

THE PAKEMAN PRESS



**Pakeman
Primary
School**

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Thursday 19th July

Thank you once again for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope that you will find its contents useful.

Dear Parents/Carers

Summer Holiday

We break up for the Summer holiday tomorrow (Friday 20th July at 1.30pm). Please remember that all children must be collected at 1.30pm. There will be no playcentre and no staff on site after this time.

INSET Days

An additional INSET day has been set on Wednesday 5th September. There are now 3 INSET days at the start of term on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Return to School

This means that children in Years 1-6 will return to school after the summer holiday on Thursday 6th September at 9am (with Breakfast Club starting at 8am). Parents of children in the 2+ centre, Nursery and Reception will receive individual letters with their start dates and times.

The full list of holiday dates for 2018-19 was sent home in a letter on Tuesday this week and can also be found on our website at:

<https://www.pakemanprimary.co.uk/school-info/term-dates/>

Please note that 2 more INSET days still need to be set.

Reception Graduation

Our Reception children wowed their parents/carers on stage last Friday when they graduated. They sang their hearts out up on the stage and looked really smashing in their graduation caps. Each of them in turn received a scroll to signify their successful completion of the year and their forthcoming move up to Year 1. Well done to all of them and to the EYFS team and Lisa for preparing them so well for this very special celebration.



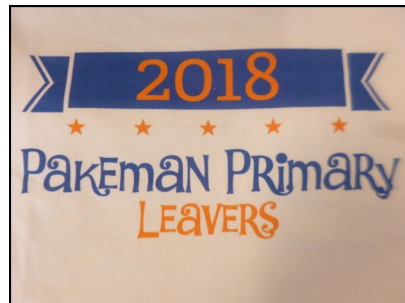
Reception Party

Early years (2+ Centre, Nursery and Reception) dressed up yesterday afternoon for fun and games at their end of year party. It was lovely to see them having such a wonderful time.

Year 5/6 End of Year/Leaving Party

Last Thursday evening the excitement was palpable when our Year 5/6 children arrived back at school for a party in the evening to celebrate their time at Pakeman. They were treated to a fabulous spread of food and soft drinks and partied the evening away to the sound of music provided by DJs Dan and Francis who run our DJ Club here at Pakeman. Thank you to them and to the Year 5/6 Team for their hard work in making the event so enjoyable for our children.

Year 6 Leaving Assembly



Year 6 parents/carers are invited to join us at the special Year 6 Leaving Assembly tomorrow morning (Friday 20th July), starting at 10am. The children have been practising for a very special performance, so do come along and see them up on the Pakeman stage for the last time!

Mindfulness

There is a new section on mindfulness on our website where you can access resources to use at home. These will help to support your children and yourselves with mindfulness practices that provide positive approaches to dealing with conflict, stress, anxiety, self-confidence, self-esteem and focus. Do have a go—it can make all the difference to how children and adults feel and deal with everyday situations that cause stress in the modern world.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20th July

Last day of Summer Term
School closes at 1.30pm for all children.

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

Wednesday 5th September

INSET DAYS

Thursday 6th September

First day of term for children

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

School closes for the Summer holidays after lunch tomorrow. ALL CHILDREN ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT 1.30PM. There is NO playcentre.

Please note that holidays are not authorised during term time. Unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty charge being issued to each parent with parental responsibility.

P4C QUESTION

Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:

What is the biggest waste of human potential?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Watch this space! Oscars will resume in September



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	The figures	will be back	in September
KS2			

Word of the week

Definition: extremely beautiful, elaborate, or impressive; very good, excellent

Use of the word **magnificent** in a sentence:

England put in some magnificent performances, reaching the semi-finals of the World Cup 2018.



Lunch Bunch

This Summer, Islington Council is offering children from low income families the opportunity to get a free healthy lunch every day throughout the school holidays, while enjoying fun activities with their friends. They will be looked after by experienced play workers.



If your child is aged 6-12 (year 1 to year 7) and you are on benefits or a low income (your household income is less than £16,190 per year) your child/ren will qualify.

You will need to book on Eventbrite here: <http://islingtonlunchbunch.eventbrite.com/>

Lunch Bunch is taking place at a few locations across Islington, so you can choose the one that is best for you.

- Cornwallis Adventure Playground – children can stay and play from 9-1, and 2-5.30. Lunch is served at 12pm. Parents can drop children off and pick them up, or children aged 9-12 can go by themselves.
- Lumpy Hill Adventure Playground – children can stay and play all day from 10.30am, lunch is served from 12:30-2pm. Parents can drop children off and pick them up, or children aged 9-12 can go by themselves.
- Prior Weston School – children will need to arrive at 12 and leave at 2pm. Parents can drop children off and pick them up, or children aged 9-12 can go by themselves.
- Islington Central Library – children can stay all day, lunch is served at 12pm. Parents will need to stay with children aged 6-8, and children aged 9-12 can go by themselves.

If you have any questions about Lunch Bunch, please contact the Family Information Service: 020 7525 5959 or lunch.bunch@islington.gov.uk

If you don't qualify for Lunch Bunch, don't worry, there are loads of free activities going on in Islington for children and families. Please visit www.islington.gov.uk/heatwave to find out what's on for children and young people aged 0 – 25.

The Family Kitchen project is a two day programme that supports families to learn to cook and eat a healthy meal together as well as take part in fun activities: www.islington.gov.uk/familiesforlife

If you're struggling to afford food, you can find out about Islington Foodbank here: <https://islington.foodbank.org.uk/>

Thank you
The Lunch Bunch team

Islington Ecology Centre & Gillespie Park Nature Reserve

Entrances on Drayton Park, Gillespie Road, Quill Street and Seven Sisters Road)



This is a great place to take children during the summer holiday and it's right on our doorstep. The Ecology Centre runs a wide variety of events for children and adults, including pond dipping during the school holidays, as well as fungi, foraging and bat walks run by local experts. The Centre also hosts events run by other organisations, including courses, family fun days and workshops. You can also take a walk around the nature reserve where there are ponds full of frogs, newts and dragonflies in the spring and summer. There are beautiful meadows where you can stroll and see gorgeous colourful wildflowers and insects, and woodlands where you will find birds such as goldfinches.

For more information call 020 7527 4374 or visit www.islington.gov.uk/ecologycentre