

THE POCHIN SCHOOL



Monday 6th January 2020

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

A warm welcome back to the Spring term. I hope that the Christmas holidays have provided the children and yourselves with a well-earned break and some quality time together. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow and the new curriculum theme of, 'The Magical World of Stories'.

This term

Curriculum

This term we look excitedly to our whole school trip to Harry Potter Studios and the wonderful learning opportunities that will spring from that visit. The children will also be introduced to some fun reading themed competitions this term as well as the Times Table Rockstars competitions that termly take place.

Physical Education

PE sessions this term are slightly changing. It is felt more frequent lessons in this season of a shorter duration would benefit the pupils more. The children will still get the same amount of physical activity time, but these are split for some year groups into two sessions.

Class 1 - Monday afternoons

Class 2 - Wednesday afternoons

Class 3 - Tuesday and Friday afternoons

Class 4 - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

Class 5 - Thursday and Friday afternoons

Due to the nature of the PE being taught this term, I would strongly recommend keeping your child's PE kit at school all the time up until February half term when they should be taken home and washed. This will avoid any PE sessions lost through forgotten kits.

Year 6

We have been joined this term by Ms Kaur who will be supporting class 5 in the absence of Ms Evans, who is unable to work all the weeks this term, due to previous commitments. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful teacher who has a wealth of year 6 knowledge and experience. She will be working closely with Mrs Sharpe to ensure continuity across the week.

Student Council

The student Council this term will be focusing their efforts on making the school more Eco Friendly and will now be running the Wednesday assemblies; where they will be rewarding classes that are actively promoting and trying to keep the school eco-friendly and reduce the school's carbon footprint and improving the learning environment.

Things to remember for next week and beyond ...



Important Dates for This Half Term

Awards Assembly - each Friday 2.50pm

Spring Term 2020

Tue 7 th Jan	Children return to school
Wed 8 th Jan	Whole school trip to Harry Potter
Tue 14 th Jan	Class 3 Hannukkah assembly
Fri 14 Feb	Last day of term
Mon 24 th Feb	Children return to school
Tue 25 th Feb	KS1 Botanical Gardens

Wed 26 th Feb	KS2 Botanical Gardens
Mon 9 th Mar	Parents Evening
Tue 10 th Mar	Parents Evening
Tue 17 th Mar	Class Photos
Sat 21 st Mar	PTA coffee morning
Sat 27 th Mar	PTA Disco
Wed 1 st Apr	Easter Service
Fri 3 rd Apr	Last day of term
Mon 20 th April	Children return to school
Tue 21 st Apr	Class 2 Vaisakhi assembly
Wed 6 th May	New intake meeting
Fri 8 th May	Bank holiday
Mon 14 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Fri 22 nd May	Last day of term
Mon 1 st June	Children return to school
Tue 2 nd June	Class 2 Eid assembly
Thur 4 th June	Class 1 Forest School
Thur 11 th June	Class 2 Forest School
Mon 15 th June	Whole school photo
Tue 16 th June	Music Share evening
Thur 18 th June	Class 3 Forest School
Mon 22 nd June	Year 6 Cadbury World visit
Tue 23 rd June	Sports day
Wed 24 th June	New intake taster morning
Thur 25 th June	Reserve sports day
Tue 30 th June	Class 4 and Class 5 play
Wed 1 st July	Class swap day
Thur 2 nd July	Class swap day
Fri 3 rd July	PTA leavers disco
Wed 8 th July	Founders service
Fri 9 th July	Last day of term

Reminders and Other Bits and Pieces

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

Please be reminded that we do not allow any nut products in school, we have children with severe nut allergies and nut products pose a serious impact on their health.

Thank you for your understanding.

School Workforce!

The school has employed some fantastic students who have been helping out around the school and getting to grips with their new roles. We are so grateful for all their efforts and willingness to support the school community, already their impact is being felt across the school.

Start and Finish Times

Just a polite reminder that ALL children will be able to enter the school with staff from 8:45am in the morning and will be in the playground at the end of the day at 3:20pm. For further details please refer to the December Newsletter dated 13th December 2019.

Harry Potter

Harry Potter Visit

Due to the number of staff going to Harry Potter Studios the school will be unable to run the 'Kiss and Drive' service from 8:30am. Parents are asked to drop their children off in the school playground from 8:30am on Wednesday 8th January 2020 if they are not on the school trip, the playground will be staffed by Mrs Rimmer

and Ms Poynter. Hot dinners will still be available on this day for children not on the school trip.

A reminder of the Harry Potter arrangements for children going on the trip.

Time	KS1	KS2
7:00am	School gates open and playgrounds will be supervised	
7:15am	School opens for registration KS1 go into school to register KS2 go into the village hall to register	
7:30am	All children get onto their allocated buses with their staff members	
HAVE A FUN DAY AT HARRY POTTER STUDIOS!		
4:55pm	Arrive back at school. All children go into the village hall	
5pm	Children whose surnames end in A-M get picked up (pick up from village hall door, please mention your family name and staff will get your children)	
5:15pm	Children whose surname ends in N-Z get picked up (pick up from village hall door, please mention your family name and staff will get your children)	

Due to nearly the whole school visiting Harry Potter Studios on Wednesday 8th January the school has carefully considered the following arrangements to help ease the pressure on parking within the village.

- Please car share where possible
- If you are on a 5pm pick up, please collect your child promptly. This allows families to leave and free up valuable car spaces for the next collection time at 5:15pm
- If you are on a 5:15pm collection time, please do not turn up before this time as there are not enough car parking spaces in the village to safely park all the parents' cars and allow free flow of traffic.

Please see Harry Potter arrangements letter for further details about what pupils need to bring on the day.

As a school we will endeavour to inform parents through Schoolcomms if the coach is running late and advice on new pick up times. However this cannot be guaranteed as sometimes internet reception can be problematic on longer journeys.

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

Rule of Law

Chinese



We wish all friends and family of The Pochin School, a healthy and happy New Year and new term!

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Sharpe
Acting Headteacher