

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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Friday 13th September 2019

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.

The children have settled really well into their new classes and are enjoying both classroom time and playtime. We will keep you informed about what is going on in school through this weekly newsletter, which is sent home 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—Soft Start

To have the best possible beginning to the school day we have 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.
- At the end of the school day, Reception children are collected from the covered area in the Reception playground, Yellow and Gold from the football pitch, Green and Pink from the basketball pitch, Orange, Purple and Brown by the mud garden, and Red and Blue by the Lab.

Nursery and 2+ Centre

Please see Nursery and 2+ centre staff about drop-off and collection arrangements.

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, you can obtain information about charges and the registration form 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 over the next couple of weeks, starting today. If your child would like to attend any of these clubs, 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.

School Meals

The menu for this term is accompanying this newsletter and you will see that there is a 3 week cycle. The menu changes each term. A school meals form must be completed online for each child. We will inform you if you still need to do one and instructions can be obtained from the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bollywood Dance Class

Wednesday 18th September
9am Lodge

Turkish/Mediterranean Food Coffee Morning

Thursday 19th September
9am Lodge

Black History Month Coffee Morning Caribbean & African Food/Poetry Workshop

Thursday 3rd October
9am Lodge

Cinema Night

Tuesday 8th October 6pm

Last day of half-term

Friday 18th October

First day back after half-term

Monday 28th 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:

What is the smallest thing in the world?

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.

Boys

- A blue Pakeman polo shirt and blue Pakeman sweatshirt with the school logo
- A blue Pakeman fleece with the school logo 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 blue Pakeman sweatshirt with the school logo
- A blue Pakeman fleece with the school logo 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)

All children

- Pakeman school bag

PE Kit

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

Purchasing School Uniform

School polo shirts (costing £6 each) sweatshirts (costing £8 each) and fleeces (costing £12 each) all with the school logo, are available online from our supplier, School Uniform Scotland, using the following link (which can also be accessed on our school website):

<http://www.schooluniformscotland.com/pakeman-primary/b33>

First class delivery costs £4.50 or second class delivery costs £3.50.

School bags, costing £4 each, are available from the school office.

All other items can be bought from a store of your choice.

Please note that plain blue polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces are NOT correct uniform.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS

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.

HOLIDAY DATES 2019-20

Half Term: Monday 21st October — Friday 25th October 2019

Last day of term: Thursday 19th December 2019

Spring Term

First day of term: Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th February — Friday 21st February 2020

Last day of term: Friday 3rd April 2020

(GOOD FRIDAY 10th April 2019—EASTER MONDAY 13th April 2020)

Summer Term

First day of term: Monday 20th April 2020

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2020

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 25th May 2020

Half Term: Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May 2020

Last day of term: Friday 17th July 2020

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