



These Year 4 Robins will be finding their way to their new homes next week!

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This week has been absolutely full of preparations for the end of term, in particular the filming of our Christmas concert. I cannot wait to share this with you on the 10th December at 7 p.m., via Zoom. However, I would ask that parents do not share the link with the 'wider world' as we have a number of children who do not have 'social media permissions' and we would like to ensure these permissions are upheld.

A number of parents have been emailing recently to request absences and holiday time. We have now introduced an 'Absence Request Form' that allows us to have a formal record of holidays and absences. This is in-keeping with standard primary school practice. From now on, please complete a request form and send it to PrepHead@pocklingtonschool. The form is also attached to this email.

I was so pleased this week to hear from Ian Wright, who asked me to pass on the following to you all:

Please could you pass on to staff and parents the news that all their gifts have arrived safely to now be enjoyed. I have attached a couple of photos of our lounge showing the Hockney painting hanging, along with one of our new home.

Please also let colleagues and parents know we have enjoyed very much our first term in Kenya, albeit a further term of online learning! We are ready to welcome back pupils in January 2021- I will finally get to meet my new school!

Bruce is very happy in his new home, yes, he's here with us in Kenya. Here he is patrolling his garden!

Wishing everyone at Pocklington Prep - staff, pupils and parents - a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.



It seems almost impossible to think that this time next week our Michaelmas term will be over. I can't wait to experience all the excitement of Christmas with the Pocklington community next week!

Paul.

Ms Ward

WHAT ARE WE DOING IN PRE-PREP NEXT WEEK?

Reception

I can hardly believe that next week is the final week of this term! Our Reception children have done us proud and we are thrilled with the progress they are making. On Monday, we will be celebrating Faith's Day, where our focus will be Buddhism. The children will be learning about Buddhist beliefs and symbols. They will have the opportunity to learn more about the faith from a Buddhist teacher (Lekmo) via a live Zoom session during the morning. During the afternoon, we will be tasting typical Buddhist vegetarian food and having a meditation session!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, in addition to PE, phonics, maths and reading we will be getting creative with lots of Christmas related activities.

On Thursday, we look forward to wearing our Christmas jumpers, playing games and having fun - a wonderful way to end a fantastic term!

Reception Star of the Week - Alexandria for settling in beautifully to her new school and for always trying her best!

Paddington is going home this weekend with Flora

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Afford & Mrs Davis

Year 1

Wow! The last week of term is nearly here, and what a brilliant one it has been. I cannot believe how much progress all the children have made or the amount of 'COVID safe' adventures we have managed to fit in!

The children performed beautifully when we recorded the Nativity/Christmas Story songs, and I cannot wait for you to watch this next week. At the point of writing this, I have just finished filming and while it is a different type of performance, we certainly managed to have a lot of fun.

Next week we celebrate Faith's Day in Pre-Prep and after that, it is full Christmas mode where we will embrace crafting and the story of how Jesus was born.

1X Star of the Week- Felicity for outstanding effort with reading, both at home and in school.

Have a super weekend. Mrs Steel.

Year 2

Year 2 along with the rest of Pre-Prep are celebrating World Faith Day on Monday. We will look and learn about Islam in Year 2 on this special day and speak to a special visitor via zoom. We will continue to look at faith through the last few days of term and learn about the Christmas story whilst entering the classroom decorating competition. We will do some Christmas themed maths looking at number bonds to 100 and write letters to Father Christmas in literacy. We are already enjoying hearing the children's favourite Christmas stories and jokes!

2X Star of the Week - Henry for following the golden rules and super listening in class.

2Y Star of the Week - Amy for embracing a positive attitude.

Mrs Kay and Mrs Walton

LEARNING IN PHOTOS



The Year 3 Origami club made these beautiful snowflakes this week



Using Chatta in Spanish to help learn the words for stationery in the classroom



5X getting into the Christmas spirit with their classroom decorations



2X are enjoying reading their favourite Christmas stories to the rest of their class



Year 2 made paper telephones whilst learning about sound waves and how vibrations travel along the string.



A sneaky peek into the filming of the 'Celebration for Christmas' on Thursday

WHAT ARE WE DOING IN PREP NEXT WEEK?

