

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PLAYCENTRE AND CLUBS

Due to staff training, on Tuesday 7th May, Thursday 6th June and Monday 10th June there will be **NO CLUBS** after school, but Playcentre will be open as usual.

New Child and Family Support Worker

We would like to introduce you to Natalie, our new Child and Family Support Worker. Some of you may already recognise Natalie, who has been working at Pakeman this year doing one-to-one support.



Natalie's new role, which started on 1st May, is to help with any worries and challenges parents/carers may have concerning their children, including behaviour, and social and emotional needs, as well as issues such as housing, employment and adult learning. Natalie is working in the same ground floor office as Tracey if you want to arrange to see her. In addition, she will be in the playground most mornings from 8.30am to 9.00am and in the afternoons from 3.30pm to 3.45pm.

Natalie will also be running regular workshops and coffee mornings this term on themes such as well-being, housing, finance and children's behaviour.

Please can we remind parents/carers that while they can take photographs and record videos of their children during our assemblies, school productions, nativity and other school events, they MUST NOT post any images or video content onto any form of social media.

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.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE

We have nursery places available for the September 2019 intake. If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 21st August 2016 you may be entitled to a full-time or part-time place. Please come into the school office for more details.

Congratulations to Omar

Huge congratulations to Omar (Pink Class) from all of us here at Pakeman!! Last weekend Omar, who is 8 years old, was awarded a gold medal in Taekwondo, beating an 11-year-old in the final round of the competition! This means that Omar is now the British champion in his age category! This is an absolutely fantastic achievement and we are hugely proud of him. Not only did Omar win the whole competition, but the judges were so impressed with his performance that they said he could be a future Olympian!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**DON'T FORGET: SCHOOL IS
CLOSED ON MONDAY
May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May**

KS2 SATS

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May

KS1 SATS

Wednesday 15th-Friday 24th May

Cinema Night

Tuesday 21st May

Polling Day—School Closed

Thursday 23rd May

Half-term Holiday

Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May

Last Day of Term

Friday 19th July

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 does forever mean?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Omar (Pink Class) for his outstanding achievement



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Gold	All < 95%	Crimson and Silver
KS2	Orange	Pink	Pink

Word of the week

Utensil

Definition:

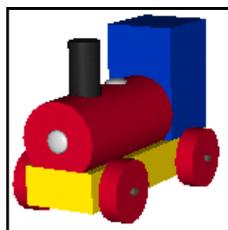
Tool, container, or other article, especially for household use

Use of the word *utensil* in a sentence:

The best utensil for making a stir fry is a wok because it spreads heat evenly and less oil is needed to cook the food. It is also easier to move around the ingredients during cooking than in a frying pan.

Play Items Needed

If you have any unwanted items that the children would enjoy in the playground we would love to receive them. The sort of items we are looking for are toy cars and trains; dolls; old kitchen utensils, including pots and pans; fabric; and materials for building dens, like wood and milk crates. Items are not limited to this list. Feel free to bring in anything to the office that you think would be fun for the children in the playground.



Bikeability for Year 5

A group of Year 5 children have been taking part in the Level 1 and 2 Bikeability course at school this week. Among other things, they learned how to:



- Prepare themselves and their bikes for cycling
- Get on and off their bikes, start off, balance, pedal and stop with control
- Use gears and avoid obstacles
- Share space with pedestrians and other cyclists
- Use road positioning effectively
- Use the Highway Code and make decisions on safe riding strategy



Year 6 SATs Timetable

Monday 13th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling
Tuesday 14th May	English reading
Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics (Arithmetic, Mathematical reasoning)
Thursday 16th May	Mathematics (Mathematical reasoning)

All Year 6 children will be taking their SATs during the week commencing Monday 13th May. The dates of the tests are above. Parents/carers can best help their children by making sure they get enough sleep, get up and out to school in good time to avoid rushing first thing in the morning, eat a good breakfast, drink plenty of water and, finally, are positive—the children have worked very hard. SATs are a way of showing what they know, so just encourage them to do their best.

The Year 6 staff will be running a free Breakfast Club for Year 6 children ONLY in the Middle Hall during SATs week (Monday 13th-Friday 17th May at 8.15am). This is a lovely opportunity for the children to spend a relaxing time with their friends while eating a good breakfast before their SATs and it would be great to see them all there.