



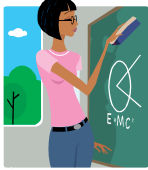
PILGRIMS POST


NEWS FROM PILGRIMS PRE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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I hope you all had a good summer and managed to spend some time relaxing. It was lovely to start the new term with sunshine and to see all of the children so smartly dressed in their uniforms. However the weather  seems to be changing so please ensure your child has their Kagoul/coat and Wellies in school so they can join their new friends splashing in the puddles.

You should, by now, have received a copy of our “Little Book of Extras”. This  booklet is full of information about all of the extra curricular activities we run including before and after school club and holiday club. This booklet is also available to view on our website along with our Parent Information book.

I am delighted to welcome the following new staff to school this term: Mrs Charlotte Wallace has joined us as our new Bursar. Mrs Tracey Marquand is a Class Teacher in Year 2 and Mrs Melody Ismail a Teaching Assistant in Year 2. Miss Hayley Brown, Mrs Hayley Barton and Miss Deborah Dawson have joined us as Nursery Nurses within Little Pilgrims. Miss Harriet Good and Mrs Val Fensome are new Nursery Assistants also in Little Pilgrims.  We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Alyssa Scorer, Mrs Kim Ross and Mrs Gemma Joy from their maternity leave.

The stork has been busy during the summer break; Mrs Coates gave birth to  baby Oscar weighing in at 6lb 14oz. Miss Mayles gave birth to baby Keira, weighing 8lb 3oz. We congratulate both mums and dads on their new arrival and hope they don't have too many sleepless nights.

Some children have been seen climbing onto the roof of the play shack in the main school playground as well as the fence and the gate. As they are not allowed to do this at any time, we would appreciate your help by reinforcing this rule. While it may be exciting for the children it could obviously be very dangerous.

If any children took part in the Bedfordshire Libraries Circus Stars Summer Reading Challenge we would love to see their certificates and medals. Please bring them in to show at next Wednesday's assembly (September 14th).



Assembly Timetable

Monday – Open the Book 10.30am

Tuesday – Values and House Point 10.30am

Wednesday – Musician demonstrations and other Achievements 8.50am

During this assembly, children are welcome to bring in awards and certificates they have received from specialist clubs or activities in which they take part. Please let your class teacher know in advance if you would also like to attend.

Thursday – Singing Practice 10.20am

Friday – Year Group or Class Assembly 8.50am

Pilgrims Autumn Tea party takes place on Sunday 18th September from 2pm to 4.30pm. This is always a fun afternoon with lots of activities for the children including a bouncy castle, face painting, circus skills and football matches with the R&D football coaches. The official opening of Little Pilgrims extended play area will also take place with a very special guest of honour. Ticket information is available at the main school reception.



A Reading Information Evening is being held on Monday 19th September from 7pm to 8pm. The evening will cover how we teach reading in school and how it can be supported at home. There will also be an opportunity to participate in some reading activities. The evening is particularly relevant for any new parents and those with children in Nursery and Reception.



Please can I remind parents that children are not permitted to wear jewellery at any time in school and that it should be removed before coming in to school each morning.

Year 3 are off to Chellington for their first residential visit of the year on 19th September. Last year's group had a wonderful time so we wish good weather for them.

This academic year we will be supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Keech Hospice. The East Anglian Air Ambulance is an independent charity which is entirely dependent on fund-raising and contributions. To keep its two air ambulances flying and to provide the advanced medical equipment more than £4million per year has to be raised. Keech Hospice Care runs two hospice services – one for adults living in Luton and South Bedfordshire and one for children from across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes. The aim of Keech Hospice is to help patients enjoy the highest quality of life, while providing vital support for their family and friends.



Little Pilgrims is hosting an information evening on Thursday, 13th October from 7pm to 8pm. Bookstart packs, provided by the Local Authority to encourage a love of books, will be handed out during this event. Further details will be sent nearer the time.



This academic year we have introduced an exciting new house point system which you may have already heard about from your children. Please do take the time to read the information on this new system so that you can support your child.



I hope that you and your children have a wonderful autumn term.

Mrs Webster
Headteacher