Year 3

What a busy week we have had!

Well done to everyone for remembering your Christmas jumper for the recording on Thursday. You all sung your hearts out and we look forward to seeing the full production next week.

It has also been a very creative week with the making of our Canopic Jars from our 'tomb raid.' The finished jars are looking a bit festive at the moment but the children are looking forward to bringing them home next week.

Next week the children will be using their Egyptian fairy tale plans to write their own story. We look forward to reading these and seeing how many features they have remembered to include.

In maths we will continue our work on multiplication and division. In topic, we will further investigate mummification and discover what the best materials to use are.

Our classrooms are looking very festive – thank you to all of you for allowing your children to bring in decorations.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend. Mrs Snelling and Mrs Rogers

Year 4

Christmas time is upon us now,
And year 4 would like to take a bow!
They worked so hard this Autumn term,
Full of joy and ready to learn!
We hope you all enjoy the break...
And festive fun-you have time to take!
Merry Christmas
Love Mrs K and Miss S

Next week we will be tying up all loose ends of our learning, studying the properties of 2D shapes and looking at symmetry. We will also be creating a Christmas Warm Fuzzy.

On Wednesday afternoon, we will be watching the Rotten Romans film. Please could you send in a small amount of party food, containing no nuts and no hummus. Pre-packaged food is preferable (example- 4 small packets of sweets, 4 small buns).

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Shepherd

Year 5

We've decked the classrooms with boughs of holly, hoops, trees and tinsel and are all ready for a fun and festive end to the term next week!

As well as taking part in a number of Christmassy activities, we will be 'wrapping up' all aspects of our learning this week, including reaching the climax and resolution of our ghostly Tudor tales. There will be a particular focus on the use of imagery to enhance descriptions and varying sentence lengths for effect. We will be sending the children home with their stories to share with you over the holidays - read them if you dare!

In maths, we will return to some of our previous learning in place value and calculation to practise and apply our skills. Our science learning will focus on reversible and irreversible changes that take place both in and around the home. We will perform several experiments to draw conclusions about these changes and why they occur.

We are all so proud of how the children have adapted so well to the changes implemented in school since our return in September. It has been a pleasure to be in school with them this term.

Mrs Cliff, Mrs Peart, Miss Kendra and Mr Bull

Year 6

Year 6 are looking forward to their final week of this term. Amongst the Christmas build-up we will continue to work hard in all areas of the curriculum. Pupils will be continuing their descriptive writing about Ernest Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole, using high quality language and more complex sentence construction to bring alive the setting of 'Dog Town' where the expedition settled for several months in the Antarctic Summer of 1914. We will be encouraging the use of thesauruses and word banks. We will then investigate the reasons why the expedition was not the success it was supposed to be and what happened in the end. Our science work will continue to focus on adaptation and we will explore a range of polar creatures living at both Poles.

Pupils will continue to receive homework next week. After the Christmas break, pupils will begin to receive longer pieces of homework and/or more tasks set in a broader range of subjects. We would like all pupils to complete these tasks as independently as possible before asking for help and we will continue to encourage pupils to manage their own work and homework schedule for themselves. The best time to do homework is on the night it is set (unless it is a longer project) and in a quiet place with no distractions.

Thank you for your support. Mrs Sweeting and Mr Parker

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Reverse advent calendar for The People's Pantry, Pocklington

Thank you for the generous donations so far for the Pocklington People's Pantry Reverse Advent Calendar. Next week it is the turn of Years 3-6 and the staff to bring in their donations. The types of donations that would be appreciated are:

Christmas puddings, Chocolates, Chocolate crackers, sponge puddings, hot water bottles, gloves, woolly socks, shower gel, shampoo, hand wash, hand cream, wrapping paper, sellotape, kitchen roll, napkins, biscuits, mince pies, small games ie dominoes, Christmas TV magazines, Christmas cakes, colouring books, hot chocolate, gravy granules, snacks and crisps. Thank you in advance for your support.



Christmas Jumper Day

Next Thursday is our Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear their jumper over their uniform and bring in a donation for Candlelighters.



