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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning



Please take extra precautions this weekend and over the week ahead to help us keep the Pinehurst Family well for Christmas. Thank you



Christmas at Pinehurst is looking a little different this year.

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.



Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 16th December or Thursday 17th December

Christmas Party Day including a Virtual Pantomime Treat
Children may come to school in 'Party clothes'. Non-uniform with suitable shoes and coat for the weather please.
Thursday 17th December



Festive Fun Quiz and Zoom with Father Christmas
Friday 18th December

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
R	Ash	91.56%
R	Oak	93.56%
1	Cherry	93.93%
1	Elm	91.90%
2	Fir	94.95%
2	Yew	90.76%
3	Cedar	Isolation
3	Hazel	94.94%
4	Chestnut	94.19%
4	Holly	84.72% ☹️
5	Maple	96.72%
5	Sycamore	87.80%
6	Birch	97.18% 😊
6	Willow	90.43%
Week Ending 4 th December 2020		
Closely fought this week between Birch and Maple 😊		

quote of the week



Thank you once again to all of our staff who have been so flexible and hardworking. We know this is our 'civic duty' as Public Servants and we want to ensure we keep our school open to help our families, but please remember that school staff are affected by the changes to society too! Many parents and carers have shared their appreciation - so thank you for your understanding and your positive comments.

Miss Morris



School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only



Mrs Alleyne is leaving at the end of term. She has worked at Pinehurst for 27 years.

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



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 **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. 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.



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 Sefton at School.



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

Little Pine Cones sessions finish on Thursday 17th December.

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

The children return on Tuesday 5th January 2021.