



THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning



What a very different Autumn Term it has been this year. As we end the first term of the year, it is important that we take some time to reflect. We are living in unprecedented times, and life has changed dramatically in the last 12 months, but what has shone through is the resilience of everyone in the Pinehurst Family. Our children have been superstars this term, adapting to new ways of working and enjoying being in school. It is clear to see how much they missed their friends, their learning and the routines of school during the lockdown and have been exemplary this term. Our thanks must go to parents and carers for supporting the safe return to school. You have worked with us to make our new ways of working a success. The support you have given with homework and remote learning has been excellent and we would like to thank you for all of your support. A huge thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly this term supporting the children in school, whilst adapting to new ways on working both in school and at home. We have a fantastic team of teachers, learning mentors, HLTAs, learning support assistants, office staff, kitchen staff, midday supervisors, cleaners, care takers, supply staff and other agencies who have kept the school open this term. We must thank them all for their flexibility, adaptability and resilience. Thank you also to our Governing Body who have made decisions to enable school life to continue on a 'new normal' basis every day. I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas. Please take care and stay safe and well. Please take the appropriate precautions over the holiday period to assist us with a safe return in January. **Merry Christmas Everyone from Miss Morris.**

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

| Year Group | Class | Attendance % |
|---|----------|--------------|
| R | Ash | 90.00% |
| R | Oak | 86.44% |
| 1 | Cherry | 86.80% |
| 1 | Elm | 90.00% |
| 2 | Fir | 85.22% |
| 2 | Yew | 87.50% |
| 3 | Cedar | Isolating |
| 3 | Hazel | 82.31% |
| 4 | Chestnut | 88.46% |
| 4 | Holly | 85.14% |
| 5 | Maple | 97.04% 😊 |
| 5 | Sycamore | 81.85% |
| 6 | Birch | 98.25% 😊 |
| 6 | Willow | 83.81% |
| Week Ending 11th December 2020 Well done Birch and Maple over 97% 😊 | | |



quote of the week

the
magic
of
Christmas
never ends and its
greatest of
gifts
are family and
friends.

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School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only



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.



Admissions for Reception in September 2021

Deadline 15th January 2021

All Nursery children must still apply.



Thank you to Mrs Alleyne for all of her hard work and dedicated service to the Pinehurst Family over the last 27 years.

Wishing Mrs Alleyne every happiness and success in the future.



Stay Safe ~ Keep well ~ Take Care



INSET Day Monday 4th January 2021.

The children return on Tuesday 5th January 2021.