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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

Attendance Matters



Excellent attendance at school is very important to us at Pinehurst, and we continue to need your support to make sure that your child attends school as much as possible, throughout the school year.

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

Excellent attendance can be achieved by working together, in the best interests of all of our children. Please see the steps below of how to do this:

What PARENTS must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance. It is really appreciated. Mrs Steers – Attendance Lead.

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

| Year Group | Class | Attendance | Minutes Late |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| R | Ash | 94.6% | 340 |
| R | Oak | 93.7% | 381 |
| 1 | Elm | 90.7% | 190 |
| 1 | Cherry | 90.4% | 323 |
| 2 | Fir | 91.2% | 247 |
| 2 | Yew | 95.6% | 263 |
| 3 | Cedar | 96.0% | 152 |
| 3 | Hazel | 94.8% | 488 😞 |
| 4 | Chestnut | 91.3% | 236 |
| 4 | Holly | 95.6% | 207 |
| 5 | Maple | 96.7% 😊 | 139 |
| 5 | Sycamore | 83.3% 😞 | 38 😊 |
| 6 | Birch | 88.9% | 124 |
| 6 | Willow | 86.0% | 307 |
| Whole School Attendance ... | | 92.06% | |

quote of the week

It doesn't matter
what others are doing,
it matters what you
are doing.

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only



On Monday we welcomed our Pinehurst Family back to school.

We met together in assembly to wish each other a happy New Year.

We looked at the words NEW YEAR and considered what each letter might mean as we embark on 2024

N is for the word 'new'. This can be a new start for everyone.

E is for the word 'everyone'. Everyone has a chance to do something.

W is for the word 'want'. It is important that we really want to make those changes.

Y is for the word 'year', made up of 12 months. As each year goes by we grow, we learn more about life and hopefully become better people.

E is for the word 'every'. Every year we make new resolutions of one kind or another but how many of us actually keep to them?

A is for the word 'attitude'. We need to have the right attitude towards those things that really matter.

R is for the word 'ready'. Ready to do our best as the new year begins.

Whatever your new year's resolution let's hope the year ahead includes lots of opportunities to

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Admissions for Reception in September 2024

Deadline 15th January 2024

All Nursery children must still apply.



A reminder that we are here to help and support our Pinehurst Family in any way we can.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any help or support.



Spring Term

Starts: Monday 8th January

Half term: Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

INSET: Monday 19th February

Pupils Return: Tuesday 20th February

Ends: Thursday 28th March

Easter break: Friday 29th March (Bank Holiday) to Friday 12th April

A reminder that registration is at:

8.50am

every day. Gates open at 8.40am.

Be on time, make every minute count



Pinehurst Primary School Activities

Spring Term

Monday

Year 6 Chess Club 3.30 - 4.15 (Mr Steele & Mr Farrell)

Year 4 Football 3.30 - 4.15 (Miss Caskey)

CHECKMATE



Tuesday

Year 3 Multi-Sports 3.30 - 4.15 (Coach Lois)

Year 5 Basketball 3.30 - 4.15 (Mr Cain)

Year 6 Reading Booster 3.30 - 4.15 (Miss Fry)

EYFS Lego Club 3.15 - 4.00 (L'pool Uni) (23/1, 30/1 & 6/2)



Wednesday

Cookery, Yoga & Spanish in school pm

Staff Meeting



Thursday

Spanish in school pm

Year 5 Swimming pm at Everton Park

Year 2 Art 3.30 - 4.15 (Mrs Garrett)

Year 6 Guitar Club 3.30 - 4.15 (Mr Timms)

Year 5 Positive Futures 3.30 - 4.15 (5 weeks to 22/2)

Year 6 GPS Booster 3.30 - 4.15 (Mrs Rimmer)



Friday

Year 6 Maths Booster 3.30 - 4.15 (Mr Farrell)

