

THE PAKEMAN PRESS



**Pakeman
Primary
School**

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

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Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—Clubs and Playcentre next week

Playcentre is on as usual from 3.30-6.00pm on Monday-Thursday next week. There is NO PLAYCENTRE on Friday 21st December. School closes at 1.30pm on Friday, and all children must be collected at 1.30pm.

Christmas Production

The children have blown us all away this week with their performance skills on stage in our Christmas production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. They have worked extremely hard and performed 4 shows this week—one for the whole school and three for audiences of parents/carers, governors, volunteers and others who work with the school. All the audiences had a marvellous time and it was wonderful to see them smiling, and clapping and cheering loudly to show their appreciation of the wonderful show. A special thank you to the Christmas production team, including:

Rebecca/Harry—dialogue and staging
Lisa—music, songs and staging
Maria/Charlie—scenery
Valerie—costumes
Steve—Sound and lighting
Tay—Running
Class teachers/TAs—songs

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget it's Christmas Jumper day on **Monday 17th December**. Instead of school uniform, children can wear a Christmas jumper, or one that is red or sparkly, to school.

EYFS Nativity

The annual nativity performed by Reception and Nursery is next Friday, 21st December at 10.15am. EYFS parents/carers are invited to watch this delightful event.

Please can we remind parents/carers that while they can take photographs and record videos of their children during our assemblies, school productions, nativity and other school events, they MUST NOT post any images or video content onto any form of social media.

Year 3/4 Gateways to the World

In years 3 and 4, as part of their Gateways to the World topic, Years 3 and 4 looked at the colours and symbols used in different national flags. They discussed what these colours and symbols represent. Then, they created flags to represent their own interests and personalities. Here are some of the children's completed designs and what they said about them:



'My flag has green for faith because it is the usual faith colour, blue for peace and calmness and red for love. I did the Indian Chakra Wheel because part of my family is Indian and I chose yellow because it is very bright and in India it is nice and bright.'



'The red in my flag represents a fire. The green represents nature, luck and joy. The blue represents faith and kindness.'



'I chose pink with brown spots to show being happy. I chose green to show being healthy. I chose yellow to show respecting others and the smiling heart to show being kind.'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17th December

EYFS Nativity
21st December 10.15am

Last day of Term
Friday 21st December (school finishes at 1.30pm)

First day back to school
Monday 7th January

Important Information for Parents of children starting Reception in September 2019

The deadline for applications for Reception places for September 2019 is 15th January 2019.

If you need any help with the application process please come into the school office and speak to Ann.

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:

Should people be judged by their actions, their intentions or both?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Everyone involved in staging the Christmas production. Well done. It was brilliant!



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Green	Crimson	Yellow
KS2	Pink	Red	Brown

Word of the week

Bundle

Definition: a collection of things or a quantity of material rolled up, tied up or wrapped up together.

Use of the word *bundle* in a sentence:

She quickly bundled up her clothes and stuffed them in a suitcase so she wouldn't miss her flight.

Here is some information about how to access settings on mobile phones and other devices to make different applications safe for children to use. We hope you will find this useful.

SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS

YOUTUBE
 SETTINGS → TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING → TICK STRICT

TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES
 SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)

DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER
 (IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING)
 SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → ALLOWED CONTENT

MAKE ITUNES SAFE
 (TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)
 ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES → PARENTAL → DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE AND OTHER DEVICES.

SAFARI
 SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS
 SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS

GUIDED ACCESS
 (FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)
 SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS → SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING ← ACCESSIBILITY → GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON

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