



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 4. It doesn't seem possible that we are already halfway through the school year and fast approaching March! This term will see many more events from PACT Bingo, class assemblies and parents' consultations. We are also encouraging parents to come to our Friday assemblies. The weekly celebration assemblies are open to all of our parents and we really welcome your participation in this part of school life.

This week has been very busy starting with whole staff training on Read Write Inc which is used for the teaching of phonics in EYFS/Key Stage 1 and to support those struggling with reading in Key Stage 2. This was followed with EYFS networking on Tuesday for Mrs Donald and myself; staff Power Maths discussions on Wednesday evening; Trust Vision workshopping for Mrs Brown (Chair of LAC), Mr Keavell-White (Vice chair) and I on Thursday, and headteacher network updates on Friday. All these sessions are having a huge impact in the continuation of shaping the school especially the quality of education we are providing for our children.

I hope to share more with you from these sessions over the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

ASSEMBLY VISITOR

This week Jo Batch (Christ the King Church) led an assembly teaching the children about Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday), Ash Wednesday and the meaning of Lent. She told us all that Lent could mean giving things up or trying something new for 40 days.

She reminded us to be thankful and reflect on the things that we do to help us to learn to say sorry.



BEHAVIOUR

Your child will be bringing home a survey tonight linked to the development of our new behaviour policy. Your feedback is vitally important to add to that of the children and staff, in helping us all to make our expectations purposeful and appropriate for all our children.

I look forward to reading your responses and sharing these and our new policy over the term.

UNIFORM

We have noticed some children wearing school shoes which are not appropriate as well as large coloured hair ruffles and bands. Please remember shoes should be plain black and hair accessories should be purple where possible or plain and discrete. Shoulder length hair should always be tied back.

We are noticing that those children with earrings are opting for large earrings and hoops. If earrings are worn, they should be removed on PE days or if your child's ears are freshly pierced, please provide your child with medical tape. Staff cannot remove earrings for your child or cover them with tape. Should children not be able to remove/tape their earrings they will be excluded from the PE lesson for health and safety reasons.

COVID

In line with new guidance, testing kits are becoming increasingly rare. If you suspect your child has COVID please take them for a PCR where possible and follow the advice for a minimum of 5 days isolation. As a school, we still have staff who are testing positive for COVID along with some of our families.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March 2022.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

As a whole school we will be celebrating the event by reading a book called 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and completing a variety of activities based on the book throughout the day. Each class teacher will be planning activities based on the book that are relevant and appropriate to the age of their class.

Additionally, we will be inviting your child to create their favourite book character at home using 'lost things' such as recycling including boxes, packaging, bottles etc. We will then be asking the children to bring their characters into school. We will be running a competition in each class for the best entries: we can't wait to see their creations!

TWO'S-DAY!

22.2.22

PACT - TWO'S DAY NEWS

We have raised a massive £951 in sponsorship money from the Two's day challenge! We are so grateful!

This money will go towards the Jubilee celebrations.

All children who participated have received a certificate, and because they have raised such a huge amount of money, we have given each child a chocolate treat too!

Overall Winners are:

Best Fundraising Idea:

1st place: Adelyn – For working so hard at making many beautiful things for her friends and family.

2nd place: Isabelle – For reading an amazing 22 books, with 22 different people!

Best photo: Addison - For her wonderful 2ps pose, which made us all smile!



PACT – SCHOOL LOTTERY

A reminder, our first draw takes place on Saturday 2nd April!

Each ticket costs £1, and all profits go to help raise funds for our school. Draws take place every Saturday at 8pm

Every week there is a local prize. Winners will be notified directly. - You will also have a chance of winning the £25,000 jackpot too!

This exciting new initiative is open to everyone, so spread the word to all your friends and family.

Enter at: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hall-meadow-primary-school>

Good luck!



PACT – DATES FOR DIARY:

- Bingo reminder- Friday 4th March, 6.30pm start. Slips to be returned by Tues 1st March.
- Mother's Day reminder Slips to be returned by Wednesday 2nd March
- Spring Disco - Thurs 31st March. More info to follow!



This Week's Stars are:

- Iris** - Isabelle
- Demeter** - Kimberley
- Apollo** - Zara
- Poseidon** - Emily
- Athena** - Ella
- Ares** - Harriet
- Zeus** - Maisie



- Whole school** - @primary_hall
- Iris** - @HMiris2
- Demeter** - @DemeterHm
- Apollo** - @HmApollo
- Poseidon** - @HmPoseidon
- Athena** - @HMAthena6
- Ares** - @HMAres2
- Zeus** - @hm_zeus

Tweet of the week!





DATES FOR DIARY!

March

2nd Mar - Poseidon Class Assembly 9am

3rd Mar - World Book Day

7th Mar - Ares Anglo Saxon Visit

8th Mar - School Photographer

17th Mar - PACT Sweet Tuck

18th Mar - Poseidon Church Visit

22nd & 23rd Mar - Parents Evening (details to follow)

28th Mar - M&M Productions Jungle Book

29th Mar - Visit from NMPAT Strings team

30th Mar - Apollo Class Assembly (TBC)

31ST Mar - PACT Spring Disco

2021-22

Term 4

Monday 21st February – Training day

Tuesday 22nd February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1st April – End of term

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27th May – End of term

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Training Day

Tuesday 7th June – School open to all pupils

Thursday 21st July – End of term