

# 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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## Dear Parents/Carers

### REMINDER:

A new Family learning course 'Help Your Child with Maths KS1' for parents/carers of children in Years 1 and 2 is starting on Tuesday 18th September from 9.15-11.15am. It will run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. Alternatively, you can register for the course on Tuesday morning.

### School Journey—Places Available!!

Our exciting Year 5/6 school journey is happening very soon, from Monday 1st October to Friday 5th October. There are still a few places available, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. This is an amazing opportunity as the children will be visiting Outward Bound in Ullswater, Cumbria, an activity centre for school children to experience the outdoor life. The centre and surrounding area offer sites for a range of adventure activities, including sailing, climbing, raft building and canoeing. The cost to parents/carers of their child taking part is £140 (+ £10 deposit for equipment, which will be returned to you at the end of the journey if the equipment has not been damaged). Please speak to Ann (in the office) or Emma (Assistant Headteacher) if you would like your child to have one of the few remaining available places.

### School Journey—Payments

For children who are going on the school journey, please ensure that you pay the full amount of £140 (+ £10 deposit) to the school office before the end of September.

### Swimming

This term Orange Class are going swimming on Thursday afternoons. Letters about this have been sent home. Please make sure that you return the signed form next week, as the first lesson is on Thursday, 27th September.



### Years 1/2—Superhero Topic

Just a week back at school and Years 1 and 2 are hard at work and really enjoying their superhero topic. They particularly like the Supertato stories they have been reading together in class that have them both enthralled and chuckling! The children have also been making their own superveggie superheroes, and you can see some of their wonderful capped creations below!



### Car Free Day

Saturday 22nd September is Car Free Day. To celebrate, Islington council is turning several car parking spaces into pop-up parklets for the day, filled with grass, trees and hay bales to sit on.

There is going to be a Parklet in Mayton Street from 11am-4pm next Saturday. This will be a fun, family space to show that what we need more of is safe, green spaces for our communities and a move towards sustainable, active travel.

For more information about what is happening on this day, please visit <http://islingtonlife.london/discover-islington/blog/car-free-day-in-islington/>



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.15-11.15am

### 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 Mon 8th 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/](http://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:

**How important is play to living a healthy and fulfilling life?**

### BEST OF THE OSCARS

**Kasra (Gold Class)**  
for outstanding contributions in lessons



### Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Yellow		Lilac and Green
KS2	Blue		Pink and Blue

### Word of the week

## Lucid

**Definition:** expressed clearly; easy to understand

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

The children gave a lucid account of their day at the seaside.

### Playtime at Pakeman

We are really excited that play is part of our School Improvement Plan this year. We want to make playtimes high quality, fun, exciting and challenging, providing children with opportunities to develop their creativity, imagination, problem-solving skills, self-esteem and resilience. We have spoken to the children about this in assembly and have appointed a working party that will meet regularly during the year to ensure that the quality of play improves.

As a school we have invested in a range of items for playtimes and would like to ask parents/carers if they have any items from the following list that we could have:

- Briefcases (empty)
- Handbags (empty)
- Buggies/pushchairs that work
- Keyboards (for computers)
- Old office equipment
- Kitchen utensils (eg. wooden spoons, spatulas etc, but NO knives or scissors)
- Children's wheelbarrow
- Watering cans
- Kitchen pots/pans/trays
- Plastic tea sets
- Cuddly toys
- Dolls
- Hats and dressing up clothes
- Action figures
- Small world figures, including dinosaurs, diggers, people/figures, animals, bugs, space rockets (but not really tiny ones, as they'll get lost)
- Toy cars/trucks
- Puppets
- Lego
- Duplo

Donations of items should be brought to the school office and please only give us items that you and your children no longer need. All items will be inspected from a safety perspective before they are added to our stock of play materials for the children.

We are delighted to report that we have already seen a significant decrease in the number of playground incidents since starting this new type of playtime for the children.

We are in the process of developing a Play Policy, which we will put on our website in due course. We will also arrange to have a parents/carers meeting to discuss play. Further details will follow.

Thank you for your support.

### Islington Adult and Community Learning

**Course:** Workskills Programme—Entry Level 3/Level 1 (Accredited)

**Content:** Are you looking for work? Would you like to improve your interview skills, CV writing and job search skills?

**Course dates:** Fridays, 21st Sept—30th Nov 2018  
9.30am-12.30pm

**Venue:** Arsenal Learning Centre, The Arsenal Hub, 56 Benwell Road N7 7BA

Tel 020 7704 4500 to book a place or for more information

**Course:** Customer Service Skills—Level 1

**Content:** Learn how to deal with customers on a day-to-day basis, handle complaints, recognise good and poor customer service, the benefits of positive body language, customer confidentiality and more

**Course dates:** Thursdays, 27th Sept—22nd Nov 2018  
1pm-4pm

**Venue:** Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent (Holloway Road entrance) N5 1PF

Tel 020 7527 7002 to book a place or for more information

You can also contact Alison Moore about these courses on 07808 879044. Alison has informed us that 4 of the 6 Pakeman parents/carers who attended the Workskills Programme (see above) last term found employment immediately following the course.