



# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and  Learning



Earlier this month, it was British Science Week, so we have put our scientific knowledge under the microscope for this week's newsletter. The National Curriculum for Science aims to ensure that all pupils develop understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science, through different types of science enquiries, that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them.

**Leading Science at Pinehurst and setting you three Scientific challenges on a Physics theme this week is Mrs Smith.**

**Sticky Rice:** Get a clean jam jar. Fill to the top with rice. Hold the jar firmly with one hand, push a pencil right to the bottom. Pull the pencil up slowly but not all the way out. The push it back down again. If the rice level starts to drop, top up the rice. Eventually, the rice will compact around your pencil, and you will be able to lift the whole jar with the pencil. When this happens, the friction between the pencil and rice is so large that you cannot easily pull the pencil out!

**Bend water with static electricity:** Blow up a balloon and rub it against your head to build up a static charge. Do this for several minutes to really get a decent charge. Then, turn a tap on: it should be on enough for a steady but slow stream of water to come out, not just drips. Bring the balloon close to the stream of water and observe what happens!

**Super bouncing:** Grab a tennis ball. Drop it on the floor and see how high it bounces. Now grab a basketball. Drop it on the floor and see how high it bounces. Now put the tennis ball on top of the basketball; support the basketball with one hand and the tennis ball with the other. Drop your two balls at exactly the same time. Now go and ask next-door for your tennis ball back.

## Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
R	Ash	94.5%
R	Oak	88.8%
1	Cherry	84.5%
1	Elm	87.1%
2	Fir	94.3%
2	Yew	91.1%
3	Cedar	91%
3	Hazel	89.6%
4	Chestnut	94.7% 😊
4	Holly	90%
5	Maple	91.7%
5	Sycamore	89.1%
6	Birch	83.3%
6	Willow	93.4%

*quote of the week*

**NEVER STOP  
LEARNING; FOR  
WHEN WE STOP  
LEARNING, WE  
STOP GROWING.**

- Loyal 'Jack' Lewman

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies



## Good Bye and Good Luck

At the end of April we say Good Bye and Good Luck to Mr Briscoe. I am sure that all of the Pinehurst Family would like to wish him well as he leaves us after almost 10 years. We wish Mr Briscoe success and happiness in the future.

## COVID Safety Reminders

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

### Easter Holiday Track and Trace

If your child tests positive for COVID -19 over the Easter Holiday please remember to inform us by call or text on our Emergency Out of Hours Number. This is particularly important if they become symptomatic or have a positive asymptomatic test before Monday 29th March. If there is a positive case in the School Community before Monday 29th March any direct contacts from school will be informed and asked to self isolate.

### TOP TIP

Get tested if you can before our return. All staff will test before returning to school. If you can complete a home test or visit an Asymptomatic Testing site the weekend before we return this will help to keep us all safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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

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.

Please bring a named water bottle to school each day.

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.



We will be reviewing our After School clubs offer after the Easter break in line with any changes to National Guidance. If / when we can restart Rainbows and other After School activities we will let you know. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



We break up today for our Spring Break Holiday. Children return to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Please have a lovely Easter.

Take care ~ Stay safe ~ Keep well