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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



This week we look at the importance of Modern Foreign Languages in the Primary Curriculum. "One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." Children at Pinehurst enjoy their language learning, which links where possible to class topics and projects throughout the school.

Spanish is introduced in KS1 and is taught through songs, stories and rhymes.

In KS2 the children cover all of the skills required in the National Curriculum; speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar, building upon the language learnt in KS1.

We are fortunate to have the support of a native Spanish speaker in Miss Elba and we can always test our new knowledge out in a conversation with Mr Ortiz.

**Leading MFL at Pinehurst is Mr Scott**



## An Update on our Phased Reopening of Pinehurst from Miss Morris



Firstly, a BIG thank you for your patience and understanding over recent months as we have had to change the way we work.

You have done an amazing job of keeping your children safe and happy during the closure of school. It has been lovely to keep connected with the children by telephone, email and Twitter. Thank you for all that you have done to keep us updated on how you are getting on.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, based upon the advice that we received, we opened school to Key Worker and Vulnerable children. They have been working in three separate Key Stage groups and have settled really well into the new routines.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June some of our Year 6 children were welcomed back to school. They have had a great first week back, taking part in the Step Up Challenge, LSSP Sports, Art, Reading for Pleasure, Science and many other activities.

We are currently planning for the return of some Year 1 children before the end of term, from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

We are also currently looking at plans to see you all before we break up for the Summer Holidays on 17<sup>th</sup> July. I am hoping that we can arrange a visit to school in small groups to see some of the staff and collect your end of year report and a Summer Holiday pack. I hope to provide an update on this next week. We also intend to publish new classes and staffing in next week's newsletter in readiness for September. How the term is flying by!

Keep up the good work.

Well done to everyone in our Pinehurst Family. Thank you for your ongoing support.

A timely reminder for home and school...

### The Right Way to Wash Your Hands

Wet hands under running water

Apply soap and rub palms together

Spread the soap lather over the backs of hands

Make sure soap gets in between fingers

Grip fingers on each hand

Make sure to clean thumbs

Press fingertips into palm of each hand

Dry thoroughly with clean towel or paper towel

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### quote of the week

WORK HARD,  
BE KIND AND  
AMAZING THINGS  
WILL HAPPEN.

*Conan O'Brien*

Random

## This Week's Spotlight on Home Learning



## A Busy Week in School too...



Thank you to all of the Pinehurst Staff working hard to keep you safe and supported at this time. Well done to the Teachers, Learning Support Assistants, Learning Mentor, Office Staff, Cleaners, Site Manager, Kitchen Staff and Lunchtime Supervisors.

**TERM DATES ... Important Information to keep in a safe place ☺**

**2020/2021**

Autumn Term 2020

Starts: Tuesday 1st September 2020

INSET Day: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Pupils Return on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

Half term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2020

INSET Day: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Christmas break: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

Spring Term 2021

Starts: Monday 4th January 2021

INSET Day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Ends: Friday 26th March 2021

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2021

Easter break: Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2021

Starts: Monday 12th April 2021

Ends: Tuesday 20th July 2021

May day: Monday 3rd May 2021

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

INSET Days: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Pupils Finish on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**2021/2022**

Autumn Term 2021

Starts: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

INSET DAY: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Pupils Return on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Ends: Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

INSET Day: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Spring Term 2022

Starts: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Half term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Summer Term 2022

Starts: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Ends: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

May Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022