

# 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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## Welcome to EYFS



The children in EYFS have all had a really good start to the year. For many, this is their first term at Pakeman school and everyone has settled in brilliantly. We have been busy learning all the school and class rules and routines and making lots of new friends. We have been learning to write our names. We have also been reading stories along the themes of hope, happiness, worries, friendship and family. So far, these have included Owl Babies, Monkey Puzzle, Elmer, Silly Billy and The Huge Bag of Worries. We have used these stories as a basis for lots of lovely artwork and circle time conversations, talking about how to be a good friend, how it is ok to say goodbye to our parents in the mornings because they always come back to us after our day at school, and how we can help ourselves to feel better when we are worried. We still have more lovely stories along these themes to read this half-term including 'The Colour Monster' and 'Rainbow Fish'.

## Islington Covid Testing Centre

A local walk-in testing centre has just opened in the car park of the Sobell Centre. **The site will not be able to accept people who have not booked.** For details please use the link:

<http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



## Read along with Owl Babies



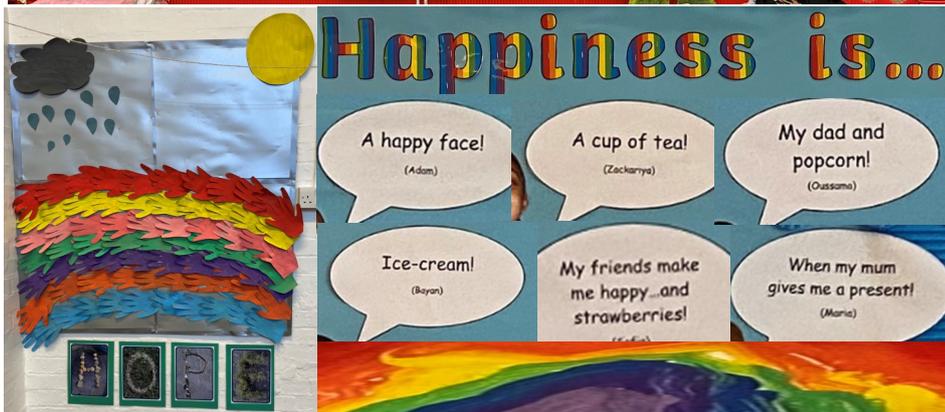
This delightful story focuses on three baby owls who wake up to discover their mother isn't there. Without her, they feel scared and vulnerable. Enjoy Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson's picture book with this online, interactive version. Suitable for young children. Just click on the link below and relax into story time.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

## P4C QUESTION

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

If you could only choose one of these to eat with, which would it be?



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Aleya (Red class)



Maria (Silver class)



## Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
<b>EYFS &amp; KS1</b>	Gold class	Gold class	Crimson class Green class
<b>KS2</b>	Orange class Blue class	Orange class	Orange class Brown class



**Who was the best class last week?**



## Word of the week

### DETERMINATION



#### Definition:

- the quality that you show when you have decided to do something and you will not let anything stop you.

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

The boy won his race through practice and determination.

## Pakeman Holiday Dates

### Autumn Term:

First day of term for children: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Break up for Half Term: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

(Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020)

Return to school after Half Term: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Last day of Autumn Term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Spring Term:

INSET: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

First day of term: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Break up for Half Term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

(Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 February 2021)

Return to school after Half Term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Last day of Spring Term: Wednesday 31 March 2021

### Summer Term:

First day of Summer Term: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Break up for Half Term: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

(Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

Return to school after Half Term: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Last day of Summer Term: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

❖ Additional Holiday Date: May Bank Holiday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**PLEASE NOTE: OUTSTANDING INSET DATES TO BE SET OVER THE YEAR.**

## Attendance

**Please note** that holidays are **not** authorised during term time.

It is very important that your child attends school every day unless of course they are ill or there is another very good reason for them not doing so.

Frequent absences inevitably affect your child's learning. In addition, information on all absences is automatically transferred to our Local Authority on a weekly basis. We also receive regular visits from the Educational Social Welfare Officer who checks registers and follows up any concerns.

Unauthorised holidays could result in penalty charges being issued to each parent with parental responsibility.

# ATTEND TODAY

## ACHIEVE TOMORROW



## Pakeman Daily Mile Runners

Pakeman children have recently begun running the daily mile. The Daily Mile is an initiative that encourages people to walk or run for 15 minutes daily to improve their physical, social, emotional and mental health. **11,660 schools** are currently taking part across **79 countries** with **2,309,784 children** running. Pakeman children run their mile around the playground. The Daily Mile Foundation has also introduced **Fit For Life**, a version of The Daily Mile inspired by the children's movement. It's aimed at ages 11+, and can be done in a whole host of other work and living settings. So, if you want to get fit why not take a look at the website and get running! <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

