



SCHOOL MATTERS



Fortnightly newsletter of Poulton-le-Fylde, St Chad's CE Primary School

Happy St George's
Day!

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Head Teacher's Message

How lovely to see our pupils returning to school after Easter in their summer school uniforms! It's another sign of a sense of normality returning. We hope that it will not be too long before we can do away with bubbles and staggered starts. We are particularly looking forward to returning to serving lunches in the hall and to coming together as a whole school *in person* for worship! Until then, I would like to thank you once again for supporting our safety procedures and our efforts to keep the whole school safe.

Last Sunday, I was present in St Chad's Church for the Confirmation and First Communion Service. Bishop Jill, The Bishop of Lancaster, Confirmed some of our current Year 6 pupils alongside some of last year's Year 6 pupils whose Confirmation was postponed by the pandemic. Although we had to observe social distancing and wear masks, it was a joyous event as these young people took their next step in their Christian journey of faith. It was also a reminder of how special it is to be a part of a Church school.

Parents of next year's Reception pupils were informed last week about their choices. We look forward to welcoming both parents and children into our school community.

Mr. Leeming
Headteacher

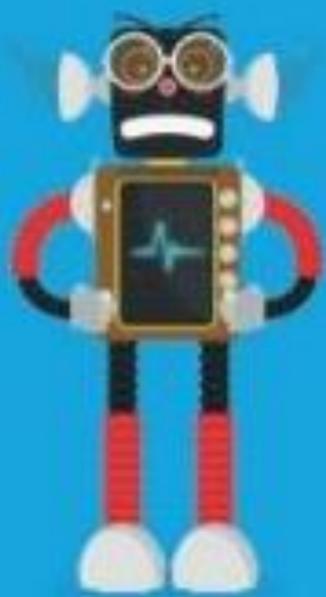
Calendar Dates

- **Monday 3rd May**
School closed for May Bank Holiday.
- **Friday 21st May**
Last day of half term. Normal finish times.
- **Monday 7th June**
School Summer term restarts.

Reminder

- **Mon 26th April**
Class photographs

Worship Focus



Don't Rub it In,
Rub it Out!

We are continuing our *Heart Smart* theme this term looking at how to deal with friendships when things go wrong.

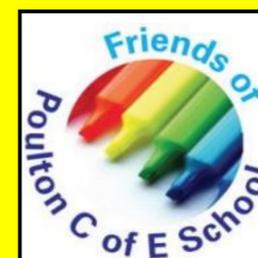
Bags 2 school collection

A big thank you to all who donated to the bags2school. A staggering £345 was raised which will go towards school funds.

Easter Raffle

Well done to all the Easter Raffle prize winners! A full list of all winners and prizes are on the Friends Facebook page.

For more information about Friends events, see our web page here: [Friends Website](#)





The Face Behind the Voice!

If you have called the office recently, you will have noticed that our automated welcome message has changed. The voice you will now hear at the end of the phone is Brooke from Seals Class.

I asked her how she felt about her new-found fame.

"I was a very nervous at first and had to do a lot of takes. Once I read it a few times, I knew I was going to get it right."



Well Done Brooke!

Staying safe in the Sun

Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.

Take extra care to protect babies and children. Their skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to skin cancer developing in later life. Children aged under 6 months should be kept out of direct strong sunlight. From March to October in the UK, children should:

- cover up with suitable clothing
- spend time in the shade, particularly from 11am to 3pm
- wear at least SPF30 sunscreen

Apply sunscreen to areas not protected by clothing, such as the face, ears, feet and backs of hands.

What are the SPF and star rating?

The sun protection factor, or SPF, is a measure of the amount of ultraviolet B radiation (UVB) protection.

SPFs are rated on a scale of 2 to 50+ based on the level of protection they offer, with 50+ offering the strongest form of UVB protection.

The star rating measures the amount of ultraviolet A radiation (UVA) protection. You should see a star rating of up to 5 stars on UK sunscreens. The higher the star rating, the better.

The letters "UVA" inside a circle is a European marking. This means the UVA protection is at least a third of the SPF value and meets EU recommendations.

Sunscreens that offer both UVA and UVB protection are sometimes called broad spectrum.

Birthday Celebrations!

In Autumn term, we started celebrating pupil's birthdays in school with a cupcake and party games during the last session on the last Friday of the month. Unfortunately, due to lockdown we were not able to continue. We will celebrate birthdays from Dec-April on Friday 30 April.

English children will have the chance to tell the government what their childhoods should look like.

'The Big Ask' will find out from kids what life is like for them, what hopes and aspirations they have for the future and what challenges they face.

The survey is being led by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, who thinks it is important to look at the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on children's lives.



[HAVE YOUR SAY HERE](#)



We are excited to be entering the 'Show Racism the Red Card' school competition. We will be learning more about this important topic in class.

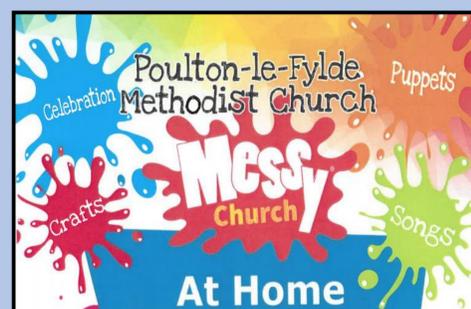
This is the UK's largest equalities themed school competition and we are entering all creative categories including artwork, creative writing, song and film.

We look forward to sharing our hard work, imagination and understanding of this serious issue with you all soon.

Worship

All Age Worship

Sunday 2nd May 10am @ St Chad's Church



Messy Church At Home organised by Poulton Methodist church. For more information and to order a bag of crafts.

[email here.](#)



Staying safe online

Online abuse is a major area of concern. There is growing pressure on children to access social media to keep in touch with friends with the fear of being 'left out'.

Police Digital Security Centre has teamed up with ChildSafeVPN to create these Social Media guides for parents, which include the recommended ages on accounts and details of how each social media platform works.

[Social Media Guides](#)