Book Business:

Having a clear out before Christmas? We are always in need of good quality book donations that would be suitable for both Pre-Prep and Prep. If you have any books looking for a new home, then please send into school for the attention of Mrs Cliff or Mrs Peart who will happily re-house them in our library. Many thanks!

Encouraging reading for pleasure

The website <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk> is a fabulous resource for parents who are looking for reading inspiration for their children. It lists a wide range of authors and genres to choose from. Simply select your child's year group and you will be presented with a comprehensive list of books that are age-appropriate, engaging and challenging. Each recommendation displays the front cover and provides a short summary of the story plot. I do hope the website will help you to select some wonderful new books to enjoy with your children and will encourage them to try something new! As ever, if you need further



End of term arrangements

A reminder that term will finish on Thursday 10th December at 3.45pm for all pupils in both the Prep School and Pocklington School. Please find a notice with revised bus departure times for the end of term [here](#).



School Uniform Shop

The school shop has re-opened. Opening hours are: Term time Monday to Friday 1.00pm – 5.00pm. Last day of term - Thursday 10th December 1.00pm – 5.00pm. Holidays - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Christmas Holiday opening times: All 1.00pm-5.00pm - Friday 11th December, Monday 14th December, Wednesday 16th December, Friday 18th December. From Monday 4th January, open weekdays 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Parents can still order online. Please see the website: [here](#) then Search By School, enter Pocklington School and click Shop Now. The password is York should you need it. Mrs Amanda Smith, School Shop Manager



Careers and Business Network Event: Wednesday 9th December 6.00pm – 7.00pm Online

The event is open to everyone in the wider Pocklington School community, including current and former parents, Old Pocklingtonians, current and former staff and supporters. If you would like to come, please register your attendance with Rachel Dare via email [here](#) as soon as possible, or by Monday 7 December at the latest. Please note, places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. For further information please click [here](#). Old Pocklingtonian Association

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Out of School notices:



Pocklington Rugby in the Community

Pocklington Rugby in the Community has applied for one of the KCOM community grants which gives funding to charities working to make a positive difference to life in our region.

They are one of 6 potential recipients of a donation and require your vote to secure the £700 we need to fund delivery of Christmas lunch for the lonely, elderly, isolated and vulnerable in Pocklington and surrounding area.

The club are aiming to supply and deliver over 100 meals at a total cost £10 per head, prepared and cooked by the Rugby Club caterers and volunteers.

Please click on the link below to vote

<https://www.kcom.com/.../our-re.../in-the-community-voting-open/>

Mr Wheeler i/c Rugby



David Byas Sports Academy

Winter Cricket Programme - We are pleased to announce that our Winter Cricket Programme can resume after the Christmas break. Sessions will commence w/b 4th January and we still have spaces for the Thursday session (8-11yrs) and Fridays (12-13yrs). All sessions take place in the school Sports Hall and sessions are limited to 12 players.

Christmas Hockey Camp - Our Christmas 2 Day Hockey camp takes place on Mon 21st and Tues 22nd Dec and we currently have 15 places left. We offer a two day and a one day option. Please book online to avoid disappointment. Our February Half Term Camp takes place on the 18th-19th Feb and you can book online now.

Christmas Hockey and Cricket 1:1 Sessions - David will be offering 1:1 sessions for Hockey and Cricket on Tues 15th, Wed 16th, Thurs 17th and Fri 18th December. These hourly sessions cost £40. Please email david@byasacademy.co.uk to arrange a time slot BEFORE booking and paying online.

Netball - Unfortunately we are unable to offer the Netball Two Day camp this Christmas due to England Netball restrictions and the school closure however we are taking bookings for our February Half Term Camp on the 16th and 17th February. To book and for more information on all our camp's visit www.byasacademy.co.uk, email info@byasacademy.co.uk or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram Mr D Byas, Director of Sport

Dates for your diary next week:

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| Monday 7th December | Year 3 Reverse Advent Calendar |
| Tuesday 8th December | Year 4 Reverse Advent Calendar |
| Wednesday 9th December | Year 5 Reverse Advent Calendar |
| Thursday 10th December | Year 6 Reverse Advent Calendar |
| | Christmas Jumper Day (along with donation for Candlelighters) |
| | 'Celebration of Christmas' 7pm via Zoom |