THE PAKEMAN PRESS

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

Dear Parents/Carers

A message from Lynne

Our end of year celebrations have included Zoom parties for our children and parents/carers and I was delighted to join the Year 6 one. As always, we are very sad to say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6s who are moving on to secondary school. We would like to say well done for working hard and achieving so much during their time at Pakeman. We are extremely proud of them, as we know their parents/carers are, and we wish them every success and happiness for the future. Pp.2-4 of this newsletter are dedicated to the wonderful Class of 2020.

Coronavirus has been very challenging for everyone and I would like to thank all the staff for their commitment and unswerving determination to do their very best for our children and families. In the past few months they have shown incredible dedication to ensuring the wellbeing of our families and a continuing high standard of education for the children. Some of our year groups are already successfully back at school and we look forward to welcoming all of them back in September.

Safety is absolutely paramount in the children's return, so a great deal of planning and preparation has gone into ensuring that procedures are the best they can be. Things will, of necessity, be somewhat different in school because of social distancing and other safety measures, so we ask for your continued understanding and support in helping us to protect the children, staff, parents/ carers and others. Please read my letter sent by text and email to parents/carers yesterday (Wed 15th July) for full details.

Tomorrow is the last day of term and we continue to receive guidance from the Department of Education and the local authority about arrangements for the autumn term. However, all being well, in the absence of a spike in Covid-19 cases locally, we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 7th September, with a staggered start for EYFS. We will be in touch by email and text message before school reopens to confirm arrangements.

Wishing you all a healthy, safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Summer Holiday Football Activities

There are 3 holiday football courses at Acland Burghley (Yrs 2-9), Castlehaven (Yrs 2-6) and King's Cross Academy (Yrs 1-5). When you go to the bookings page at www.bloomsburyfootball.com you can complete a financial assistance application form to apply for a bursary.



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A message about well-being from the school's therapists – Rachael and Sophie

We have reached the end of the school year and although it has been tough, we've all got through it. Now it's time for a well-deserved break.

Times are still uncertain and with all children returning to school in September, this might cause anxiety for some of them. So we thought you might appreciate some tips on resilience building for the Summer. If so, have a read of the <u>7 Cs to building resilience in children</u>.

If you'd like to know more on how to nurture your child/children's wellbeing and mental health <u>this</u> <u>guide</u> from the Mental Health Foundation is an easy read and very helpful.

We wish you a wonderful Summer break.

Sophie is leaving Pakeman after her year at the school, as Nerissa is returning in September, following the addition last summer of a beautiful baby boy to her family. Many of the children already know Nerissa from the Thinking Space. Thank you to Sophie and we wish her all the best.

Sophie wishes everyone who is part of the wonderful Pakeman Primary School Community a heartfelt goodbye.

P4C QUESTION

Which is more important, being right or being nice?

Word of the week

Paramount

Definition: More important than anything else

Use of the word *paramount* in a sentence:

The safety of children, staff and the whole Pakeman community is paramount in the arrangements being made for a full return to school in September.



A Poem for the Pakeman Class of 2020

What a year it's been for you, Year 6 of Red and Blue, Although this special year has been cut short, just think of all we've been through!

As you'll find often in life, this year we were put to the test, But not in the expected SATS kind of way This was a weird, abnormal quest We were sent into lockdown and school was closed for most Of all of our priorities, your safety was utmost!

Your world was twisted sideways, your life changed overnight, Though acting for the greater good, you did what's just and right! It's been so hard for all of us, but we're so proud of what you've shown, When facing such adversity, unlike we've ever known!

And though we have to part now, in unexpected ways, We still have all the memories of countless fun school days...

Remember World War Two day, when we were transported back in time, Our adventures to the Lake District and the mountains that we climbed! The stories that we've shared together with Olive, Liam and Ade, From lighthouses to tower blocks to being someone's Daddy!

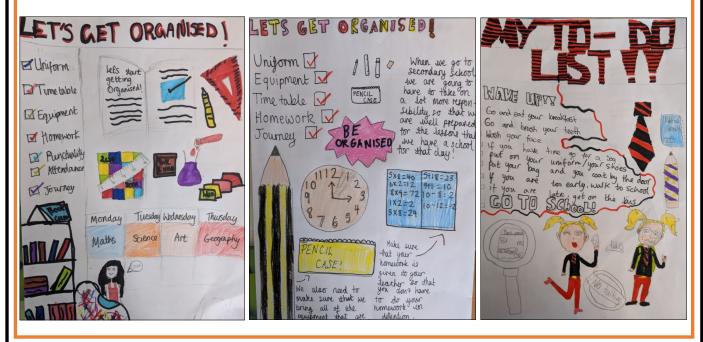
And all the other places we have been, from Devon straight to Mars, With you as super Sky reporters to green alien rock stars! Our magic Christmas musical, where we recreated France, Where clocks and candles came to life, began to sing and dance!

Gaston, Lefou and poor young Belle, and many more we met -Mrs Potts and little Chip, and of course, enchanté Plumette! An enchantress dressed in flowing robes, that mad old man Maurice, And who have I forgotten? Ah of course – our mighty Beast!

Proud teachers, parents, carers watched, amazed at what we saw, Performances so special that we gasped and clapped for more! And Pakeman will now miss you ALL, it's been so entertaining But you must go to other schools where you will be amazing!

Getting Ready for Secondary School

We wish our fantastic Year 6s all the best as they make the transition to secondary school. Many of them returned to school a few weeks ago, but some have not been able to, so a lot of preparation has been going on both in school and on ClassDojo to prepare them for this move. One of the activities they did involved getting them to think about what they will need to feel organised, ready and happy for starting secondary school in September. Here is a selection of the wonderful posters they made.



Literacy—The Savage

Year 6 have been doing amazing work in school based on 'The Savage', a graphic novel by David Almond. about a boy called Blue who, to cope with his father's death, starts drawing and writing a comic book story about a wild boy living in the woods. It's a great read, so we won't give away the plot further



Sunflowers: In school, Year 6 have been studying art movements throughout history, from cave drawings to Cubism. What a wonderful set of sunflowers these are, painted in the style of Van Gogh.



Cubist Self Portraits: Feast your eyes on this selection of wonderful Cubist self portraits created by Year 6 for their Yearbook. For the full complement, please visit our website <u>here</u>.

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Online Summer Activities

| Weekly Summer Activities with Calegoscop | | | |
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| | NOM | 10:00 AM 40 mins | YOGA for Families - Jennifer Rogers Session full of fun! Can you balance on one leg? Give it a go! |
| | NOW | 7:00 PM 20 mins | Mindfulness for Children - Ola Malanska Close your eyes and relax with calming music for a better night. |
| | TUE | 10:30 AM 30 mins | Sensory Integration- Karen Young Sessions packed with activities to help with sensory issues |
| | WED | 10:00 AM 40 mins | Virtual LEGO Club- Ola Malanska Prepare your blocks and get ready for block challenge online. Let's build together. |
| | WED | 11:00 AM 40 mins | Hip- Hop Moves and Grooves - Charlie Blair Have some fun with Hip-Hop moves! The volume will be down so you can fully enjoy it. |
| | WED | 2:00-3:00 PM 60 mins | Drawing Pad- Julie Norburn Drawing session for teens and young adults to improve drawing skills |
| Ţ | THU | 10:00 AM 30-40 mins | Art and Crafts- Ola Malanska Get creative! Every week different easy project to inspire you. |
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Summer Learning Activities