



Catherine Jacob, author and parent, launched a picture book competition for Year 5 and 6 to celebrate World Book Day. She chose the worthy winners last week and they received detailed and highly complimentary feedback from Catherine.

Catherine was really impressed with all the entries and praised all the children for their hard work and creativity

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Dear Parents,

It is with a mix of emotions that we reach the end of what has been a most challenging term. It hardly feels like we have been physically back in school long enough to warrant a holiday, and yet staff and pupils alike are all showing signs of tiredness. However, the beautiful weather has certainly given us all a taste of what a proper Pocklington summer will feel like. I have to say that I cannot wait for all those traditional events (in whatever form) next term, and to finally have the chance to meet more of you in person.

We have had a great week in the Prep School. The highlight has been watching the drama group's short film – a twenty minute distillation of three points of view from the lockdown – political, parents and staff! I think my favourite line was "no, dear, you can't possibly have another snack, it is only 8.15 a.m." It was good to know that the same conversations were happening across Yorkshire, and possibly the country! Watching this interpretation of events was a moving moment; we will always have these lockdown memories as something we experienced as a community, and when life becomes normal again, I finally feel like we may look back on some of it with a smile.

I am delighted to be able to tell you about a special challenge, which two of our teachers are taking on during the forthcoming break. From 9a.m on Easter Sunday, Mrs Steel and Mrs Sweeting will be running two miles on the hour, every hour, for 13 hours in the hope of raising funds for our School charity, Candlelighters.

Following the success of the lockdown 'Run, Pock, Run' challenge, the Charity Committee would like to encourage you to join in with this event by taking part in your own two-mile run/walk/bike ride on Easter day. You might want to complete one two-mile distance, or you might be more ambitious and go out for a series of walks or runs throughout the day. In order to keep motivation high, people taking part in the challenge will be enjoying themed hours throughout the event including:

10am - Charity hour - wear your favourite charity item of clothing or carry a homemade charity banner

3pm - Sweet tooth/Easter egg hour - fill up on your sweet treats whilst completing the activity

5pm - Pet hour - take your pet for some company

7pm - Superhero/villain hour - dress up as your favourite hero/villain

If you decide to take part in your own 2-mile Easter challenge, please do post any photographs onto The Gallery, Mrs Steel will start a new thread for this, and they may be added to the Just Giving updates page and appropriate social media platforms throughout the event.

If you wish to make a donation to Candlelighters, in support of this challenge, you can do so through the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pocklingtonprepschool>

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break,

Suzy Ward

## WHAT ARE WE DOING IN PRE-PREP NEXT WEEK?

### Reception

Wow - it's hard to believe that we have made it to the end of term, and what a memorable one it has been! I'm sure you are all looking forward to a well-earned rest. I can't wait to spend quality time with my girls (both of whom have a birthday during the holidays!)

Next term, we are kick starting our ***Every Child Wild*** topic by becoming minibeast detectives. We will be building bug habitats and making a wormery, role-playing in our Creepy Crawly cave, writing fact files about minibeasts, designing the 'perfect' garden for minibeasts, talking about what we can do to help look after nature's smallest creatures and creating minibeast pebbles!

We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday, take care and see you all again in April.

Star of the Week is Poppy for fabulous work with 10s numbers to 100.

Mrs Afford & Mrs Davis

### Year 1

Wow! We have managed to get to the end of term, not just intact but, with great style and enthusiasm too! All the children in Year 1 have been completely amazing, not just this week but through all of lockdown and the transition back into school. I could not be any prouder of everything that they have achieved. I am delighted with reading, writing stamina, behaviour, attitude (everything really!) and I believe this all bodes well for an excellent summer term where I will continue to encourage development and learning with every day that we are together.

Please have a rest during the holiday and I look forward to hearing all about your adventures when we return.

Star of the Week is Flora for amazing contribution to our Chatta lesson and general enthusiasm for learning!

Bonnie Steel

### Year 2

Our amazing survival topic will commence on the first day with us all arriving dressed as EXPLORERS. We will begin by looking at how humans survive in adverse conditions. We will focus on the desert environment and how it is different to our own experiences. We are especially excited to have a special visitor!

The children will begin their presentations from their Easter projects (dates for each pupil to follow).

In maths we will look at patterns which will be useful when the children do their Bedouin weaving. We will also be looking at different addition methods.

Have a fabulous Easter holiday. We cannot wait to see your outfits on the first day back!

Star of the Week in 2X is for Seraphina for doing such lovely joined-up handwriting.

Star of the Week in 2Y is for Ethan for being so supportive and collaborative in class.

Mrs Kay and Mrs Walton



## LEARNING IN PHOTOS!!



A selection of photos from this week's Year 3 and 4 House Netball and Hockey



Year 2 created Stone Age houses after learning how the people created their first settlements and began farming.



Year 4 have designed their own front covers for Kensuke's Kingdom



Year 5 drew around each other and then will add the 'innards' organs and bones...to see how a body works and fits together.



Year 4 investigating which switch design will be suitable for our lighthouse project after Easter



From food to faeces.... Year 5 explore the process of digestion with a pair of tights, a banana, biscuits, water and orange juice!

## WHAT ARE WE DOING IN PREP NEXT WEEK?

### Year 3

As the term comes to an end, we have been reflecting on how resilient and caring the children have been towards each other during remote learning, along with how well they have settled back into school.

