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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

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

It is not a secret that reading is the key to success; we have been told and taught this from a very early age. And now in the age of the internet — reading, writing, and communication skills are more valuable than any other skills you possess. What is the key to great communication and writing skills? You guessed it, reading.

It has been proven that children who read better, perform better in school and have a more active imagination, leading to a larger world and more possibilities for success.

A Pinehurst Pupil has an enthusiasm for reading with the confidence to discuss a wide range of range of text types, authors and illustrators they know and enjoy. Curiosity to explore new texts and respond to recommendations and self-assurance to question and give opinions about what they have read. Ownership too use the text as a tool for developing creativity and to gain a deeper understanding of areas of interest, for expanding knowledge or to complete investigation. The ability to communicate through speech and the written word showing confidence and bravery to use a high standard of English and adventurous vocabulary across the curriculum and in a range of situations.



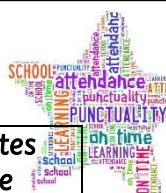
We would like to encourage all in the Pinehurst Family to spend some time over Half Term Reading. Our 'Get Caught Reading' challenge invites you to photograph family members reading in the most unusual places and tweet or send them to us via Class Dojo over the holidays.

@PinehurstP #GetCaughtReading

Pinehurst's Reading Leader is Miss Thomas. Pinehurst's English Lead is Miss Jones

## Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	77.60%	0 😊
R	Oak	92.02%	92
1	Cherry	95.69%	30
1	Elm	89.81%	230 😞
2	Fir	85.78%	99
2	Yew	91.26%	92
3	Cedar	89.77%	30
3	Hazel	89.50%	5
4	Chestnut	98.90% 😊	133
4	Holly	92.99%	109
5	Maple	82.81%	99
5	Sycamore	96.70%	96
6	Birch	77.36% 😞	79
6	Willow	95.20%	71
Whole School		89.36%	



Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

**ATTENTION**

**YEAR 6 PARENTS and CARERS**

**Secondary School Transfer for Year 7**

**Closing Date**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

Please visit your local authority website for the admissions guidance.

If you are having difficulties applying school are here to support you.

**NEW FLU VACCINATION DATE**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only



1 Year

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365 Opportunities



### COVID19 Reminders

Please ensure that you distance from other adults and families at drop off and pick up.

One adult per child at drop off / pick up please.

Face coverings are advised at pick up / drop off please.



No unnecessary items including large school bags in school at this time please.

**Pinehurst PE Kit** to be worn 1 allocated day per week.

Please bring a named water bottle to school each day.

Alternate lunches of hot and cold options, children may bring a packed lunch if this is their preference.

If your child has a cough, high temperature (above 37.8 degrees) or a loss of taste or smell they must stay off school and get tested for COVID19. Once the test results are in, school should be informed. If it is during school hours please call the office 0151 263 1300, if it is outside school hours please call or text 07858 739336.

If your child is absent from school for any reason we ask that you contact school EVERYDAY.

Thank you



## How many have you done?

We've been working closely with kids just like you to put together this list of the best things to do before you're 11½. (Although lots of them are still great fun even when you're 81½.) You'll find fun things to do for every kind of outside place, from mountains to sea, forests to fields. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and see how many you can do!



## Half Term Holiday Adventures

As another Half Term Holiday approaches it is time to reflect on the '50 Things to do before you are 11 and ¾ list' again.

What will you try this half term?

No 4 Build a Den

No 6 Go Welly Wandering

No 12 Have Fun with Sticks

No 18 Create some Wild Art

No 40 Go on a Nature Walk at Night

No 49 Watch the Sunset

Remember we love to see what you are getting up to over the Half Term Holiday so tweet us your pictures @PinehurstP, using the #HalfTermAdventures.

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS  
OCTOBER



INSET Day Tomorrow Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Children return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Have a lovely half term holiday!