



Newsletter

5th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the very strange weather that we have been experiencing recently, our spirits and enthusiasm to learn have not been dampened at Pikemere! From guitar workshops, netball championships and visiting elephants and giraffes, we have continued to enjoy our rich and engaging curriculum.

Our current school focus is on sharing good manners and looking after our property, and I am pleased to say that I have already had doors held open for me and been greeted cheerily with a 'good morning' by many pupils- a lovely way to brighten up any rainy day!

Kind regards

Mrs Johnson

Good manners and kindness are always in fashion' Laura Kay



Whole School

Chancery Multi Academy Trust

Our Senior Leadership team have continued to work closely with the leadership teams of our partner schools, The Berkeley and Excalibur Primary School. As well as establishing both our collective and individual visions and values, we are currently working within the schools to share professional knowledge and quality assure our teaching and learning. During a recent visit to Pikemere, Mrs Juliet Jones, Acting Headteacher of Excalibur Primary School, shared how impressed she was with how our teachers scaffold and support learning within our classrooms.

Reading in the Environment

Throughout the school, you will notice several new additions to promote reading for pleasure. As well as much loved reading quotes, fascinating facts and book review posters, we are also beginning a new reading challenge where pupils will be able to work together to proudly display all of the books that they have read. Without giving any further details away, please keep a close eye on the wall space outside of each classroom in the next few weeks!

Thumbs Up Thursday- calling Key Stage 2 parents!

Our "Thumbs Up Thursday" is proving to be particularly popular with parents and guardians in Key Stage One. If you would like to share a story with your older child, or learn about what they have been doing in class by looking through their books, please come into school on a Thursday morning between 8.30am-8.45am.

Sports Relief, 13th March 2020

Our School Council are supporting this year's Sports Relief by asking pupils to wear something red, alongside their school uniform, in return for a small donation. Ideas include wearing red socks, a red hairband, scarf or hat!

Car Park

Please help us to keep all of our pupils and staff safe by avoiding parking on the staff car park at all times. Our disabled spaces are reserved for disabled visitors and parents and are needed throughout the school day.

Gritting Plan

In the event of snowy and/or icy conditions, please consult our school gritting plan and stay on the designated paths. During these times our staff are even more vigilant in keeping all of our children safe, and will assess conditions with regard to accessing the playground during break and lunch times.

Kids that rock

Matt Tideswell, our peripatetic music teacher, recently worked with each class to lead whole class guitar workshops. The children were able to learn about rhythm and how to play along to contemporary pop tunes like Old Town Road

as well as classics from Queen! When asked about the workshops, children made comments such as “It was amazing to play Old Time Road” and “Matt was great at playing the electric guitar. I want to learn now!” as well as a couple of “My fingers really hurt!”

BPIF and planting saplings

Year 4, 5 and 6 recently worked with the BPIF on their TICCIT programme which is all about trees, sustainability and the environment. Part of the programme involved the children planting a sapling. They have been encouraged to take this home and plant it out when the weather improves.

Safeguarding Message

We are always striving to keep our children safe in school in all situations. We have been talking to the children this week about personal hygiene and the importance of handwashing effectively, particularly after going to the toilet and when coughing and sneezing.

Family and Friends of Pikemere School

Family and Friends of Pikemere will once again be running a pop up shop for Mother’s Day on Friday 20th March. This is a nice opportunity for your little ones to choose a present for their Mum or Grandma to take home all wrapped and ready for Mother’s Day. Each gift is £3 and can be ordered via Parentmail. Please be aware that we will not accept cash payment on the day as all gifts are bought in advance to the number ordered.

Other events coming up include Easter Bingo on the 23rd April and the Father’s Day shop on 19th June. More details will follow. If you would like to get involved in any capacity, you can speak to us via Facebook, e-mail or catch us on the playground.

Facebook @friendsofpikemere E-mail – friendsofpikemere@outlook.com

Chair – Zoe Harp Year 4

Secretary – Pippa Rawlinson FS2

Treasurer - Darren Smart – Year 6

Parent Forum

If you would like to work with the Senior Leadership Team on developing ways school can feedback children’s progress to parents as well as ways for parents to support their children with reading at home, then please come along to our Parent Forum on Monday 9th March at 5.30pm. The meeting will last no more than an hour and refreshments will be provided!

