

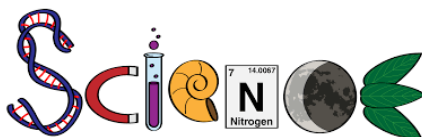


THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and **L**earning



Along with English and maths, science remains one of the main core subjects in primary school. It can be one of the most exciting and practical subjects and, as a result, is a real joy for teachers and pupils.

Children love the chance to learn through being totally hands-on and finding things out for themselves — the perfect way to understand the world around them. A positive primary science experience is also key to encouraging future generations to not only study this at secondary school, but also potentially to follow it as a career.

The working scientifically component of the curriculum sets out the practical scientific methods, processes and skills that pupils should be taught to use through their learning of the conceptual content.

Working in a scientific way should not, therefore, to be taught as a separate element of the curriculum but must be embedded into the teaching of the conceptual content.

Pupils are given opportunities to answer scientific questions using the five types of scientific enquiry: observing over time; pattern seeking; identifying, classifying and grouping; comparative and fair testing (controlled investigations); and researching using secondary sources

Leading Science at Pinehurst – Ms MacDiarmid

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
R	Ash	91.5%	95 😊
R	Oak	87.5%	363
1	Elm	97.2% 😊	315
1	Cherry	90.3%	361
2	Fir	92.5%	288
2	Yew	93.7%	254
3	Cedar	88.9%	421
3	Hazel	86.0% 😞	425 😞
4	Chestnut	90.0%	385
4	Holly	89.3%	238
5	Maple	95.1%	128
5	Sycamore	92.3%	197
6	Birch	86.3%	331
6	Willow	92.2%	292
Whole School Attendance ...		90.9%	

quote of the week

Education
isn't something
you can
finish



Reception Admissions

Deadline 15th January 2024

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only



Our choir will be out and about on Monday afternoon delivering the festive spirit to residents of a local care home.

They will be performing for the residents and sharing a little bit of the Pinehurst Family's Christmas magic in the local community.

SAFE DISMISSAL - Please ensure that we are made aware if a different adult is collecting your child from school.



After school clubs FINISH next week

There will be no after school clubs in the final week of term

Our new offer for Spring Term will be published the first week back

Thank you to the staff who have offered their time to clubs this term



Christmas Diary Dates...

Online Pantomime
Monday 18th December

Reception Nativity at St Columba's Church
Tuesday 19th December @ 2.00pm
Parent / Carer invite to follow (max 2 adults per child)

Christmas Carols and Crafts Day
Starting with Breakfast with Santa £1.00 contribution requested
Wednesday 20th December
2.00-3.00pm
Parent / Carer invite to follow (1 adult per child)

Christmas Party Day
Non - Uniform and includes Party lunch
Thursday 21st December

Dismissal on Friday 22nd December 2023 for Christmas Holidays

In keeping with tradition the children will start their Christmas Holiday during the afternoon of FRIDAY 22nd December

Please collect your children at the time below from the allocated gate

1.40pm	Reception EYFS Gate	Year 1 Main Gate	Year 2 Little Acorns Gate	
1.50pm	Year 5 EYFS Gate	Year 6 Little Acorns Gate	Year 3 Kitchen Side Gate	Year 4 Main Gate

Please arrive and leave promptly. Thank you

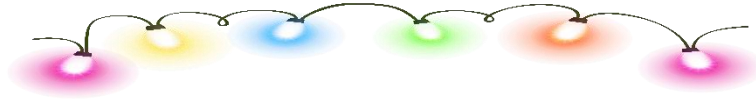
Little Pine Cones and Little Acorns closes for Christmas on Thursday 21st December

This is to enable preparation for new starters. Please note that there will be no Nursery sessions on Friday 22nd December

**A reminder that if you are struggling at this time of year we are here to help.
Contact Ms Wigelsworth in confidence if you require some support for your family.**



5 TIPS FOR AN ECO-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS



1. Turn off your Christmas lights when you're not in/overnight



2. Go green with your gift wrapping

- In the UK we use 108 million rolls of wrapping paper at Christmas - enough to wrap around the equator 9 times!
- Can you challenge yourself to not buy any new wrapping paper this year?
- If you've been getting the 'odd'(!) online delivery or two, can you reuse any of the paper packaging from these?
- Use old comics, newspapers, or sheet music.



3. Ditch the sellotape

- You can get plain brown tape which works well if you're using craft paper or packing paper as your wrapping of choice.



4. Use last year's cards as gift tags

5. Recycle well

- When it comes to recycling your Christmas, the most important thing to do is to check with your local authority what they will accept and what they won't - just head over to your local council's website and you should find the info you need.
- Wrapping paper with glitter on it, or paper that is metallic/plastic-y can't be recycled and has to go in your landfill bin.
- When it comes to your tree, if you have a real one without roots, again check with your local authority - many will collect them on specific days to mulch them.



We have recently noticed that a lot of our children are being collected early from school, before the end of the school day.

We understand that some children need to attend medical appointments at this time, but quite often we are not being shown any medical evidence to authorise these appointments.

If your child has a medical appointment and needs to leave early, please show the office staff the appointment card or letter in advance. We understand that there are times certain appointments are made over the phone; in which case we ask that a slip/card is obtained at the appointment and is handed in at the school office on the next school day after the appointment or as soon as possible.

Thanks for your support with this matter. It is very much appreciated.

The Importance of Good Attendance at School

