

## THE POCHIN SCHOOL



Friday 15 November 2019

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

The children have had a fantastic week at school learning about a variety of religions through their 'Festivals of Light' theme. If you would like any further support or information about the topics we have been discussing this week, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our school staff.

### This week we have been.....

Some of the festivals the children learnt about were Diwali, Hanukkah and Tazaungdaing. Activities the children enjoyed were making clay divas to celebrate Diwali; class 1 sharing their Diwali learning in the class assembly where they showed off their amazing dancing skills to the school and parents; and playing Dreidel games to learn about Hanukkah.

The whole school and pre-school watched an amazing performance of Beauty and the Beast by M&M Productions yesterday. This was kindly funded by the PTA.



Class 5 had a great time at the Warning Zone last week. They returned full of ideas about keeping themselves safe.

### Things to remember for next week and beyond ...



## Important Dates for This Half Term

Awards Assembly - each Friday 2.50pm

Autumn Term 2019

Wed 20 November	Stir the Pudding Service, 9.00am
Thurs 21 November	Wear Purple for Childrens' Grief - Uniform worn with a purple item - donation for the charity
Wed 11 December	Christmas Service, 9.00am
Wed 11 December	Class 2 Sprout Picking
Fri 13 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Mon 16 December	Class 3 Play, 6.00pm
Tue 17 December	Class 1 and 2 Nativity, 2.00 and 6.00pm
Wed 18 December	Whole School Panto Visit
Fri 20 December	End of Term - School closes for Christmas

## Reminders and Other Bits and Pieces

### School Development Plan

As a school this term we will be focusing on developing our provision of maths within the classes. The Pochin School is very proud of the outstanding progress and achievements our pupils make in Maths and are always striving to improve this. We will also be looking at our Homework Policy and how we can make home learning a positive experience for all our pupils and supportive of in school learning. I look forward to working with the school council, parents, staff and other stakeholders as we endeavour to always progress in these areas.

### Pre-School

It is with regret that we inform parents and carers that Mr Haque has left The Pochin Preschool. We would like to thank him for all the hard work and effort he has put into helping the school successfully set up and run the Preschool. We wish him well for the future.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Cooledge and Mrs Khalifa who are highly qualified, well established and know the children very well to lead the Pre-School in the absence of a manager.

### Shoe Box Appeal

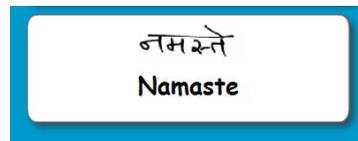


We are supporting the Shoe Box Appeal again this year and you will already have received a leaflet to donate. Please bring your filled boxes to Reception before the final collection date of 8 November 2019.

## Don't Forget This Month's British Value and Language of The Month



**Hindi**



Yours sincerely

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Acting Headteacher