



# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



This will be our final newsletter of the Autumn term as we break up for Christmas today. As we end the first term of the year, it is important that we take some time to reflect. Our children have, once again, been superstars this term.

Our thanks must go to parents and carers for supporting the children and everyone in the Pinehurst Family. You have worked with us to make our first term of the year a success. We would like to thank you for all of your support.

A huge thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly this term supporting the children in school. We have a great team of teachers, learning mentors, HLTAs, learning support assistants, office staff, kitchen staff, midday supervisors, cleaners, care takers, supply staff and other agencies who have kept the school running this term. We must thank them all for their flexibility, adaptability and resilience.

Thank you also to our Governing Body who have supported the smooth running of the school in this the Autumn term.

I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas. Please take care and stay safe and well. Please take the appropriate precautions over the holiday period to assist us with a safe return in January.

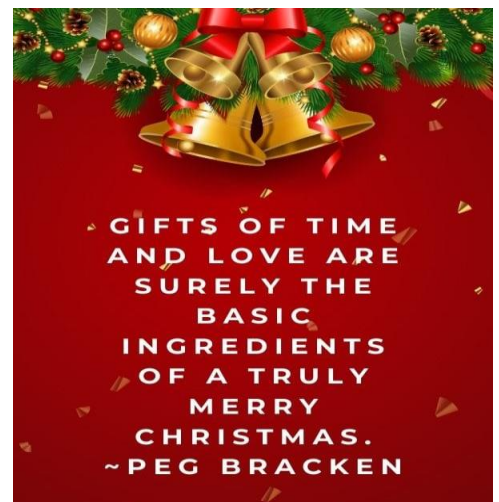
Merry Christmas Everyone from Mrs Glynn

### Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	90.6%	261
R	Oak	85.7% 😞	408
1	Elm	85.7% 😞	115
1	Cherry	91.7%	176
2	Fir	94.1%	523 😞
2	Yew	87.1%	368
3	Cedar	93.1%	143
3	Hazel	93.3%	344
4	Chestnut	92.9%	462
4	Holly	89.1%	106 😊
5	Maple	97.9% 😊	122
5	Sycamore	86.2%	240
6	Birch	87.9%	177
6	Willow	90.5%	192



### quote of the week





Welcome to our latest addition to the Pinehurst Family... Congratulations to Mr Timms who's little girl arrived last weekend.

Miss Jones from Ash class is currently on maternity leave and we can't wait to hear of the safe arrival of the next addition to our Pinehurst Family.



**Admissions for Reception in September 2024**

**Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**All Nursery children must still apply.**



### The Importance of School Attendance

We want our children at Pinehurst Primary to enjoy coming to school. Our attendance target is 97%, but we hope for 100%.

Research has proven that there is a high link between school attendance and academic performance and success.

Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

#### Why is it so important to attend every day?

Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s).

Reading a text and completing work independently, is not as good as being taught by the teacher.

Many classes use discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent.

#### What are the risks of frequent absences?

A child who does not attend school regularly will be unlikely to keep up with the work.

The more pupils miss school, the lower their grades; the lower their grades, the less they want to stay in school.

#### What can parents do to help?

Parents must model the value of education, including the importance of regular attendance.

Make sure that your child goes to school regularly and arrives on time-you will establish a good habit that they will carry through life. If your child starts missing school, work with the school to put things right. Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of him/her missing school.

If your child is ill or must miss school for some other reason, contact school immediately. If you ask for home learning, make sure your child completes it.

Do not expect school to approve of shopping trips, birthday treats etc. during school hours. Arrange family holidays so that your child will not miss any learning.

Take an interest in your child's school work and be involved in the school as much as possible-your child will value school more if you do.

**At Pinehurst, our children deserve to have the best chances to succeed and we believe that working together, to help improve school attendance, is one of the best ways to do this.**



**Stay Safe ~ Keep well ~ Take Care**

Thank you for your support on Christmas Jumper Day. We raised lots of money for Save the Children.



The children return on  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**