

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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Tuesday 11th September

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. A big welcome back to everyone returning to Pakeman and we extend a very warm welcome to our new children, parents/carers and staff.

The children have settled into their new classes and we will keep you informed about what is going on in school through this weekly newsletter, sent home on Fridays with the children. Newsletters can also be found on our school website at: www.pakemanprimary.co.uk under the School Info tab.

The School Day—New Soft Start

To have the best possible beginning to the school day and improve the learning environment, this week we have introduced a soft start, which works as follows:

- Breakfast club starts at 8.00am in the Lodge.
- The playground opens at 8.30am and parents/carers are welcome to bring their children and wait with them in the playground from this time.
- The start time for children from Reception to Year 6 is between 8.45am and 9.00am.
- All children in the playground go up to their classrooms independently from 8.45am. Reception class children can be escorted by their parents/carers to the class door.
- Breakfast club children go to their classes at 8.45am.
- There are staff in every class to welcome the children and start them on a range of learning activities ranging from reading, handwriting, spelling, number bonds, times tables and reviewing previous learning.
- Lessons start promptly at 9.00am.
- Please note that any child arriving after 9.00am must report to the school office and is marked late.
- The end of school day arrangements are unchanged.

PLEASE NOTE:

Nursery children start the school day at 9.00am and line up as normal.

Playcentre

Playcentre runs from 3.30pm until 6.00pm every evening. The children have lots of fun doing various activities, including art, crafts, games, cooking and drama, and when the weather is good they also play outside.

If you would like your child to attend breakfast club and/or playcentre, information about charges and the registration form for out of school provision are available from the office.

Clubs

We are preparing a programme of exciting extra-curricular clubs for children in Years 1-6. Letters for the clubs will be sent home with the children in the next couple of weeks. If your child would like to attend any of these, please return the tear-off slips to Layla in the school office as soon as possible. For clubs that attract more applicants than there are places available we will keep waiting lists.

Payment of Fees

Please pay fees for playcentre and music lessons weekly. Clubs must be paid for on each day your child attends the club, or half termly in advance. This is really important as we have to bank the fees weekly. It is also helpful to parents/carers to pay in this way as it prevents back payments from building up.

Concerns

If you have any worries or concerns about your child, please don't hesitate in the first instance to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, or you can ask in the office to make an appointment with them.

Arts and Media School Islington Open Evening

Arts and Media School Islington is holding its Open Evening for parents/carers of children currently in Year 6 on Tuesday 9th October from 5.00-7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to tour the school, meet members of staff and students, as well as find out more about the future education opportunities open to your child. Arts and Media School is also having tours of the school every Thursday at 9.30am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Help Your Child with Maths KS1 (see p.2)

A new 5-week course for parents/carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2, starting on Tuesday 18th September

Bring a Parent to School & Curriculum Meeting (9-10.30am)

Year 1/2 Mon 24th September
Year 5/6 Tues 25th September
Year 3/4 Wed 26th September
EYFS Wed 3rd October

Last day of half-term

Friday 19th October

First day back after half-term

Monday 29th October

Safeguarding

Pakeman Primary School is committed to safeguarding, child protection and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The full Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is on our website at:

www.pakemanprimary.co.uk/school-info/school-policies/.

A hard copy of the policy may also be obtained from the school office.

P4C QUESTION

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

Would things get better or worse if we focused on what is going well rather than what is going wrong?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

The first Oscar of the year will be awarded in the next newsletter



School Uniform

Pakeman is a uniform school. Children are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times. (We are expecting a delivery of uniform any day. We will text parents/carers when it arrives.)

Boys

- A blue Pakeman polo shirt and/or blue Pakeman sweatshirt
- A blue Pakeman fleece is also available
- Grey or black trousers (shorts in the summer - optional)
- If shorts are worn, grey or black socks
- Appropriate footwear – trainers are fine, but no flip flops or shoes with wheels

Girls

- A blue Pakeman polo shirt and/or blue Pakeman sweatshirt
- A blue Pakeman fleece is also available
- Grey or black skirt or trousers
- If a skirt is worn, grey or black tights or socks
- Grey or black leggings may be worn under a skirt (but not on their own)
- Appropriate footwear – trainers are fine, but no flip flops or shoes with wheels
- If a hijab is worn, it must be grey or black
- Blue and white gingham dress in the summer (optional)

PE Kit

- Plain white T-shirt
- Black Shorts or black tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers/plimsolls
- Tracksuit for cold weather (optional)

PE days (Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on the following days)

Nursery	Wednesday & Thursday
Reception	Thursday
Gold	Wednesday & Friday
Yellow	Wednesday & Friday
Green	Wednesday & Friday
Pink	Monday & Friday
Purple	Monday & Friday
Orange	Monday & Friday
Brown	Tuesday & Thursday
Red	Tuesday & Thursday
Blue	Tuesday & Thursday

Family Learning

We have a new Family Learning Course starting for parents/carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2.



The course, called Help Your Child with Maths KS1 will be on 5 consecutive Tuesdays, starting on Tuesday 18th September from 9.15-11.15am.

Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

HOLIDAY DATES 2018-2019

Autumn Term

Half Term: Monday 22nd October — Friday 26th October 2018

Last day of term: Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term

First day of term: Monday 7th January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February — Friday 22nd February 2019

Last day of term: Friday 5th April 2019

(GOOD FRIDAY 19th April 2019—EASTER MONDAY 22nd April 2019)

Summer Term

First day of term: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May 2019

Last day of term: Tuesday 23rd July 2019

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE 2 MORE INSET DAYS TO BE SET