



THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning



A high-quality science education provides the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. Science has changed our lives and is vital to the world's future prosperity, and all pupils should be taught essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of science. Through building up a body of key foundational knowledge and concepts, pupils should be encouraged to recognise the power of rational explanation and develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena. They should be encouraged to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes.

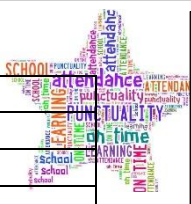
At Pinehurst Primary School pupils are given a range of scientific experiences to enable them to raise their own questions about the world around them. They start to make their own decisions about the most appropriate type of scientific enquiry they might use to answer questions; recognise when a fair test is necessary and help to decide how to set it up; talk about criteria for grouping, sorting and classifying; and use simple keys. They look for naturally occurring patterns and relationships and decide what data to collect to identify them. They make decisions about what observations to make, how long to make them for and the type of simple equipment that might be used.

Leading Science at Pinehurst is Mrs Smith

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
R	Ash	92.95%
R	Oak	93.83%
1	Cherry	94.57%
1	Elm	93.17%
2	Fir	94.91%
2	Yew	96.10%
3	Cedar	93.51%
3	Hazel	90.00% ☹️
4	Chestnut	96.89%
4	Holly	93.53%
5	Maple	96.64%
5	Sycamore	90.87%
6	Birch	97.31% 😊
6	Willow	91.23%

Week Ending 27th November 2020

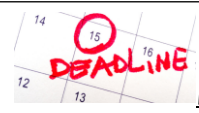


WORK HARD,
BE KIND AND
AMAZING THINGS
WILL HAPPEN.

Conan O'Brien

Thank you for your Foody Friday donations today.

Plea from the School Office: Please send in correct Dinner money if at all possible. Thank you



Reception Admissions

Deadline 15th January 2021



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 **MUST BE WORN** at pick up / drop off please.



No unnecessary items including 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. The same applies to children if a household member has these symptoms. The whole household must self isolate and the children must stay off school.

Once the test results are in, school must be informed **IMMEDIATELY**. 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. This is essential if we need to isolate classes and dismiss children during the school day.

In the event of a school bubble having to isolate notification will be by text, tweet and letters will be published on our website. Please ensure that you check your phone for such messages.



Christmas Post

Tweet or Email us your Christmas message – in writing, a photo or video.

Christmaspost@pinehurstgs.co.uk

Christmas Jumper Day – Coming up **NEXT WEEK** ☺
Friday 11th December

Children to wear Christmas Jumper or Non Uniform Donation of 50p to 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.

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December or Thursday 17th December

Christmas Party Day including a Virtual Pantomime Treat
Thursday 17th December

Zoom Christmas Quiz and Zoom Storytime with Father Christmas
Friday 18th December

Dismissal on 18th December 2020 for Christmas Holidays

In keeping with tradition the children will start their Christmas Holiday during the afternoon of 18th December

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

1.40pm	Reception EYFS Gate	Y1 Main Gate	Y2 Little Acorns Gate
1.50pm	Year 5 Main Gate	Year 6 EYFS Gate	
2.00pm	Year 3 Kitchen Gate	Year 4 Main Gate	Little Acorns LA 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 closes for Christmas on Thursday 17th December.

This is to enable preparation for new starters. Please note that there will be no Little Pine Cones sessions on Friday 18th December.

A reminder that if you are struggling at this time of year we are here to help.
Contact Ms Wigelsworth in confidence if you require some support for your family.

