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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



Well done everyone on a great first week back at school. School looks a little different at the start of this school year but everyone has adapted really well to the changes this week. We thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst we set up new ways of working that aim to ensure everyone's safety and well being.

This week our work on our 'Recovery Curriculum' has begun. The children have worked through lots of PSHE activities that have focused on relationships, well being, routines, mindfulness and managing our feelings and behaviour. We will continue over the coming weeks to work on this alongside basic skills and some new topic learning. We will be including PE, with each class having an allocated PE day to attend school in their PE kit.

We hope that a lot of our PE sessions will be outside, this is however, weather dependent. Each class is reigniting their love of reading, and our new reading areas and book stock introduced last year are being fully used. Your child will be asked to bring a bag in on their allocated reading days to change their books. It is helpful if on the other days they do not bring a bag. Children have allocated resources in school and so pencil cases from home are not currently required. We ask that children do not bring them in at this time as an extra precaution.

Lunchtime is currently working well with lunches being offered in the Dining Room and the Lower Hall. This enables us to keep our year group bubbles separated as per the current requirements. We will continue to review this regularly, but are delighted to be able to offer the choice of a hot meal or deli option for those having a school lunch. Children with packed lunches are asked to bring them in a disposable bag. Children should all bring a named water bottle for incidental drinking throughout the day.

Our allocated times and access points for arrival and pick up are helping to reduce the number of adults on site at anyone time. They help us to keep our year group bubbles separated which you will be aware is important in the event of a COVID case. We ask that parents maintain social distancing at drop off and pick up. Please only arrive at your allocated time. If you are early or need to wait with siblings please use the pavement opposite.

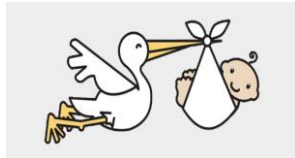
We are speaking with Highways about improving road safety at drop off and pick up.

We are currently reviewing the requests for before and after school care and will provide an update on what we are able to offer and a confirmed start date. We are anticipating arrangements can be put in place for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September. There is currently different guidance for wraparound care that we must ensure we can adhere to for everyone's safety and well being.

We have had our first virtual assembly on Zoom this week to welcome everyone back. We will be continuing with these in this format or by video to celebrate the children's achievements this half term.

Staff have enjoyed getting to know the children in their new classes this week and are available to speak with you briefly at a distance at the end of the day or on the telephone at a mutually convenient time. Ms Wigelsworth, our Learning Mentor, is available if you call the school office and ask to speak with her 0151 263 1300.

Team work has been essential this week, so I would like to conclude by saying a BIG thank you to all in the Pinehurst Team – children, parents, carers, staff and governors. Well done everyone. Miss Morris ☺



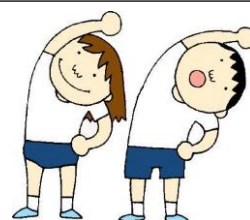
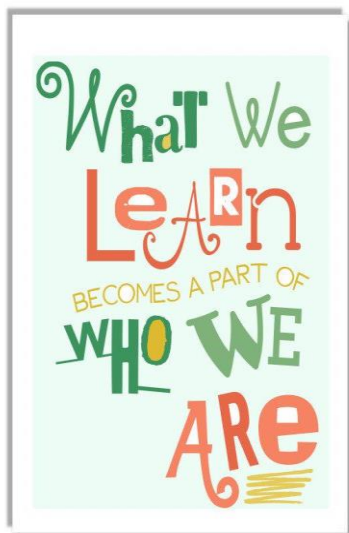
Congratulations to Miss Jones (EYFS: Oak class) who is expecting a new arrival just before Christmas.



Congratulations to Miss Wareing (Maple class) who has returned as Mrs Muirhead after getting married in the Summer.

A reminder of our current start and finish times and access points. Please ensure that you are punctual and arrive at the correct location. Parents are reminded of the need for strict 2m social distancing between adults. If you arrive early or need to wait for siblings please use the opposite pavement to reduce congestion at the gates. This is for your safety and well being.

Gate	EYFS Reception	Little Pine Cones	Little Acorns	Rear Playground Main Gate	Side Playground Usually for Kitchen access
8.40 / 2.55	Reception				
8.40 / 3.00				Year 1	
8.45 / 3.30		LPC	LA		
8.50 / 3.20	Year 6			Year 5	
9.00 / 3.30				Year 4	Year 3
9.05 / 3.25	Year 2				



### PE KITS

On PE days please can children attend school in their full Pinehurst PE kit to avoid having to change in school. They require a yellow Pinehurst t-shirt, navy shorts or a pair of joggers and their Pinehurst sweatshirt or cardigan. They will require pumps or trainers as suitable footwear. Thank you.

Tuesday – Little Acorns, Reception and Year 6

Wednesday – Year 4 and Year 5

Thursday – Year 3

Friday – Year 2 and Year 1



The final page of our newsletter this week is our term dates for this year. Please note that we have 2 INSET days this term - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. There will be a total of 6 INSET days this year as we are working on a special Reading Project with Liverpool that grants us an additional day for training.

**Emergencies ONLY: Off Site Number: 07858 739336**

**If you have concerns about a child or a family please email: [safeguarding@pinehurst-primary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@pinehurst-primary.co.uk)**



## Term Dates 2020-2021

### Autumn Term 2020

Pupils Return on Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

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

INSET Days: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 and Monday 2nd November 2020

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

### Spring Term 2021

Starts: Monday 4th January 2021

INSET Day: Monday 4th 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 2021

### 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 19th July and Tuesday 20th July 2021

Pupils Finish on Friday 16th July 2021

Pupils Return on Thursday 2nd September 2021

And Finally ...


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**Celebration Certificate**

Presented to All in the Pinehurst Family

For An Amazing First Week

Date 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Presented By Miss Morris



Well Done!