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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

IMPORTANT ADVANCE NOTICES

On the following days there will be NO PLAYCENTRE and NO CLUBS:

Tues 19th June (whole school trip to Walton on the Naze)

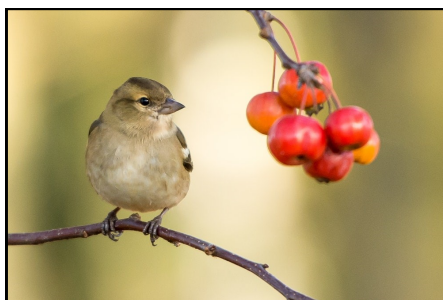
Friday 20th July (last day of Summer Term—school closes at 1.30pm)

Coffee Morning

Does your child suffer with asthma? Do you want to know more about how to care for someone with asthma? Come to our coffee morning with the asthma nurse next Wednesday 13th June at 9am in the Lodge to find out more.

Springwatch

BBC2 is screening a fantastic series of 8 Springwatch programmes called Wild Academy, especially for schools and children. The series is available on BBC iPlayer at the moment and it has some activities to go with it. You can access the programmes and activities by visiting <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/XkwSbqnWqXvH4jQf2WpXvz/springwatch-wild-academy>



The programmes, set in the National Trust's Sherborne Park Estate, include guest appearances, watching live wildlife, as well as challenges and quizzes.

The first four programmes, which are already available, are:

Doorstep Wildlife
Pond Life
Garden Birds and Natural Sounds
Plastic Pollution

The other programmes will be screened next week and added to iPlayer. They include:

Our Coast
British Reptiles
Art and Nature

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

Our top priority at Pakeman is to keep all children in our care safe **AND** when you are collecting your children from school we need your help to do this. In order to safeguard the children at home time, it is essential for parents/carers to make sure a member of staff ALWAYS knows when they collect their child. It is also essential to let us know if someone other than the usual parent/carer is collecting your child. **Communicating with the school is key to keeping your children safe.**

AT 3.30PM WHEN SCHOOL FINISHES

Please always speak to the member of staff with your child's class (or make eye contact with them) before taking your child from the line. ALSO, if someone other than you (the usual parent/carer) is collecting your child please inform your child's class teacher that morning or call the school office no later than 3pm that day so that we can let the class teacher know the name of the person collecting your child and their relationship to your child.

DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Whenever possible, please make appointments for your child outside school hours. However, if you do need to collect your child during the school day, please inform the school office in advance (and the class teacher if possible). Then, when you come into school please collect an early pick up form from the office. During lesson times hand this to the child's class teacher and if it is during break time or lunchtime, hand the form to a staff member in the playground or lunch hall before you take your child.

AFTER CLUBS

Please speak to the club leader, sign the signing out sheet and pay the club fee (if any) before taking your child.

BE ON TIME

Please ensure that you are on time to collect your child at the end of the day (after school, playcentre or clubs). Being late at the end of the day often causes staff to have to stay late and children can also become anxious if they are not collected on time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13th June
9am in the Lodge

Coffee Morning with the asthma nurse

Tuesday 19th June

Whole school trip to Walton on the Naze

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th July

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th July

Sports Day

Friday 20th July

Last day of Summer Term
School closes at 1.30pm

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 most interesting place you have visited and why?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

A collective Oscar for the School Council and Marta for their fantastic work in organising Film Night



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Gold	All < 95%	Gold and Green
KS2	Pink	All < 95%	Pink and Blue

Word of the week

Crumple

Definition: crush something (like paper or cloth) so that it becomes creased and wrinkled

Example of a sentence using the word *crumple*:

After finishing the cake, I crumpled up the paper bag it came in and put it in the bin.

Year 6 Rottingdean Trip

As a special treat after SATS, 28 Year 6 children were treated to a trip to the coast for a day of sightseeing and sun on Wednesday. We were shown around the stunning historic village of Rottingdean by Rob (a former headteacher), Mike and Rowena. They visited various sites, including Whipping Lane, where in days gone by people used to be pelted with old vegetables and fruit as a punishment for petty misdemeanours! Luckily, no rotting fruit or veg were required on our school trip!! The children also saw a beautiful windmill on the hilltop next to the village, and they learnt how folk used to make their flour into bread. We heard skylarks nesting in the surrounding grassland, and admired views across the sea. Finally, they made their way down to the beautiful beach, where they had lunch, followed by a brief paddle in sea, which was ice cold despite the blue skies and sun.



All about Healthy Eating ...

We were delighted to welcome Jamie from Caterlink to school on Wednesday. Caterlink provides lunches in 1300 primary schools across the country, including Pakeman, serving up a whopping 35 million meals a year, all using fresh ingredients! Jamie led an exciting and informative interactive assembly for the whole school about healthy eating, as well as workshops in Orange and Brown Classes.

Through a series of interactive activities, among many interesting facts, the children learned about the difference between fruits and vegetables, that potatoes are the first vegetable to be grown in space, broccoli is the most consumed vegetable in the UK, broccoli contains as much calcium as milk, and red peppers are far more popular than green, orange and yellow ones! They also learned about the importance of staying well hydrated by drinking 6-8 glasses of water a day.

In Orange Class's workshop the children were very excited to bake bread with Jamie. They learnt about the history of bread, the names of different kinds of bread and the various ingredients that can be used to make it. The children also had the opportunity to bake their own bread, which they enjoyed eating with their lunch the same day. It is so important to cook with children at home, so why not give baking bread a go — you will love it for sure.

Brown class had a fun and informative workshop all about food tasting. Jamie gave the children a selection of different foods to taste and think about - 'food for thought!' The children were taught about the different taste buds we have on our tongues, which can sense the four different tastes - sweet, sour, salt and bitter. The children were also shown how our brains can trick us! They were given strawberry jelly that had been coloured black and most of the class thought it was blackcurrant flavour! Jamie also told the children that they shouldn't say they don't like something until they have tried it at least 17 times - which is very useful for parents/carers to know!

