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

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Goodbye and Good Luck Lynne



It is with great sadness that the time has come to say farewell to our much loved headteacher, Lynne. All of us have our own special memories of her dedication, warmth and generosity over the past 16 years. She has played a significant role in the lives of so many children and families, not only at Pakeman but also in surrounding schools. As well as creating a successful and happy learning environment, Lynne has always gone that extra mile. She has been instrumental in securing extra funding for things like; the Shine club on Saturdays; thousands of reading books to inspire children in school and at home; chrome books to support digital learning; extra tutoring sessions; clubs, art lessons and a host of other cultural activities. The things that have made Pakeman such a special place. The funding for these kind of activities was not provided by the government but by Lynne impressing charitable foundations and winning grant after grant with her professionalism, infectious good humour and sheer determination to get the best deal for local children. We wish Lynne well as she moves on to pastures new and spends more time with her family. We know she leaves a tremendous legacy. Lynne will always be a special friend to Pakeman and we look forward to her coming back to visit us very soon

When we come back in January, Emma will take over the leadership of the school. Emma and Lynne have worked very closely over the term to make sure the transition is as smooth as it can be, especially in the current circumstances. Lynne, Emma and all the staff have done an amazing job dealing with the Covid crisis and ensuring your children get the best education that they can. We hope you will join us in thanking them all for their efforts and hard work.

Hopefully, Covid will start to disappear from our lives as we move through 2021. Until then, keep well and stay safe. Thanks for all your support and co-operation over the past year. Together we are a strong community.

All the best for the New Year

Pakeman governors



Important Dates



Christmas & New Year Holidays

Friday, 18th December 2020



Back to School

Monday, 4th January 2021

PLEASE NOTE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES MAY CHANGE AND WE WILL COMMUNICATE ANY NEW INFORMATION TO YOU VIA CLASS DOJO.

P4C QUESTION

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

What is the greatest gift you can give your family?



STAR OF THE WEEK

Lynne



For all the laughter and love she has brought to Pakeman over the past 16 years.

Seasons Greetings



Pakeman Bear would like to send the Pakeman school community his warmest wishes for the holiday season! He would like everyone to stay safe and looks forward to seeing all the children in the new year. Let's hope 2021 brings us all much joy, health and happiness.

Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Silver Class Gold Class Green Class	Crimson Class Gold Class
KS2	Purple Class Brown Class	Brown Class



Autumn Term Winners

Word of the week

ENDURANCE

Definition:

- the ability to cope with an unpleasant or difficult process or situation without giving way.

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

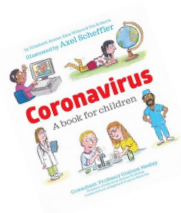
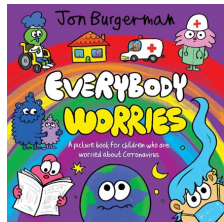
All Pakeman children have shown remarkable endurance during 2020, as they have put up with unexpected changes and restrictions.



Keeping children informed - Coronavirus

There are several fun, practical books online for you to share at home with your children if you want to address worries and find reassuring ways to tackle issues around coronavirus. These books are **free e-picture books** to support parents and carers whose children might be feeling anxious and worried about the virus and the changes it continues to bring to our lives. They tackle hygiene, health and ways to cope with restrictions and potential lockdowns. Please click on this link to access all of these stories:

<https://www.digitalartsonline.co.uk/features/illustration/must-read-books-for-kids-learn-about-coronavirus/>



Help on Your Doorstep

If you are finding it hard to get, or pay for essential

supplies, you may be entitled to help over the holidays. Islington Council have a list of suppliers, which includes some local food shops, chemists and others that deliver to your home. Services include delivery of hot meals, food parcels, shopping and prescriptions. They also provide information and support with gas and electricity smart meters. For further information please click on the link:

<https://www.helponyourdoorstep.com/food-and-essential-supplies>



Futurezone Poetry Competition Winner

Very well done to Faduma Mohamed (Blue class) who won the Futurezone poetry competition for Pakeman. Her poem is based on Langston Hughes' poem 'Mother to Son'.



Mother to Son by Faduma Mohamed

Life isn't easy and simple.
You're lucky you've been raised
And your grandmother gave you praise.
I really don't want to lie
And I'll tell you the reason why.
Me and your father left you here
And I'm trying to make this clear.
We're trying to make you successful
Not regretful.
Please don't be sad
I want you to be glad.
Don't give up
Try again and you'll be happy in the end.
You have to be proud
Spread your sound.
I know we're poor
And I'll try hard to work more.
Keep your eyes on the prize
Really no lies.
Your grandparents helped your health
When you're older help their wealth.
Please make me proud.
Remember turn up your true loud.

Congratulations also to:
Ryan Cupi, Nadia Osman and Fatima Mohamed who were highly commended.