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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and  Learning



Well done everyone on a great first week back at school.

We have taken the decision to approach the new term in a cautious manner, continuing with the vast majority of the COVID control measures that we successfully implemented last year. We thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst we continue to develop and adapt these 'new; ways of working that aim to ensure everyone's safety and well being.

Lunchtime is currently working well with lunches being offered in the Dining Room and the Lower Hall. This enables us to keep our the children in smaller groups and reduce the risk of an outbreak of COVID-19. We will continue to review this regularly, but are delighted to be able to offer the choice of a hot meal or deli option on alternate days for those having a school lunch. Children should all bring a named water bottle for incidental drinking throughout the day.

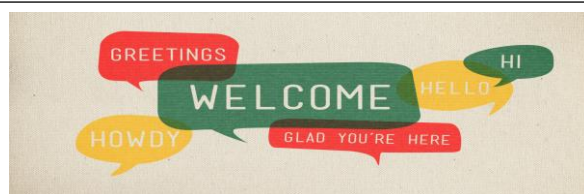
Our allocated times and access points for dismissal are helping to reduce the number of adults in the same location on site at anyone time . We ask that parents and carers continue to try and maintain social distancing at drop off and pick up and if you can please continue to wear a face covering.

Breakfast club reopens on Monday 6th September for those pupils who were in attendance in the Summer Term or who have been allocated a place at the start of the term. Our after school offer is currently under review and updates will be provided in due course.

We have had our first virtual assembly on Zoom this week to welcome everyone back. We will be continuing with these in this format or by video to celebrate the children's achievements and avoid congregating in a large group.

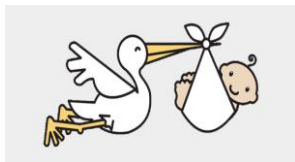
Staff have enjoyed getting to know the children in their new classes this week and are available to speak with you briefly at a distance at the end of the day or on the telephone at a mutually convenient time. Ms Wigelsworth, our Learning Mentor, is available if you call the school office and ask to speak with her 0151 263 1300.

Team work continues to be an essential element, so I would like to conclude by saying a BIG thank you to all in the Pinehurst Family– children, parents, carers, staff and governors. Well done everyone. Miss Morris ☺



A very warm welcome to those staff who have joined the Pinehurst Family this September.

Miss MacDiarmid, Mrs Boyd, Miss Hannah, Miss Caskey, Mrs Stephens, Miss Higgins, Miss Wade, Mrs Rackham, Mr Morrissey.



Congratulations to Mrs Muirhead and Miss Kelly who are expecting new arrivals this term.

Our Lunch Menu can be found on our Website

www.pinehurst-primary.co.uk

Monday 6th September lunch arrangements:

Year Group	Hot	Cold
1	Elm	Cherry
2	Fir	Yew
3	Cedar	Hazel
4	Holly	Chestnut
5	Maple	Sycamore
6	Birch	Willow

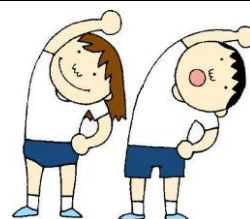
Our return to the soft start is benefiting the children's readiness for learning at the start of the day. Please ensure that you are punctual and arrive ready to learn between 8.40am and 8.55am. A reminder that if you are late, you should access school via the Kitchen side gate at this time. This will continue to remain open until 9.20am. Parents are reminded that we are continuing to encourage social distancing and wearing of masks. This is for your safety and well being.

Dismissal locations, please note the change for Years 5 and 6 from Monday:

Gate	EYFS Reception	Little Pine Cones	Little Acorns	Rear Playground Main Gate	Side Playground Usually for Kitchen access
3.10pm	Reception				
3.15pm			Year 2	Year 1	
3.25pm	Year 5		Year 6	Year 4	Year 3
3.30pm		LPC	LA		



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BUT THERE IS
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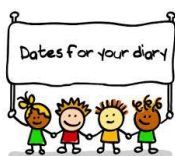


PE KITS

We hope that everyone has now made use of their PE Kit voucher.

On PE days please can children attend school in their full Pinehurst PE kit to avoid having to change in school. They require a yellow Pinehurst t-shirt, navy shorts or a pair of navy joggers and their Pinehurst sweatshirt or cardigan. They will require pumps or trainers as suitable footwear. Thank you.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year groups	Year 5	Reception	Year 4	Year 3	Year 1
		Year 2		Year 6	
		Year 6			



The final page of our newsletter this week, is our term dates for this year. We have an INSET day on Friday 22nd October, so children break up for half term on Thursday 21st October. There will be a total of 5 INSET days this year and an additional day off school in lieu of the additional Bank Holiday in 2022. Please note that we do not break up for Christmas until Wednesday 22nd December.

Emergencies ONLY: Off Site Number: 07858 739336

If you have concerns about a child or a family please email: safeguarding@pinehurst-primary.co.uk



Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Starts: Wednesday 1st September

INSET DAY: Wednesday 1st September

Pupils Return on Thursday 2nd September

Ends: Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Half term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

INSET Day: Friday 22nd October 2021

Spring Term 2022

INSET Day: Wednesday 5th January

Pupils Return on Thursday 6th January

Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Half term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022

Summer Term 2022

Starts: Monday 25th April

Ends: Tuesday 19th July 2022

May Day – Monday 2nd May 2022

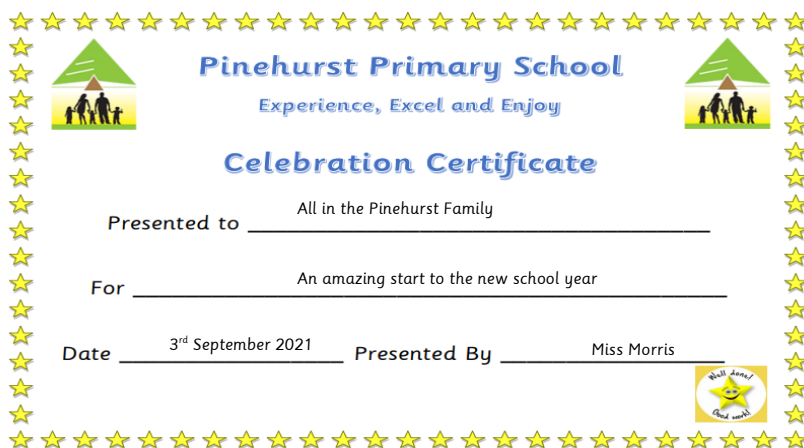
INSET Day: Friday 27th May

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

INSET Day: Monday 18th July

Day in Lieu Additional Bank Holiday: Tuesday 19th July 2022

And Finally ...



Well Done!