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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



Please take extra precautions at this time in order to help us keep the Pinehurst Family well for Christmas. Thank you



Christmas at Pinehurst is looking a little different again this year.

Christmas dinner was a real success on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Children enjoyed it immensely. A BIG thank you to our Kitchen Team for making this a success.

A great day today in our Christmas Jumpers raising money for Save the Children.

As we cannot ask Parents and Carers to attend school for Crafts, Nativities or Choir performances, this year each class will record a Christmas video to share with Parents and Carers in the last week of term.



Christmas Party Day is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Children may come to school in 'Party clothes'. Non-uniform with suitable shoes and a coat for the weather please.



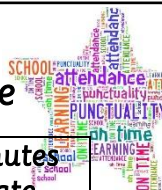
We break up for Christmas just after lunch on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

The children return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

| Year Group | Class    | Attendance % | Minutes Late |
|------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| R          | Ash      | 84.21%       | 127          |
| R          | Oak      | 80.10% 😞     | 151          |
| 1          | Cherry   | 98.01% 😊     | 106          |
| 1          | Elm      | 84.31%       | 426 😞        |
| 2          | Fir      | 94.06%       | 300          |
| 2          | Yew      | 94.00%       | 62           |
| 3          | Cedar    | 91.67%       | 116          |
| 3          | Hazel    | 92.46%       | 220          |
| 4          | Chestnut | 91.57%       | 341          |
| 4          | Holly    | 89.32%       | 56 😊         |
| 5          | Maple    | 90.78%       | 491          |
| 5          | Sycamore | 92.13%       | 226          |
| 6          | Birch    | 94.83%       | 186          |
| 6          | Willow   | 95.00%       | 251          |

Whole School Attendance this week .... 91.67%



quote of the week



Mrs Jolley is retiring at the end of term. She has worked at Pinehurst for 33 years.

We will be wishing her well as she concludes her time at Pinehurst next Friday.



### IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ALL WORK TOGETHER AND FOLLOW THESE 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.

Once you have dropped off or collected your child please leave as quickly as possible. We need to avoid congestion at the gates and on the playground. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.



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

No unnecessary items including **ELVES**, large school bags or pencil cases in school at this time please. Please ensure that your child on brings a **SMALL** bag on book return and issue days.

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.

Due to ventilation requirements, if your child is cold in school they should wear extra layers. This may include a vest or additional layer under their polo shirt, or a school or navy fleece over their sweatshirt. We will consider scarves and fingerless gloves as the term progresses and update you.

If your child has a COVID symptom of 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 must 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.

**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure the school office has up to date contact numbers for you.



### A Timely Reminder about 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.

If you require any support please contact Mr Reeves or Miss Fry at School.



In keeping with tradition the children will start their Christmas Holiday during the afternoon of WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Please collect your children at the time below from the allocated gate

|        |                     |                           |                           |                  |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1.40pm | Reception EYFS Gate | Year 1 Main Gate          | Year 2 Little Acorns Gate |                  |
| 1.50pm | Year 5 EYFS Gate    | Year 6 Little Acorns Gate | Year 3 Kitchen Side Gate  | Year 4 Main Gate |

Please only **ONE** adult to pick up in a **FACE MASK** at the allocated gate and time.

Please arrive and leave promptly.

Little Pine Cones and Little Acorns sessions finish on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS