



# Packington

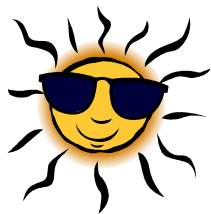
Church of England Primary School  
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# Newsletter

**DEAR ALL,**

**The good weather has helped us have a glorious start to the new term with children enjoying the opportunity to play on the field and experience using our new bird hide. In the classes, they have had their heads down and I've had a daily round of visitors who have knocked on my door to show me work that they are proud of.**

**Well done children – keep up the good work!**



### Parent Survey

Thank you very much for sending in your completed parent surveys. We are in the process of reading and analysing them all and will share the results with you as soon as possible.

### Clothing Collection

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the families who brought in bags of unwanted clothing for our textile collection. The money raised will be ploughed back into our environment work to help with class gardening projects and resources for the bird hide.

### Can you help

The Eco Committee would like to ask if anybody has any old unwanted binoculars that they would like to donate to be used by pupils using the bird hide. If you can help please contact either Mrs Price or Gabriella Bennion, Chair of the Eco Committee.

### MAY DAY FAYRE

This year our May Fayre is going to take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30 pm. Please put the date in your diary and come along and support the school. Further details will be sent out shortly following a meeting of the PSA.

As usual, we will begin the event with a fancy dress parade for Foundation and Keystage 1 pupils and any pre-schoolers who want to take part. Children can choose what they would like to dress as and there will be a prize for pre-school children and a prize for school age children.

During the Fayre each class will also present a dance for parents to watch and this will include a traditional Maypole dance performed by The Owls, a reel performed by Robins & Blackbirds and a dance on a Bollywood theme performed by the children in Eagles.

Children in school will be given the chance to make a Maystick and these will be paraded at the Fayre and a prize will be awarded.

The Maysticks can then be taken to the village celebrations at the Bull & Lion the following evening. The May Queen, Charlotte Forder will be crowned at this village event and she will be paraded around the village by the Morrismen accompanied by her attendant Gabriella Bennion and any other children who wish to join in the parade. Anna Pilbro will also be a May Queen attendant at the Fayre.

### Achievement Assemblies

30<sup>th</sup> April ~ Eagles  
07<sup>th</sup> May ~ Owls  
14<sup>th</sup> May ~ Robins  
21<sup>st</sup> May ~ Blackbirds  
28<sup>th</sup> May ~ Eagles  
04<sup>th</sup> June ~ HALF TERM  
11<sup>th</sup> June ~ No Assembly - Sports Day  
18<sup>th</sup> June ~ Owls  
25<sup>th</sup> June ~ Robins  
02<sup>nd</sup> July ~ Blackbirds  
09<sup>th</sup> July ~ Eagles  
16<sup>th</sup> July ~ LEAVER'S SERVICE HOLY  
ROOD CHURCH

### NEWS HEADLINES

**\* ANGLESEY PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT PACKINGTON** ~ This week we will host a visit from children who attend Anglesey Primary School in Burton. Over recent months children from both schools have been swapping letters and this week they will begin a joint geographical topic to compare and contrast each other's school, local environment and places of worship. This fits in with curriculum work to compare a village and a town environment and our work to develop community cohesion. Next week the Owls will visit Anglesey Primary.

**\* CROSS COUNTRY** ~ The final event at Albert Village was a great success for Packington. We had nineteen runners representing the school and all need to be proud of their superb efforts. Special mentions go to the Year 1/2 Girls Team and the Year 1/2 Boys Team who both lifted the first place trophy in the team events. Congratulations also go to Louis Bassett who won the overall individual competition for Year 1/2 Boys after achieving first place in every race of the season. Well done to all our runners.

**\* SMALL SCHOOL'S SWIMMING GALA** ~ We'd like to say a special well done to the 8 children who represented the school at the Small School's Swimming Gala on Saturday. Mr Emery said everybody put in some good times and they should be proud of their efforts. We would also like to thank the parents who helped on the night and made the event possible. Congratulations go to Lewis Eaton who came third in the final of the Boy's 2 length competition and the Boy's relay team who came third in their final.

**\* WARNING ZONE** ~ This week we will have a visit from the Warning Zone team who will come and work with our Year 6 pupils on citizenship activities.

**\* ROBINS CLASS ASSEMBLY** ~ The Robins Class Assembly will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**MEDIEVAL EXTRAVAGANZA** ~ This term the Robins and Blackbirds are studying Castles and as part of their work they will organize a Medieval Extravaganza. Please look out for more details.

Please remember we have an open door policy - so should you have any concerns please contact your child's class teacher or head teacher. You can contact us either in school, by phone (01530 412425) or e-mail (headteacher@packington.leics.sch.uk).

## AT PACKINGTON WE WANT TO DO OUR BEST AND WORK TOGETHER.

### ASHBY ARTS FESTIVAL

We have been asked to pass on the following information about events, for children, that will take place during the Ashby Arts Festival week:

The Ashby Arts Festival is coming to Ashby this half term holiday with some fantastic events especially for children. Why not come along and join the fun?

#### **Saturday 29 May**

- **Drop in Kids Crafts** with a carnival theme. Get creative at The Hub, Market Street, 11 – 3pm. Free event as part of the Arts Festival opening day

#### **Tuesday 1 June**

- **Ukuleles and Guitars** workshop. Back by popular demand, a fabulous String Up/Sing Up workshop for children (age 6+) at Hood Park Leisure Centre, 10am – 12noon. £5, instruments provided

#### **Wednesday 2 June**

- **Film Day at The Festival** - Matinee performance of Disney film 'Up' (cert U), 3pm at The Lyric Rooms. £4 adults, £3 children/OAPs

#### **Saturday 12 June**

- **'Bob, The Man on The Moon'** a special event for children (5 – 7 yrs) at Ashby Baptist Church, 4pm. Tickets £3, under 5's free

For more information on events and to buy your tickets  
Ashby Tourist Information Centre 01530 411767  
[www.ashbyartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.ashbyartsfestival.co.uk)

### ECO SCHOOLS NEWS

Information from Severn Trent Water

#### **Be Smart Award – New Water Saving Initiative**

Our school is taking part in a unique Water Saving initiative, the "Be Smart Award" which involves us in working in partnership with North West Leicestershire District Council and Severn Trent Water. The "Be Smart Award" will help the school and pupils to gain a highly prestigious award whilst meeting the National Curriculum requirements to study water. To achieve the award the school and pupils must successfully complete the four goals listed below:-

- 1. Monitor the school's water use.**
- 2. Promote the positive health benefits of drinking tap water.**
- 3. Promote water efficiency within the curriculum, the school and the community.**
- 4. Promote greater understanding of water issues locally and globally.**

Why not take part at home with the first step being to conduct a home water audit which can be done by visiting [www.stwatereducation.co.uk](http://www.stwatereducation.co.uk).

Water Tip – Did you know that disposal of fats, oils and greases down the kitchen sink is the most common cause of sewer flooding? You can help to prevent this by trapping the fat in a fat trap. Get a Free Fat Trap by visiting [www.stwater.co.uk](http://www.stwater.co.uk) or call 0845 603 4413

#### **BIRD HIDE**

This week we have opened our Bird Hide and we have enjoyed having the opportunity to use all our new bird spotting charts. We are also pleased to hear that the Ashby Rotarians have offered to help with providing new bird feeders to attract more birds into the pond area. They are also going to buy a special film to go over the windows of the bird hide so the birds can't see us watching them.

#### **FOOTPRINTS AWARD**

Over the last few years we have worked hard to make Packington a more eco friendly school and have worked on a whole host of environmental activities such as a Litter Policy, encouraging people to save energy and developing gardening. On our behalf Mrs Price gathered all the evidence together and used it to apply for one of Leicestershire County Councils Green Footprints Award. A few weeks ago we heard that Packington is one of the top three schools in the county and the winning school will be announced at the Civic Ball at the end of this month. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

21<sup>st</sup> April ~ Warning Zone Visit for Year 6 pupils

22<sup>nd</sup> April ~ Anglesey Primary Children visit Packington  
Smalls Schools Choral Event at The Ivanhoe

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23<sup>rd</sup> April ~ The Eagles visit Southwell Workhouse

W/B 26<sup>th</sup> April ~ Target Time Week

27<sup>th</sup> April ~ Year 5 Brass Concert

28<sup>th</sup> April ~ The Owls visit Anglesey Primary School

30<sup>th</sup> April ~ May Fayre

W/B 10<sup>th</sup> May ~ SATs Week

19<sup>th</sup> May ~ Medieval Extravaganza- F/KS1

School Dinner Food Tasting Session for Parents

20<sup>th</sup> May ~ Robins Class Assembly

27<sup>th</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> May ~ More Able D.T Days

10<sup>th</sup> June ~ Small Schools Cricket Tournament

11<sup>th</sup> June ~ Sports Day

W/B 14<sup>th</sup> June ~ R.E Week

16<sup>th</sup> June ~ Area Athletics Event at Saffron Lane

W/B 21<sup>st</sup> June ~ Bike to School Week

21<sup>st</sup> June ~ Year 5 Environment Day at Congerstone

24<sup>th</sup> June ~ Year 2 Multi-Sports Event at Moira

28<sup>th</sup> June ~ Year 6 New Intake Evening for new starters at  
The Ivanhoe

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July ~ Year 6 Induction Days at The Ivanhoe/  
Ibstock

9<sup>th</sup> July ~ Reports sent home

12<sup>th</sup> July ~ Year 6 Leavers Activity

14<sup>th</sup> July ~ It's a Knockout Event

16<sup>th</sup> July ~ End of term/Year 6 Leaving Service

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30 pm.**

**A meeting of the PSA will take place on  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 pm in school.  
Please come along to help with the  
preparations.**

**Many Thanks**