



# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



We loved seeing what you got up to over half term on Twitter, there was so much outdoor learning.

The benefits of Outdoor Learning.

Outdoor experiences may encompass physical; intellectual; emotional; social; and spiritual development. Children are encouraged to extend themselves and to build values about: inter-personal relationships; the sustainable use of the environment; and their relationship with and responsibilities towards their community and the wider world in which they live and play a part.

Areas of focus:

- \* Fun, enjoyment, sense of community, shared experience
- \* Outdoor sport and activity skills (climbing, canoeing, archery, sailing, orienteering, mountain biking)
  - \* Teaching a curriculum (geography, geology, environmental studies)
  - \* Self-development (proactivity, resilience, confidence, patience, fairness)
  - \* Supporting a curriculum (Maths, English, History, Science)
- \* Relational development (group membership, team building, leadership, followership)
  - \* Transferable skills (communication, problem solving, initiative, risk-taking)

## Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
R	Ash	92.86%
R	Oak	91.35%
1	Cherry	93.98%
1	Elm	98.61% 😊
2	Fir	98.44%
2	Yew	97.00%
3	Cedar	96.00%
3	Hazel	91.67%
4	Chestnut	93.94%
4	Holly	92.13%
5	Maple	94.91%
5	Sycamore	89.66% 😞
6	Birch	96.02%
6	Willow	95.63%
Whole School		94.23%



'Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out'

Robert Collier

School Contact Number for Emergencies 07858 739336

## Importance of School Attendance

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

We have started the new half term with whole school attendance of ... 94.23%

Remember that our target is 97%+ and we need everyone to work this us to help us achieve this.

## Nursery Applications

If you, a friend or family member have a child who is currently 2 years old, and would like them to attend our Little Acorns Nursery upon turning 3, please ensure your applications are handed in to the school office to secure your place on the waiting list.

Additionally we have our Little Pine Cones provision for children who are 2 years old. Please visit the school office to enquire about an admissions form if this is of interest to you.



Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions and fluctuating infection rates we have taken the decision not to extend our extra curricular offer this half term. We maintain that our current priority is to keep children safe in school and learning and take as many steps as possible to reduce the likelihood of contact isolation from school. We thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.



Please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before school and brings a sun hat and water bottle in this warmer weather.  
Thank you for your understanding.



If you need to speak with your child's class teacher please arrange a mutually convenient time or contact the school office. Please be reminded that staff spend their time before the children start school and after they have been dismissed carrying out planning and preparation for lessons. The end of the day is often more convenient due to time constraints. If the matter you need to discuss is urgent a member of staff will always make the necessary arrangements to speak with you in person or on the telephone. Thank you



Dates for your diary...

We break up on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

We will advise on arrangements for dismissal later in the term.

Pupils return on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

## 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**.



Next week we are celebrating Refugee Week.

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

We will be thinking about our school as a School of Sanctuary, a safe and welcoming place for all.

We have some special visitors coming into school. Mr Downing from Merseyside Asylum Link will be coming to talk to the children about what it might feel like to be a refugee, the celebrated Liverpool poet Levi Tafari will be doing workshops and performances, we have some drummers coming to work with one of our year groups organised by Miss Kelly and at the end of the week we have two musicians coming to perform and create music from around the globe.

If any of our children/families would like to play music or sing a song in a language other than English that would be fantastic! Do we have any musicians out there? If so you could record your music and email it to school.

Miss McBride and Ms Cook will be launching a competition open to all children. We would like children to think about how we need to work together to make a happy welcoming school. We will photograph and display the entries and pick the winners!

We hope that you have a great week.

Keep up the fantastic School of Sanctuary work.

Ms Cook and Mrs Jolley

### Monthly Cook-A-Long

We have noticed just how many of you have been enjoying cooking together over lockdown, and wanted to build on this, with some more opportunities for you to enjoy cooking together as a family.

With the support of Mrs Wright and 'Apple of My Eye' we launched our Easy Family Cooking Online course last term.

The course was a real success, with weekly video demonstrations of how to make a simple, tasty, and nutritious savoury dish for all of the family.

We will now run monthly cookery sessions. The link for the course will be posted on Class Dojo each month and you can choose to join in at home with your own ingredients or return the slip alongside to have your ingredients supplied by school.

We hope that lots of you will choose to join in and develop some new skills and enjoy the opportunity to cook together as a family.

**This month it is Paella... If you would like an ingredients pack on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, please return the reply slip alongside by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.**



**I would like a Paella Ingredients pack for the June Cook-A-Long**

Name of child:

\_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick:

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_