



THE POCHIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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6 January 2017

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

WELCOME

I would like to welcome everyone to a new term. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Alison Kirk has got a new job in a different role and her last day at The Pochin School will be Friday 20 January. This is a huge loss to the staff and children, in particular for the many children that she has worked with in her SEN role. Her compassion, enthusiasm and commitment will be sorely missed. We would all like to wish her every success in her new post and thank her for the twelve dedicated years that she has spent here.

DATES FOR THE TERM

Please find attached the school's events list for the remainder of this academic year and the holiday dates for the remainder of this year and the next. Please do note the February half term dates as this year it **includes Friday 10 February**.

Please try to ensure that all family holidays are taken within the school holidays as permission cannot be granted in term time except under exceptional circumstances.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The vaccinations will be held here at school on Tuesday 10 January.

FACEBOOK

I understand that some of the children have their own Facebook accounts and I don't think that this is appropriate for children of a primary school age. However, if they have, parents do need to be aware of who the children are contacting, they can easily become victims of cyber bullying and open to online grooming. Some of the children's accounts are open for anyone that has a Facebook account to see the child's details. There are an increasing number of children putting themselves in severe danger through these activities.

SOMEONE NEW

Starting from Monday 9 January we will be having some new people in the school for six weeks. Their names are Miss Alex Scott and Miss Roxanne Smith. The former will be working in Class 1 and the latter in Class 4. Both are student teachers, who will be working under Mrs Rimmer's and Mr Johnson's guidance.

PARENT EVENINGS

Parent evenings this term will be held on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 February.

Parent evenings give the teachers the opportunity to give you a progress report on your child. Each child's parents will be allowed a period of ten minutes for consultation with their class teacher. To make the process more confidential, only one set of parents will be in the classroom at a time.

The appointment system should ensure that any waiting involved by you is kept to a minimum. It will therefore be necessary to keep appointments to only 10 minutes. If you or the class teacher requires further time, then another meeting at a mutually convenient time could be arranged for a later date.

Please complete and return the slip below as soon as possible, selecting the ten minute slot which is most suitable for yourself. This will have to be arranged on a first come, first served, basis, so please return slips as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

SM Cotton,
Headteacher

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Child's Name Class

I/We would prefer a ten minute slot on **Monday 6 February** in the following half an hour period;

- 4.30 – 5 pm
 - 5 – 5.30 pm
 - 5.30 – 6 pm
 - 6 – 6.30 pm
 - 6.30 – 7 pm
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Child's Name Class

I/We would prefer a ten minute slot on **Tuesday 7 February** in the following half an hour period;

- 3.50 – 4.20 pm
- 4.20 – 4.50 pm
- 4.50 – 5.20 pm
- 5.20 – 5.50 pm
- 5.50 – 6.20 pm

Please complete this section if you have a child in school in another class.

I also have a child in class

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Evenings	Monday 6 February Tuesday 7 February	4.30 – 7 p.m. 3.50–6.20 p.m.
Spring Coffee Morning	Saturday 25 March	11am – 1 pm
Easter Service	Wednesday 5 April	9 a.m.
KS2 SATs	Monday 8 to Thursday 11 May inclusive	
KS1 & KS2 School Testing	Monday 15 to Friday 19 May inclusive	
Sports Day	Tuesday 27 June	1.30 p.m
Back up Sports Day	Thursday 29 June	1.30 p.m
Class 4 & 5 Play	Tuesday 4 July Wednesday 5 July Thursday 6 July	2 pm 6.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.
Founder's Day	Wednesday 12 July	2 p.m.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/17

Spring Term

School Opens

Wednesday 4th January 2017

Mid Term Break

Friday 10th – Friday 17th February 2017 **inclusive**

School Closes

Friday 7th April 2017

Summer Term

School Opens

Monday 24th April 2017

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2017

Mid Term Break

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

School Closes

Friday 14th July 2017

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18

Autumn Term

School Opens

Tuesday 29 August 2017

Mid Term Break

Monday 16 – Friday 20 October 2017

School Closes

Wednesday 20 December 2017

Spring Term

School Opens

Tuesday 9 January 2018

Mid Term Break

Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2018

School Closes

Friday 23 March 2018

Summer Term

School Opens

Monday 9 April 2018

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 7 May 2018

Mid Term Break

Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June 2018

School Closes

Friday 13 July 2018

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

Autumn Term

School Opens Tuesday 28 August 2018
Mid Term Break Monday 15 – Friday 19 October 2018
School Closes Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term

School Opens Tuesday 8 January 2019
Mid Term Break **Friday 15** February – Friday 22 February 2019 **inclusive**
School Closes Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term

School Opens Monday 29 April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6 May 2019
Mid Term Break Monday 27 May – 31 May 2019
School Closes Thursday 11 July 2019