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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



### Why Does Attendance Matter?

Attending school means so much more than learning to read, write and count. When we regularly attend school we develop our social skills, like making friends and resolving conflict. We learn to build life skills such as resilience and responsibility.

We also gain a sense of belonging.

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to experience greater academic success, less mental and physical health problems and better life chances.

As soon as your child starts school, every day they are absent can potentially impact upon their future.

If a child has 90% attendance over the school year, this is the same as having

½ a day off each week

19 days off a year

If a child has 85% attendance this means they have learnt around 250 lessons

Every child has the right to an education. Let's work together to make sure this happens.

If you feel like you need any support about helping your child to attend school regularly, please speak to Mrs Steers or Ms Wigelsworth.

### Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	92.4%	90
R	Oak	93.1%	322
1	Elm	95.7% 😊	38 😊
1	Cherry	85.7%	228
2	Fir	93.6%	210
2	Yew	90.3%	269
3	Cedar	88.7%	93
3	Hazel	89.3%	396
4	Chestnut	90.0%	458 😞
4	Holly	88.6%	98
5	Maple	92.9%	249
5	Sycamore	85.2% 😞	43
6	Birch	88.5%	95
6	Willow	90.5%	181
Whole School		90.32%	



### ATTENTION

### YEAR 6 PARENTS and CARERS

Secondary School Transfer for Year 7

**Closing Date**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

Please visit your local authority website for the admissions guidance.

If you are having difficulties applying school are here to support you.

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only

## quote of the week

A well-educated  
mind will always  
have more questions  
than answers.

*Helen Keller*

### Antibullying Week Approaching ...

When is Odd Socks Day 2023?

Odd Socks Day is typically observed on the second Monday in November each year. In 2023, it falls on November 13th.



Flu vaccination date

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November



We break up today for half term

Children return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
November

Set those reminders and alarms for the  
first day back. Have a lovely holiday!

## Congratulations to June Simm MBE

Congratulations to our Chair of Governors Mrs June Simm who was appointed MBE in the New Year's Honours list and has recently received her award from the Princess Royal at Windsor Castle.



**Tell us a bit about why you were nominated for the MBE.**

"I was nominated for my services to education. As well as being a secondary RE teacher for 38 years, 36 of them in the same Liverpool school, my life in education did not end once I retired in 2010. I am a governor in four Liverpool primary schools and chair in two of them. I sit on school admission appeals panels and exclusion review panels. I have done work for Community Spirit, working with children of all ages as well as trainee teachers, I run a Worship group in Emmaus school and help to prepare our St Cuthbert's young people for confirmation – and I do private tutoring!"

**How did you feel when it was announced?**

"I cried!! I was absolutely shocked and overwhelmed with emotion at the response of my past pupils. You don't think that things like that happen to you!"

**Tell us about the ceremony and receiving the medal.**

"The ceremony was at Windsor Castle and I received my medal from the Princess Royal. Everything was so well organised although having been told exactly what would happen, I had forgotten it all by the time I left that room. There was a string orchestra playing and as my husband and I approached the room where the investiture took place, they were playing Panis Angelicus, which we had at our wedding 50 years ago! Princess Anne was amazing. She put you at your ease immediately and she must have an amazing memory to have talked to me about the things she did. She asked if I was still as busy, then she asked if I chose to teach RE and when I said yes, we had a conversation about the importance of the subject in today's world. She then picked up on the Liverpool connection and asked if it could be challenging teaching RE in Liverpool secondary schools. The signal that it is your time to leave is when she shakes your hand. My one error – I forgot to bow as I left, something my husband loves to remind me about!"