

30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

REMINDER - School is closed on Monday for Bank Holiday. See you bright and early on Tuesday!



# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



At Pinehurst we promote a love of writing. Our rich and varied curriculum provides the children with a range of stimuli for writing. Children write with a purpose and across the range of subject areas. They enjoy writing fiction and non-fiction texts. So this week we are setting a creative story writing challenge for children and their families. Use our Top Ten Tips for 'How to Write your Best Story Ever!' and send in your completed work by half term.

### Story sparks

Every story needs a spark of inspiration. Encourage your child to look out for story ideas in everyday life. Maybe a place you visit on a day out could become the setting for a spooky story, or a newspaper headline about a Jack Russell terrier who makes friends with a tiger could inspire an amazing animal tale. When you start looking, you can find inspiration everywhere!

### All you need is a book

Give your child a creative space that's their own – a notebook or journal for them to scribble down story ideas, invent incredible characters or even draw pictures of the places where they want to set their story.

### Reader to writer

Every writer is a reader and every reader can be a writer too. Talk to your child about the books they are reading. What are the best bits? What are the worst? Who's their favourite character and why? Encourage them to write down favourite lines and think about how the books they are reading could inspire their own spin-off stories and sequels.

### Opening lines

Sometimes the hardest thing about writing a story is the fear of the blank page. Help your child to conquer this fear by giving them an opening line. Challenge them to take a book off their bookshelf and use the opening line as the first line of their own story.

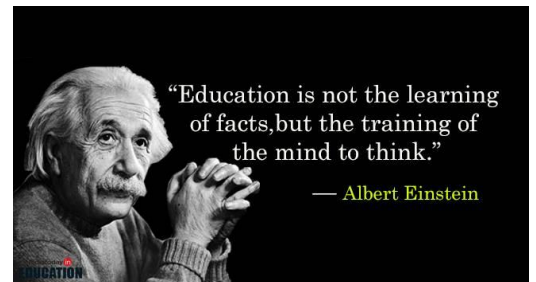
### Remix a story

Making a mash-up story that mixes together characters from different books, films and TV shows can be a lot of fun. Get your child to choose a favourite character from a book and create a story that puts them into their favourite TV show or videogame. How would Sherlock Holmes solve a Minecraft mystery? Encourage your child to let their imagination run wild as they write their mash-up story

Leading English and Writing at Pinehurst Mrs Muirhead and Miss Thomas

## Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
R	Ash	93.20%
R	Oak	88.80%
1	Cherry	87.50% ☹️
1	Elm	99.62% 😊
2	Fir	94.62%
2	Yew	95.12%
3	Cedar	91.92%
3	Hazel	96.40%
4	Chestnut	93.33%
4	Holly	90.64%
5	Maple	98.91%
5	Sycamore	90.69%
6	Birch	93.06%
6	Willow	97.27%



Whole School Attendance this week... 94%

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies



## May Day

May Day is a public holiday usually celebrated on 1st May.

It is an ancient Northern Hemisphere spring festival and a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the festivities.

Enjoy celebrating May Day on Monday 3rd May when school is CLOSED to pupils and staff.

A Reminder from the Eco Councillors... Please be respectful of our local area which includes no littering and supporting Father Daniel in keeping the Church grounds tidy.



This week we started two trial after school clubs.

This half term we have:

Basketball for Year 6

Football Multiskills for Sycamore class

They are on Tuesday evenings until 4.15pm

We will update you on our Summer 2 offer in due course.

## 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.

**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**.

All children should be collected at their allocated time please. Collecting siblings early is impacting on missed learning time. Thank you for your cooperation.



Parent View  
Your child's school

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

Please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and complete the questionnaire

There is a direct link on our school website under Ofsted on the 'About Us' Tab.



### ONLINE SAFETY

Parents please be aware of two new apps your child could be using.

DISCORD is an App that lets people chat via text, voice or video in real-time. It is very popular with gamers

OMEGLE is advertised as 'a free online chat website that allows users to socialise with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions.

**Be smart on the internet**

**S SAFE** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

**M MEETING** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

**A ACCEPTING** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems - they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

**R RELIABLE** Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

**T TELL** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**THINK KNOW** Visit Childnet's KidSMART website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

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