



New to Nursery Open Afternoon **Wednesday 15th November 1.30pm**

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!!

This year our new to Nursery open afternoon will run in line with world Nursery rhyme week.

We love rhymes and singing in Nursery and we would love you to come along and join us for our exciting afternoon of fun.

We look forward to meeting you all!



Christmas Fayre Donation Dates

We will be having non-uniform days on the following dates in preparation for our Christmas Fayre.



Friday 27th October **Chocolate Donation**

This is also Change for Life Day - we are asking that children come to school in **sports clothing** on this day as they will be taking part in sporting activities throughout the day.

Friday 24th November **Christmas Colour Donation**

More information to follow.

Friday 1st December **Bottle Donation**

Thursday 7th December **Decorate and Fill a Bag**



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

SPOOKY DISCO

26TH OCTOBER

NURSERY & RECEPTION 2-2:45PM £2.50
YEARS 1,2 & 3 3-4PM £3.50
YEARS 4,5&6 4:30-5:30PM £3.50

UNLIMITED JUICE INCLUDED

HOTDOGS AND SNACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY

PAYMENT TO BE MADE VIA PARENTPAY

Spooky Disco

Thursday 26th October

*Children in Nursery and Reception are to come to school in disco clothing.

*Children in Year 1, 2 and 3 need to bring their clothing to school in a carrier bag to change into.

*Every child attending the disco, will need collecting by an adult, including year 5 and 6 children.

*No mobile phones allowed.

*Snacks will be available to purchase from 50p.

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 27th October - School Closes

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November
(Half Term)

Monday 6th November - School Opens

Monday 27th November - School Closed Inset Day 2

Friday 22nd December - School Closes 1.00pm

Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January
(Christmas Holiday)

Date Change

Nursery and Reception Nativity Dates

Monday 11th December 9.00am

Thursday 14th December 2.00pm

Please note the change of date in bold due to a clash with the Foundation Stage Christmas trip.



School Values



This weeks winners who demonstrated our school value **Respect** are:

1JT - Sam

1NH - Remee

2PW - Pixie

2JH - Maxyanne

3LS - Ivy

3JG - Logan

4CH - Evie

4GN - Maddison

5EB - Scarlett

5GL - All of 5GL

6JM - Jack

6RS - Beauen

Parents Evening

**Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th
November**

Appointment lists are displayed on
classroom doors.

If you require any assistance making an
appointment, please contact the office who
will be happy to help.

New Date for your Diary

KS2 Carol Concert St James Church

6.00pm

Tuesday 19th December.

Attendance

Our challenge this year is to achieve 97%
attendance overall by July 2024.

Current whole school attendance since
September is 96.2%

Whole school attendance this week is 96.8%

This weeks classs with the best attendance is
5EB & 3LS - 100%

Well done.

Thank you for contacting the absence line if
your child is off school. Polite reminder to give
reason for your child's absence on the message.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tower Of London Visit

Coronation Club

Children who took part in the Coronation Art
Club last year enjoyed a day trip to London
this week, visiting The
Tower Of London and
The Jewel House.

They had a fabulous
day and were a credit
to Packmoor.



Year 6 Admission to Secondary School

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 31st
October.

www.stoke.gov.uk

**It is important that you apply on time as late
admissions mean you may not get your first
choice of High School.**

Well done Jaxon who has achieved
Mini Stars Level 4 Clownfish Award
in Swimming.



Children In Need/Packmoor's Got Talent

We are excited to announce that for this year's Children In Need day we will be holding a Packmoor's Got Talent, talent show!

The contest is open to all year groups and children can enter as a solo performer or as part of a group.

Children who would like to enter the competition should let their class teacher know the name of the act and participants names via dojo or Tapestry no later than **Friday 27th October.**

The children will then perform in front of their year group during the week of 6th Nov 2023.

A semi finalist from each year group will be selected and they will then go onto perform on Children in Need Day (Friday 17th November) in front of the whole school.

The winners of the competition may then have the opportunity to perform in the 2024 national OAT'S got talent competition.

October Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 30th October to
Friday 3rd November

£22.50 per day

8.00am - 5.00pm

Book your place on
Parent pay or email
club@packmoor.co.uk

Due to staffing arrangements,
we can no longer accept
bookings on the day.

October half term
30th Oct to 3rd Nov

Busy Bees would like to announce that our holiday club will be running again this half term! Come and join in our **spooktacular** activities running throughout this October half term. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Activities: Face Painting, Games, Pumpkin Carving, Spooky fun!, Cooking, Sports

£22.50 a day

£22.50 a day*, breakfast and lunch provided, all you need is your evening lunch box, open 8am to 5pm
For further information, please contact Busy Bees Club via email : Club@packmoor.co.uk
Always happy to help (*subject to change)

Boys Football

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 boys football team, who played brilliantly at the Stoke-on-Trent School Games City Football Competition yesterday.



Tempest Photo Returns

Have you ordered your school photos yet?
Polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is

Monday 30th October

Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit
www.tempest-orders.co.uk

Flu Immunisation Catch up Clinic

If your child has not received their flu vaccination either in school or from their GP surgery you can now book your child into one of the School Age Immunisation Service's community flu vaccination clinics.

**Thursday 2nd November -
Smallthorne Health Centre 9.30am - 3.00pm.**

Please call **0300 124 0366** to book an appointment .



PACKMOOR ORMISTON ACADEMY

Christmas Jumper Donation

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS? JUMPERS THAT NO LONGER FIT OR ARE SIMPLY TAKING UP SPACE IN THE BACK OF YOUR WARDROBE

IF SO, WE WILL BE COLLECTING BOTH CHILD AND ADULT SIZED JUMPERS ON

**Friday 10th November 8:30am
at the year 5/6 double doors**

THESE WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN ORDER TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL

Get ready to get cozy!



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2023

Create a festive drawing
and your design could feature on our trust's Christmas cards this year!

STEP 1
Design a Christmas card on one side of A4 paper

STEP 2
Remember to include your name, year group and academy

STEP 3
Send the entries to OAT marketing by the deadline

CLOSING DATE
8 NOV 2023

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ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER

*more information will be shared with the art lead at your school.

Please give your entries to: _____ By: _____

Wreath Making Workshop

Wednesday 22nd November
4.30pm-6.30pm

For each person who attends the class £5 will be donated to


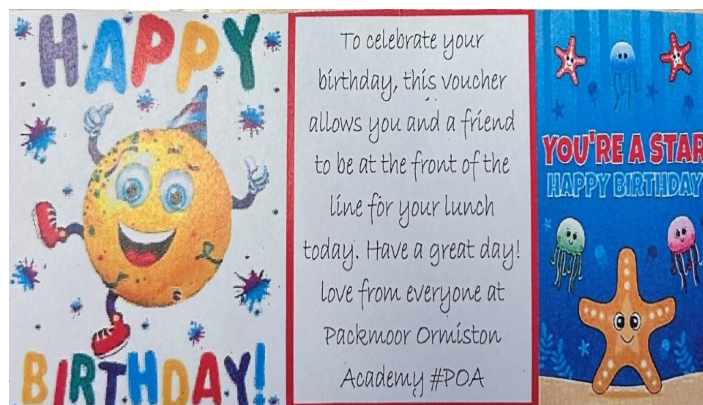
" Packmoor Ormiston Academy PTA"

The class will take place in the school hall @
Packmoor Ormiston Academy
Carr Street
Packmoor
ST7 4SP

£40 per person

£10 deposit required to secure your place (Non refundable)

To book, text Stacey on 07872337017 or via my Facebook page @ Staceysbouquets

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To celebrate your birthday, this voucher allows you and a friend to be at the front of the line for your lunch today. Have a great day!

Love from everyone at Packmoor Ormiston Academy #POA

YOU'RE A STAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating their birthdays this week are:
Dougie, Mikaeel, Maisie, Freddie, Alex, Indie,
Theo, Abbie, Leon, Eliana

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about — SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to *always* meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you *really* want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

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