Baby News

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Rossiter, Year 5, is expecting a baby, due in August! I am sure that you will join us in wishing her the very best at this exciting time!

Easter Holiday Club

We will be running a Holiday Club here at Pikemere from 6th April to 9th April 2020. Details of the exciting activities on offer can be found on the school website and posters are displayed throughout school. If you require any further information please contact the Wraparound team.

Email: wraparound@pikemereprimary.org.uk

Telephone number (during working hours) 07753817273

EYFS

Chester Zoo

On Friday 28th February our Reception class enjoyed a much anticipated visit to Chester Zoo. Despite some bursts of wet weather, we saw an array of animals including: monkeys, jaguars, sloths, bats, giraffes, okapi, penguins, lemurs, vultures and wild boar! We were also able to catch a glimpse of the newborn baby elephant! Our children were a credit to the school!

Outdoor Area

We are very lucky to have a covered, extensive outdoor area for our EYFS children to access. It is an integral part of our classroom and provides invaluable, alternative learning opportunities to those accessed inside. Recently, a number of the resources and activities set up by the teachers have been broken or removed from the area, disappointing both staff and our youngest children. Please support us in maintaining our outdoor area to be the best learning resource for our pupils.



Key Stage Two

Year 3 Annie Production

Last Wednesday our Year 3 pupils treated us to a spectacular performance of 'Annie' the musical at Alsager High School, by providing support for the main production. A big thank you to everyone for attending on the evening, after a day of school, and for representing Pikemere with confidence and maturity.

Sport at Pikemere

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our Year 5/6 pupils continued on to win their netball tournament and secured a place in the Sandbach School Partnership finals, **finishing in a very respectable..** Well done to everyone involved, particularly our pupils who have demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and resilience in each one of their games.

And finally, our positivity quote...

'A book is a dream that you hold in your hands.'

Neil Gaiman

Diary Dates

5.3.20	World Book Day	
9.3.20	Parent Forum	5.30pm-6.30pm Staffroom
11.3.20	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.00 -10.00am
13.3.20	Sports Relief School Council Event **NEW DATE ADDED**	-Wear something red alongside your school uniform, e.g. a red hair band, red hat, scarf etc, for a small donation to Sports Relief
20.3.20	World Down Syndrome Day **NEW DATE ADDED**	Remember to wear bright, odd socks for the day and bring in a small donation to Cheshire Down's Syndrome Support Group
20.3.20	Mother's Day Pop up shop run by FFoPS	9.00am-11.00am

20.3.20	Reception (FS2) Class Assembly (Parents invited)	2.00pm -2.30pm
	Read With Mum Afternoon	2.45pm -3.15pm
1.4.20 - 3.4.20	Year 4 York Residential Visit	
3.4.20	Break up for Easter holiday	
6.4.20 – 9.4.20	Easter Holiday Club	
20.4.20	Start of Summer Term	
23.4.20- 29.4.20	Book Fair	
30.4.20.	School Photos (Groups)	
6.5.20	Open Mornings Year 1, 3 and 5	
7.5.20	Polling Day (school open)	
8.5.20	May Bank Holiday (school closed)	
11.5.20	Year 6 SATs week	
18.5.20	School Photos (Year 6 Group and Portraits)	
22.5.20	Break up for half term holiday	
1.6.20.	INSET Day	
2.6.20	Return to school	
5.6.20	Open Mornings Year 2 and 4	
8.6.20- 12.6.20.	Phonics Check Week, Year 1	
8.6.20- 10.6.20	Menai Residential Visit, Year 6	Details to follow
10.6.20	Year 5 Activity Day, Alsager School	
12.6.20	Year 6 Open Morning	
19.6.20	Read with Dad	2.45pm
22.6.20	Townsports	
24.6.20	Sports Day and Family Picnic	10.00am -12.00 noon EYFS/KS1 12noon-1.00pm Family Picnic 1.00pm -3.20pm KS2
2.7.20- 3.7.20	Wingate Residential, Year 2	Details to follow
7.7.20	Sports Celebration Evening	3.45-4.45pm
7.7.20	Key Stage 2 Production (Matinee and Evening)	1.30-3.00pm 6.00-7.00pm
10.7.20	End of year reports given out	
14.7.20	Parent Drop ins (following reports)	
16.7.20	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9-10am BREAK UP FOR SUMMER	