmas Card  
made by the students, it really kind of  
you, and cheered me up, and the photograph  
of all your lovely smiles.

Wishing you all a lovely 2024



From

Sheila.

(aged 86 years)

