

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 21st December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Message from Lynne

Season's greetings to all our families. I hope you enjoy special times with your loved ones and a restful and enjoyable break with your children, who have worked hard during the term. Bringing the term to an end, they put on four spectacular performances of our Christmas production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and you should be very proud of what they have achieved. Thank you for your support during the term and we look forward to seeing the children back in January, refreshed and ready for the Spring term!

Santa's Grotto at the Arsenal Stadium

On Wednesday, 60 lucky children from the 2+ Centre, Nursery and Years 1, 2 and 3 were randomly selected to go on a trip to Santa's Grotto at the Arsenal Stadium. They had a fantastic time and we would like to say thank you to Arsenal for giving the children such a fun morning. They were super excited.



Christmas Parties

During their parties yesterday, all the classes had a fantastic time. There was lots of food and drink to enjoy. The children were also treated to a special present to share and enjoy as a group, with which they were absolutely delighted.

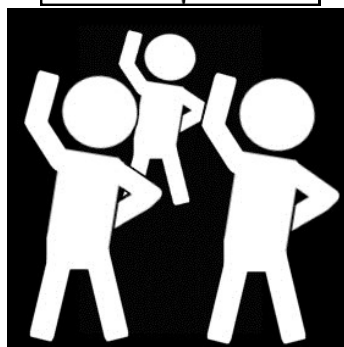
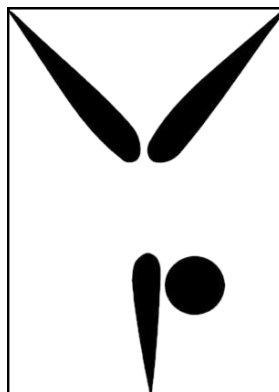
Please can we remind parents/carers that while they can take photographs and record videos of their children during our assemblies, school productions, nativity and other school events, they MUST NOT post any images or video content onto any form of social media.

Labelling Children's Clothes

We continue every day to have lost property, especially coats, school sweatshirts and fleeces. We really want to cut down on this, so please remind your child to look after their belongings. In addition, it would be very helpful if you could label all your child's clothing with their name so that if they do lose something and then it is found, we can return it to them.

Gymnastics at Pakeman

This term the children's PE topic has been gymnastics. KS1 and KS2 have memorised 20 key gymnastics poses and have created their own routines. Each class had approximately 10 groups and the children voted for the best 2 groups in their own class to represent them in a gymnastics show at school this week to celebrate what they have been learning. Not only were there some outstanding performances, but the children were very excited to watch the show. Well done to all of the children for their hard work and for taking part in the shows either by performing or enthusiastically showing appreciation for all of their peers who performed.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last day of Term

Friday 21st December (school finishes at 1.30pm)

First day back

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:

Why do you think friends are important?

BEST OF THE OSCARS



Camilo (Blue Class) for outstanding effort in writing

Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Crimson	None	Green
KS2	Pink	Brown	Pink and Blue

Word of the week

Amiable

Definition: having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner

Use of the word *amiable* in a sentence:

It is always pleasant to spend time with someone who is amiable.

2+ Centre—Exploration of shapes, space and measuring

The children in the 2+ Centre have been exploring shapes, space and measuring things within their topic on festivals and celebrations. They have done this by posting letters to their special people using 2D shapes, including triangles, squares, circles and rectangles. They have also been celebrating significant events in our community by gathering together to host tea parties with their special friends.

