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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

No after school clubs week beginning 4th November. Our new offer will be sent out then. Thank you for your understanding.



Why Does Attendance Matter?

School attendance is considered critical by the Department for Education (DfE) because of its direct link to pupils' academic success, well-being, and long-term outcomes. The guidance updated on August 19, 2024, emphasises that consistent attendance helps pupils stay on track with their learning and develop important social and emotional skills. Children with higher attendance tend to have fewer gaps in their education, leading to better academic performance and overall experience at school.

The DfE also introduced new regulations for schools, such as stricter penalties for unauthorised absences, like holidays during term time. Parents who take their children out of school without authorisation can face fines starting at £80 per parent, per child, increasing to £160 for repeat offenses. Additionally, attendance data sharing between schools and local authorities has been made mandatory to allow better monitoring and early intervention for attendance issues.

The goal of these measures is to provide a supportive environment to remove barriers to attendance, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to succeed academically and develop essential life skills.

We thank you for your support in raising pupil attendance at Pinehurst and giving the children the opportunity to EXPERIENCE, EXCEL and ENJOY.

Leading Attendance at Pinehurst – Mrs J Steers

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	85.2 😞	101
R	Oak	92.1	42 😊
1	Elm	97.6	45
1	Cherry	94.1	170
2	Fir	97.5	81
2	Yew	97.1	135
3	Cedar	95.3	135
3	Hazel	98.9 😊	189 😞
4	Chestnut	95.4	75
4	Holly	93.9	136
5	Maple	97.1	120
5	Sycamore	95.2	87
6	Birch	98.2	59
6	Willow	90.3	175
Whole School		95%	



ATTENTION

YEAR 6 PARENTS and CARERS

Secondary School Transfer for Year 7

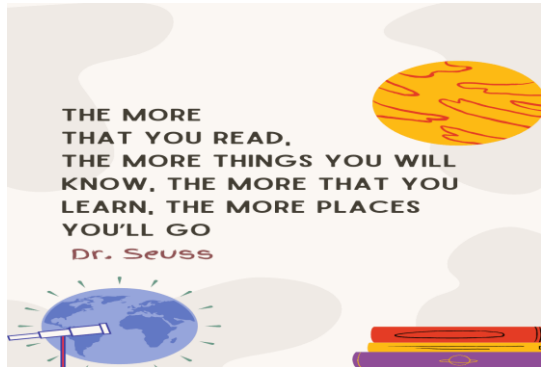
Closing Date

31st October 2024

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



Antibullying Week Approaching ...

When is Odd Socks Day 2024?

Odd Socks Day is Tuesday 12th November this year.



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Top Tip 6

If your child unwell when they wake up, but feels better later on, bring them to school, even if they have missed the morning. Just give us a call so we can order a lunch for them if required.



We break up today for half term

Children return to school on Monday 4th November

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



As the October half term approaches, it's the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with family, explore new activities, and make the most of the autumn season. Whether you're looking for something creative, adventurous, or relaxing, here's some suggestions for the Half Term Holiday...

1. Explore the Outdoors

Autumn is a beautiful season to explore nature, and there are plenty of outdoor activities for all ages.

Go on a Nature Walk or Hike

Visit local parks, nature reserves, or forest trails to enjoy the fall foliage. Kids will love collecting leaves, acorns, and conkers.

Visit a Pumpkin Patch

Get into the Halloween spirit by visiting a pumpkin farm.

Bike Rides or Scooting Adventures

Take a family bike ride through scenic routes, or bring out the scooters and explore nearby paths or cycling trails.

2. Halloween Fun

With Halloween falling close to the half term, there are plenty of spooky activities to enjoy.

Decorate Your Home for Halloween

Get crafty with the kids and make DIY Halloween decorations. Try making ghosts, paper bats, and spooky lanterns.

Halloween Movie Marathon

Set up a cozy movie night at home with age-appropriate spooky films. Don't forget the popcorn and Halloween treats!

Attend a Halloween Event

Lots of local places host Halloween events such as parades, haunted houses, or trick-or-treat trails.

3. Creative Indoor Activities

If the weather doesn't cooperate, there are plenty of indoor activities to keep children entertained.

Arts and Crafts Day

Gather some supplies and let their creativity run wild. From autumn leaf collages to painting and crafting Halloween costumes, there's no shortage of ways to get artistic.

Bake Autumn-Themed Treats

Spend some time in the kitchen making yummy treats like apple pies, pumpkin cupcakes, or spooky Halloween cookies. Kids will love decorating their creations!

Science Experiments at Home

Plan a fun, educational day with some easy science experiments. You can make slime, create volcano eruptions, or grow crystals with household items.

We can't wait to see what you get up to!