



# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



Christmas is coming and we have a busy week or two ahead.

Christmas dinner is next Wednesday. Thank you to Miss Cartwright and the kitchen team for all of their efforts to make this day special again this year.

On Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, we will also be wearing our Christmas Jumpers raising money for Save the Children, please bring a 50p donation if you can.

Our new tradition of Christmas Videos is continuing and these are being prepared.

Reception families are being invited to join us at St Columba's on 14<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the Nativity story.

Christmas Crafts and Carols is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2.00-3.00pm.

Christmas Party Day is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

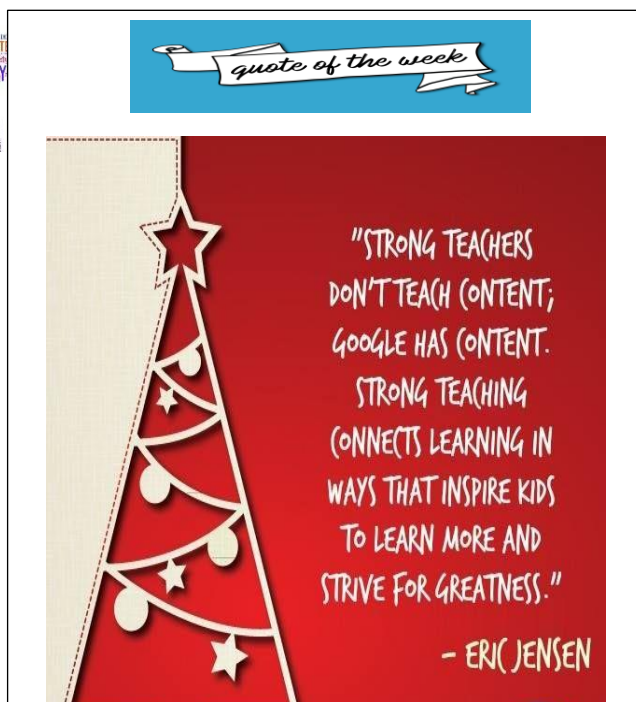
Children may come to school in 'Party clothes'. Non-uniform with suitable shoes and a coat for the weather please.

We break up for Christmas just after lunch on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

The children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Oak	77.27% 😞	200
R	Ash	82.95%	127
1	Elm	95.69%	30 😊
1	Cherry	88.36%	59
2	Fir	95.69%	265
2	Yew	91.67%	214
3	Cedar	87.95%	355
3	Hazel	93.52%	105
4	Chestnut	91.35%	84
4	Holly	98.08%	39
5	Maple	99.50% 😊	139
5	Sycamore	83.65%	152
6	Birch	84.38%	103
6	Willow	87.08%	473 😞
<b>Whole School Attendance this week ....</b>		<b>88.76%</b>	





## A Timely Reminder about E-Safety

### 12 Christmas Tips...

1. Set parental controls on new devices
2. Talk about safe selfies
3. Know the PEGI ratings for games
4. Set a digital sunset
5. Manage screen time
6. No tech at mealtimes
7. Remember the ratings for Apps
8. Set up home internet filtering
9. Don't share personal information
10. Protect your password
11. Talk to your children about e-safety
12. Remember online stranger danger

If you require any support please contact Mr Reeves or Miss Fry at School.



In keeping with tradition the children will start their Christmas Holiday during the afternoon of WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Please collect your children at the time below from the allocated gate

1.40pm	Reception EYFS Gate	Year 1 Main Gate	Year 2 Little Acorns Gate	
1.50pm	Year 5 EYFS Gate	Year 6 Little Acorns Gate	Year 3 Kitchen Side Gate	Year 4 Main Gate

Please arrive and leave promptly.

Little Pine Cones and Little Acorns sessions finish on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF OUR PINEHURST FAMILY



We have a few staff leaving us at the end of term.

Mrs Cann is retiring after 24 years at Pinehurst. Mrs Cann has taught in lots of year groups across the school and in recent years has lead Numbers Counts groups with many of the Pinehurst children.

Mrs Graham, one of our Midday Assistants, is also retiring. She has been part of the Pinehurst Family for 26 years.

Miss Hannah will be leaving us after 18 months in our Pinehurst Family.

Mrs Pitfield, who has been seconded to us whilst Mrs Steers has been on maternity leave is returning to her school.

We would like to thank all of these staff for their commitment to the Pinehurst Family and wish them well in their next chapter and any future adventures that await.



Welcome back to Mrs Steers who returned this week from maternity leave.

Reminder: Please be reminded that children should not use the climbing frame or trim trail following dismissal at the end of the school day. Please arrive and leave the playground promptly at this time.