



## THE POCHIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

### **NEW HEADTEACHER**

Please see the attached letter from Mrs Gill Hussey, Chair of Governors, regarding the successful appointment of a new Headteacher for the start of the new academic year.

### **SPRING COFFEE MORNING**

It's the annual Coffee Morning on Saturday, 25 March from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please see the PTA newsletter attached to see what you can do to support the fundraising. All proceeds to the PTA and ultimately your children.

### **EASTER SERVICE**

We are holding our Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Barkby at 9 a.m. on Wednesday 5 April. Please bring your child directly to Church for 8.50 a.m. Parking is available in the Stable Yard and at the Malt Shovel thanks to Mr Pochin and Mr and Mrs Fowler respectively. The children will be escorted back to school by the teachers. Everyone is invited to join us and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Please don't walk up Mr Pochin's drive to reach church. He very kindly allows the children to take a short cut through his grounds to avoid the busy road near the church, but this privilege is strictly for the children and staff. I'm sure you appreciate this, thank you.

### **CRICKET AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Tom Flowers is running his popular cricket after school club again after Easter. Please see the attached leaflet at the end of this newsletter.

### **CLASS 3 MENU**

Attached is the menu Class 3 have chosen. Mrs Hill will cook it next Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. If your child is not already on the dinner register and would like a meal next Thursday, please see Clare Harris in the office or email [clare.harris@pochin.leics.sch.uk](mailto:clare.harris@pochin.leics.sch.uk). The cost is £2.20.

### **ILLNESS**

As long as you telephone or email on the day your child is absent you will no longer be required to provide a letter if your child is off ill.

Yours sincerely

SM Cotton  
Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

You will all be aware that Mr Cotton will be retiring from his position as Headteacher in July of this year. Following the successful completion of pre-employment checks I am now delighted to inform you that the Governors have appointed our new Headteacher to succeed him.

After a very demanding two day selection process the Governors were unanimous in their decision to appoint Miss Michelle O'Dell to the post. The Governors were looking for a Headteacher to build on The Pochin School's many strengths and bring innovative ideas for the future; to be accessible and have a consultative style of leadership; and to bring a rigorous approach to school improvement for the benefit of all our children. In Miss O'Dell we believe we have found such a Headteacher.

Miss O'Dell is currently working as a Headteacher and has a strong track record of school improvement.

Miss O'Dell will take up her appointment in August but from now until the end of the academic year she will be communicating with the school in order to ensure a smooth transition of the school's leadership.

We are excited and confident for the future of our school and look forward to welcoming Miss O'Dell to our team of experienced staff.

Gill Hussey

Chair of Governors





Class 3's Yummy Menu

Hot Dog's

Quorn Dippers

Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn and Baked Beans

Salad and Bread

Pasta and Tomato Sauce

Sticky Toffee Pudding with  
Custard

Chocolate Ice-cream

FOOD IS good

## Football Report.

The football season has been long and hard but ultimately successful. We were unfortunate to finish as a runner up in the County shield earlier in the year and then again in the Charnwood competition but the team has shown determination in the face of disappointment and, in the spirit of true footballing optimism, “let us concentrate on the league!”

On Wednesday, we started the last two games of the competition in the lead by one point but, ominously, Bishop Ellis, who have a very strong side, were poised to steal the crown, just a point behind us. More worryingly, they were our final opponents of the evening. Sadly, we started nervously, scraping a 1-1 draw against the weakest team, Eastfield. This left us having to beat Bishop Ellis or face watching helplessly as they played their last game. Unfortunately, we drew 0-0 and started fourteen minutes of agony as the last game, Bishop Ellis vs Churchill, started. Our nearest rivals were very much on top and it seemed to be a matter of time before they would snatch the prize with a goal. Amazingly, however, Churchill survived attack after attack and even launched a few forays into enemy territory themselves to tick away the seconds. We couldn't believe it when the final whistle blew – 0-0!!!! We had won the league!!!

Thank you to all of the players who contributed this year, including the second team players who stood in heroically when we rested the first team for the County Cup in an earlier stage!

Thanks too, to all those who supported us in some awful weather – we have certainly experienced everything the British weather can throw at us - and also to Darren Merriman for some excellent management and coaching. The team, however, deserve the most praise as, in a season of ups and downs and high drama, they have proved that team spirit and the desire to beat the odds are worth more than anything else. We hope that those (nearly all the team) who are leaving the school this year will carry this spirit forward with them in all that they do!

Mr Johnson.



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Name.(s).....

Age.....

ADDRESS.....

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Medical requirements.....

Contact/Emergency Number.....

Email .....

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Please make cheques payable to **Tom Flowers Cricket Coaching**, and send to **Tom Flowers, 10a High Street, Hallaton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire , LE16 8UD with completed slip**

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