



# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



Writing — it's an important form of communication and a key part of education. But in today's technology driven world, children aren't given many opportunities to practise and improve their ability to write. This leaves many parents wondering how to improve their child's writing skills. It takes time to develop strong writing skills, and it can be a tough task to accomplish. Thankfully, there are many things that parents can do at home to help improve children's writing skills.

### READ UP

Regular reading is a stepping stone to better writing and helps children strengthen their writing skills. It helps expand children's vocabulary and shows them different ways of using words. This also makes it easier for them to use these words in their own writing. With younger children, make sure you're reading together every day and encouraging their love of reading as they grow. Start reading early—many children who devour books grow up to become strong writers themselves.

### MAKE IT FUN!

Play games and activities that encourage writing. Crossword puzzles and word games are great for everyone. Little ones will especially like the "write the word" game: where they search for items and write down the word when they find each item.

### INVEST TIME

Make sure your child knows you're available to help with spelling or proofreading whenever he or she needs it. When you make writing time a priority for you, it will make it easier for your child to improve his or her writing skills.

**Miss Thomas and Miss Wareing lead Reading and Writing at Pinehurst.**

## Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	78.62% ☹️	59
R	Oak	81.72%	102
1	Cherry	86.59%	184
1	Elm	91.36%	187
2	Fir	86.00%	209
2	Yew	82.92%	96
3	Cedar	87.98%	212
3	Hazel	91.54%	141
4	Chestnut	96.79%	272 ☹️
4	Holly	94.29%	169
5	Maple	91.30%	264
5	Sycamore	98.95% 😊	134
6	Birch	90.43%	175
6	Willow	89.20%	206
Whole School		87.60% ☹️	2410

quote of the week

'I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.'

JK Rowling

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The Governors of Pinehurst Primary School have the responsibility for education of the children in our school. The Local Governing Body, whose membership includes the school's Headteacher, provides strategic leadership to the school and supports key decisions in areas such as finance, staffing structure and appointments, and premises as well as monitoring educational performance. Governors welcome enquiries from all sections of the community about membership. We always embrace people who are committed to the ethos of the school and who are willing to work with us to improve the quality of the leadership that we provide. Enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to learn and contribute are the most important qualities. We can be contacted through the school.

Chair of Governors - Mrs June Simm



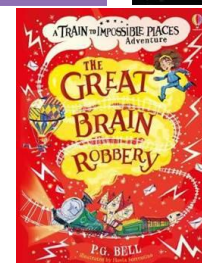
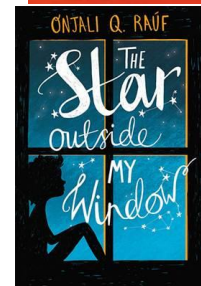
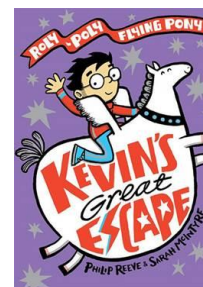
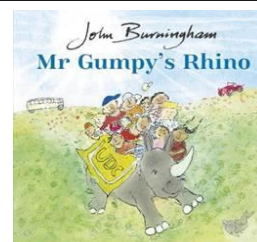
### Family Learning Session - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - 2.00-3.10pm

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December this session is open to all parents. A guest speaker from the NHS will discuss Autistic Spectrum Condition and Special Educational Needs.



#### CHRISTMAS DATES

- 11.12.19 Christmas Lunch
- 12.12.19 Little Pine Cones and Little Acorns Christmas Crafts
- 13.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day
- 17.12.19 Years 1-6 Carol Services at St Columbas  
(Due to limited capacity Parents and Carers unable to attend)
- 18.12.19 EYFS Reception Nativity
- 18.12.19 Family Christmas Crafts
- 19.12.19 Party Day
- 19.12.19 Little Acorns and Little Pine Cones finish for Christmas at 3.30pm
- 20.12.19 Children dismissed for Christmas Holidays at 2.00pm



### Recommended Reads from the Book Trust



#### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Calling all Nursery parents and Carers. Attending our Nursery does not automatically enrol you in Reception.

**Closing date Wednesday 15th January 2020**

Breakfast Club and After School Club **MUST** now be pre-booked.

Breakfast Club Drop off **CLOSES** at 8.20am.

Thank you for your cooperation.