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THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School



Teaching and  Learning

Let's Count! 

Children are taught to value the importance of mental maths in their mathematical development. Knowledge, understanding and skills to develop numeracy are taught in the daily maths lesson and a wide range of experiences including practical, games, investigations and problem-solving activities are used. Maths is used in a wide range of contexts to help children appreciate the purpose and relevance of mathematics in the real world.

The next Census is taking place this weekend, on Sunday 21st March. This day comes around once every 10 years and is crucial in helping the government decide how funding is spent in our area.

Today, in school, we have been taking part in the Census education programme: Let's Count. We have done this to play our part in spreading the word about the importance of the census, and to get stuck into some more maths! In school, it has given us a further opportunity to deepen our curriculum and experience maths in variety of difference contexts, such as; history, cooking, PSHE, P.E and a number of other subjects.

We will be creating a display in school and promoting this on Twitter for the Pinehurst Family to see - and we would love your help in spreading the word! By doing so, we will be entered into a competition to win £1,000 worth of new equipment for our school. If you have done any counting at home, or will be doing some over the weekend, let us know by tagging in our school on Twitter @PinehurstP and the census @Census2021 with the hashtag #LetsCount

If you want to find out more about what we've been up to today, check out our social media channels and for more information about Let's Count, you can visit www.letscount.org.uk

Leading Maths at Pinehurst are Mr Timms and Miss Hamilton

Weekly Attendance Leader Board

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
R	Ash	95.65%
R	Oak	89.09% ☹️
1	Cherry	95.42%
1	Elm	91.54%
2	Fir	94.26%
2	Yew	96.72%
3	Cedar	91.24%
3	Hazel	94.40%
4	Chestnut	98.13% 😊
4	Holly	96.37%
5	Maple	94.01%
5	Sycamore	94.92%
6	Birch	94.50%
6	Willow	96.48%



"A child without education is like a bird without wings."
—Tibetan Proverb

School Attendance – Whole School 94.28%

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in the future.



IMPORTANT - Please return any reading books that you still have at home from the lockdown period. We will be informing parents and carers of children with lost reading books of a charge which is essential to help us replenish our stocks. Thank you

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies

What type of sandals do frogs wear?
Open-toad.

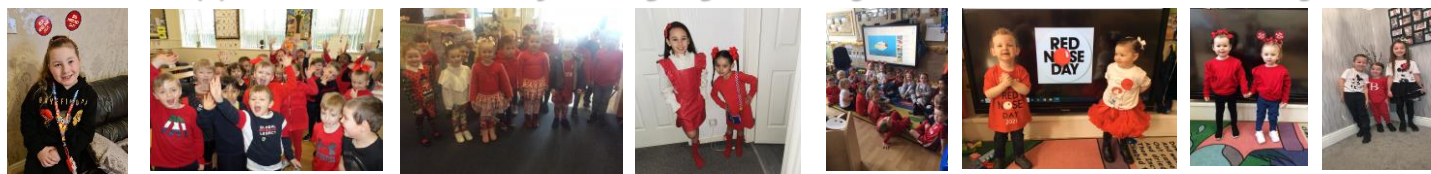
How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?
Once. The next time you would be subtracting 10 from 90.



Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use honeycombs.

What's the best thing about Switzerland?
I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

We have supported Comic Relief today by wearing RED to School and telling JOKES



Easter Fun

Unfortunately we can't allow everyone to bring in Easter Bonnets from home with the COVID restrictions but that does not stop you making one at home this weekend or joining in with some other Easter / Spring Craft.
Tweet us your pictures or send them through on Dojo, and we will pick some winners for a chocolatey treat next week.



COVID Safety Reminders

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ALL WORK TOGETHER AND FOLLOW THESE COVID19 REMINDERS

Please ensure that you **distance** from other adults and families at drop off and pick up.

One adult per child at drop off / pick up please.

Once you have dropped off or collected your child please **leave as quickly as possible**. We need to avoid congestion at the gates and on the playground. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Face coverings MUST BE WORN at pick up / drop off please.

Staggered drop off and pick up and access points

Gate	EYFS Reception	Little Pine Cones	Little Acorns	Rear Playground Main Gate	Side Playground Usually for Kitchen access
8.40 / 2.55	Reception				
8.40 / 3.00			Year 2	Year 1	
8.45 / 3.30		LPC	LA		
8.50 / 3.20	Year 6			Year 5	
9.00 / 3.30				Year 4	Year 3

No unnecessary items including large school bags or pencil cases in school at this time please. Please ensure that your child on brings a SMALL bag on book return and issue days.

Pinehurst **PE Kit to be worn 1 allocated day per week.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6 Reception and Year 1		Year 3	Year 2

Please bring a **named water bottle** to school each day.

Alternate lunches of hot and cold options, children may bring a packed lunch if this is their preference.

Due to ventilation requirements, if your child is cold in school they should **wear extra layers**. This may include a vest or additional layer under their polo shirt, or a school or navy fleece over their sweatshirt.

If your child has a **COVID symptom** of a cough, high temperature (above 37.8 degrees) or a loss of taste or smell they **must stay off school** and get tested for COVID19. The same applies to children **if a household member has these symptoms**. The whole household must self isolate and the children must stay off school.

Once the test results are in, **school must be informed IMMEDIATELY**. If it is during school hours please call the office 0151 263 1300, if it is outside school hours please call or text 07858 739336.

In the event of a school bubble having to isolate notification will be by text, tweet and letters will be published on our website.
Please ensure that you check your phone for such messages.