We have finished this term by preparing for our play, Newsround Extra, which follows our work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We are really looking forward to filming it during the first week. In preparation, please ensure that your child learns their lines for the first day back. The children have also been using onomatopoeia to create a poem about their machine to put in Wonka's factory. We will be continuing our Chocolate topic next term but concentrating on how this has influenced our local area.

In maths we have continued to focus on perimeter and will be moving onto data handling when we return after Easter. The children have done well with their times tables so far this year but some are not secure in the x3 and x4 tables. Please keep practising during the holidays!

Thank you for all your support throughout this interesting term!

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Snelling

### Year 4

What a term! Year 4 have blown us away and Mrs Kennedy and I have said that they are our heroes. We have been so impressed with their resilience, determination and enthusiasm, so well done!

In the first week back we will be continuing with our practice of our Newsround Extra play and will be starting a small project on light houses. This will use our science knowledge of electricity and feed into our river work for the first couple of weeks.

Please can children keep working on their lines over the holidays. This week we have sent out a letter about costumes and also about our work on lighthouses for the first week back.

For this, we need Pringle tubes or equivalent, kitchen roll tubes, clear plastic lids, transparent plastic packaging, shoe boxes...and also any photos or pictures of lighthouses. Thanks so much!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful Easter break with hopefully some spring like weather!

Miss Shepherd and Mrs Kennedy

### Year 5

We are so proud of the Year 5 children for the way they have settled back into school after such a long spell of remote learning. We look forward to welcoming them back after a well-deserved rest over the Easter holidays!

Next term, we start our new topic, 'Great Leaps Forward', in which we will explore inventions across the years. We will consider how the human thirst for knowledge and progress has led to world-altering inventions, and whether the challenges faced en route resulted in a stronger outcome. Our new class text, 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman, is an intriguing gothic fantasy which links perfectly with this topic.

Maths will see the children investigating decimals and percentages, and in science we will be finding out about life cycles. All the children will be playing cricket next term which we are very excited about - it is the first time the girls have done this as their summer sport and we are sure they will love it! Maybe they could watch or play some cricket over Easter?!

Next half term we will also be rehearsing our Year 5/6 production, 'We'll Meet Again'. The link to the backing tracks is on your child's class team and we ask that they practise the songs over the holidays please so we can hit the ground running with rehearsals as soon as we return.

Many thanks for all your support over this challenging term - we hope you all have a relaxing and happy Easter holiday. The Year 5 team

### Year 6

It has been a busy final week of Lent Term for Year 6 and we are very pleased with their continued efforts and involvement in all areas of school life. Our study book, *Holes*, has reached its tense and exciting ending and so too have their children's own stories that they have worked hard to complete this week. They will be ready for you to read after Easter. Our forthcoming topic is all about World War Two during which we will study some of the key battles and the lives of children during wartime. Our new study book will be *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll. You are very welcome to purchase a copy of the book for your child although we do have shared copies in school. We do ask that pupils try not to read it all over Easter in order to gain full enjoyment of it as a class next term. However, in addition to the newsletter, you will receive today a list of other books with a wartime backdrop that we highly recommend.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter.

Mr Parker and Mrs Sweeting



# NOTICE BOARD



## **Amended Bus Times for End of Lent Term – Friday 26th March**

A reminder to all that as lessons don't finish until 3.45pm on the last day of term next Friday 26th March, please see the slightly amended bus schedule. [here](#). If you have any queries please contact Mr Bartle, Transport Manager



## **School Uniform Shop**

The School Shop will re-open on Monday 12th April (1.00pm-5.00pm) for appointments only. Please use the link to the booking system [here](#). Parents can order online; a version of click and deliver will be made available. The website: address in schoolwearsolutions.com then Search By School, enter Pocklington School and click Shop Now and use the password York. Mrs Amanda Smith, School Shop Manager



## **David Byas Sports Academy**

Unfortunately we are now FULLY BOOKED for all Easter Camps apart from:

6th / 7th April – Two Day GIRLS Cricket Camp (One Day option available)

1:1 Cricket Coaching with David Byas (1hr sessions £45)

Unfortunately these sessions are also now fully booked. Summer Camp dates for Hockey, Cricket, Netball and Rugby will be released shortly. Please email [david@byasacademy.co.uk](mailto:david@byasacademy.co.uk) to book a slot and pay online. All camps take place at Pocklington School and are for ages 7-17yrs old. For more information on all our camps visit [www.byasacademy.co.uk](http://www.byasacademy.co.uk), email [info@byasacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@byasacademy.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram Mr D Byas, Director of Sport



## **Pocklington Tennis Club – Easter Camps**

We have been given the fantastic news that we will be able to reopen the Tennis Club on Monday 29th March, and we will be starting straight away with our Easter Tennis Camps.

The camps will be on the following dates:

Monday 29th March - Thursday 1st April

Friday 2nd April (Good Friday)

Monday 5th April (Easter Monday)

Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th April

Monday 12th - Friday 16th April

Times: 9am - 12noon,

Price: £25 per morning, Age Group: 4-16yrs.

For more information and to book please see the link [here](#). We may have to restrict numbers, therefore, we will be doing it on a first-come first-served basis, so if you would like a place on any of the dates please let Sean know and he will confirm your place. Mr Sean Evans, Pocklington Tennis Club