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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School



## Teaching and Learning



### Computing

The National Curriculum for computing that we deliver at Pinehurst aims to ensure that all pupils:

- \* can understand and apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, logic, algorithms and data representation.
- \* can analyse problems in computational terms, and have repeated practical experience of writing computer programs in order to solve such problems.
  - \* can evaluate and apply information technology, including new or unfamiliar technologies, analytically to solve problems.
- \* are responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology.

### E-Safety

As Christmas is getting closer, children and young people all over the country will be writing lists to Santa or giving hints about what they would like under the tree. Technology is now a very popular item on many children's lists with tablets, smartphones, game consoles and smartwatches likely to be asked for this year. Whilst we want children to enjoy their presents, it is also important that parents look at ways to ensure that their children use these devices safely. This includes setting parental controls and understanding that video games have PEGI ratings similar to the classification for films.

Other things that you may want to consider is managing screen time so that you can monitor the amount of time being spent on each device. This is useful for meal times or during the school holidays.

Finally, once the tinsel has come down and we welcome the New Year, make sure that you talk to your children about online safety.



Miss Fry leads Computing at Pinehurst.

### Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	81.36% ☹️	327
R	Oak	93.45%	285
1	Cherry	88.70%	88
1	Elm	90.45%	242
2	Fir	93.60%	238
2	Yew	92.40%	470 ☹️
3	Cedar	93.08%	152
3	Hazel	88.81%	162
4	Chestnut	98.21% 😊	80
4	Holly	90.71%	103
5	Maple	91.30%	124
5	Sycamore	91.58%	88
6	Birch	87.39%	116
6	Willow	95.20%	368
Whole School		89.45%	2843



**Frostheart by James Litter**

**Book of the month**

**as recommended by Waterstones**

Glittering with wintry wonder, this debut children's novel takes a sleigh ride into the heart of a magical adventure. A young boy called Ash and his disagreeable yeti guardian find themselves on an explorers' expedition, where his special powers could come in very handy.



Thank you for supporting Christmas Jumper Day today



17.12.19 Years 1-6 Carol Services (No capacity for parents, sorry)

18.12.19 9.30am EYFS Reception Nativity (Maximum of 2 adults per child please)

18.12.19 2.00-3.00pm Family Festive Crafts (Please return letter if you wish to attend)

19.12.19 Party Day (Children may wear Party Clothes / Non Uniform)

19.12.19 Little Pine Cones and Little Acorns dismissed for Christmas Holidays at 3.30pm

**DON'T FORGET.....20.12.19 Reception – Year 6 Children dismissed for Christmas Holidays at 2.00pm**

**We return at 8.55am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

On Thursday we had two super Christmas Crafts sessions for Little Pine Cones and Little Acorns. Thank you to all who attended.



From January we are changing our beginning of day routines with the introduction of a 'soft start'.

The aim of this is to:

- Maximise the children's learning experiences
- Give them a more positive start to the day
- Further reduce the number of children arriving late to school

From 8:40 the children can make their way into their classrooms. This can happen anytime between 8:40-8:55 which is the official start of school.

Children will have access to a range of early morning activities in their classroom – spelling, handwriting, problem solving, big questions, reading etc as well as having time to talk to adults in class informally.



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

**DEADLINE APPROACHING**

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

**Closing date Wednesday 15th January 2020**



'Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.'

Dalai Lama



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

Last admission to Breakfast club is 8.20am.

Thank you for your cooperation



In the event of sickness or diarrhoea pupils should be absent from school for 48 hours from the last episode to prevent the spread of infection.