



THE POCHIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

I would like to remind parents about attendance and lateness as it does have a detrimental effect on the progress of children's education. Therefore, I would like to remind parents of the points below:

- If your child is ill, please phone the school, **each day**, stating the problem/progress, etc. If you don't phone before 9am the school will be phoning you for an explanation. The answer machine is on from 7 a.m., just leave a message.
- Please don't take children out of school for holidays. I do appreciate the problems and expense, but authorised absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, not holidays.
- Please ensure that your child is in school before 8.55am as lateness is not only very disruptive for your child, but to others in the school. After 8.55am parents must report to the school office. The child can then be taken to class.

PE KITS

PE kits should be taken home each Friday and must be washed and brought back on Monday morning. Children are missing PE because they don't have the appropriate kit. Please ensure that all kits are in school each Monday.

Can you please ensure that a tracksuit is also included in your child's PE kit.

Yours sincerely

SM Cotton
Headteacher

Football report: 11 January 2017

Last week, the school team entered the second phase of their league season, their equivalent of the Champions' League, bringing together the best teams from the first league group. It is quite an achievement for our squad to progress to this stage as the teams we will be meeting over the next few weeks are much bigger schools. Despite being underdogs, the team fought impressively on a freezing cold evening and produced some extremely good results.

In the first game, against Church Hill, the Pochin team went 1 – 0 down but clawed their way back to a 2 -1 victory with a never-say-die performance. This was even more evident in the second game against a strong Eastfield side. Despite going behind twice, our boys fought hard and, even though they had a goal disallowed, won the day with a last gasp goal, making the score 3 -2.

Finally, we were up against the favourites, Bishop Ellis; fast and strong, this team had qualified with a list of results to rival Barcelona! As expected, they took the lead and would have gone even further ahead except for some determined defending and great saves by our keeper, Daniel. It seemed unlikely we would break them down as their own keeper pulled off some miraculous stops, but, again in the last few seconds, their goalie fumbled an excellent corner and Aedan bundled the ball in for a 1-1 draw.

The team must now wait for the next set of matches in a week's time – let's hope it's warmer!!!!