



THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning



Learning about History topics in primary school can be great fun but it is also incredibly important. Learning about the past, helps us to understand our present. Children are inspired to research events. They also love thinking about people of the past, and especially enjoy all the bits that are gory, nasty or just plain mad (that's why Horrible Histories is so popular)! It is also fantastic for using so many English, ICT, Art and collaborative skills. We just cannot ignore the wonderful advantages of learning about the past.

At Pinehurst Primary School, we plan to use first hand experience, visits, visitors, artefacts, and the local and wider environment to engage children's interest and imagination. We encourage children to ask questions to develop their enquiry skills as Historians, and we use a range of resources to develop our understanding in History. Through the children's understanding of the past and of lives in different conditions, children will be encouraged to develop their feelings and 'empathy' towards others. This in turn will help them in the future.

Leading History at Pinehurst Miss Jones and Mrs Alleyne

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
R	Ash	86.54% ☹️
R	Oak	93.98%
1	Cherry	Isolating
1	Elm	94.92%
2	Fir	95.92%
2	Yew	97.87% 😊
3	Cedar	91.59%
3	Hazel	Isolating
4	Chestnut	95.38%
4	Holly	94.52%
5	Maple	90.63%
5	Sycamore	91.18%
6	Birch	95.90%
6	Willow	Isolating

Week Ending 20th November 2020

Well done Yew Tree class, that 100% on Friday really helped this week 😊



Reception Admissions

15th January 2021

Please note there is no automatic admission into Reception from Nursery.



Congratulations Miss Jones on the safe arrival of Baby Aurora. The latest addition to our Pinehurst Family.



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.

Please be reminded under lockdown requirements there should be no household mixing between different Pinehurst Families after school.

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.

Foody Friday

At this time of year it is important that we think of others as well as ourselves. The L6 Community Association, a local charity who support us at school, is requesting donations of tinned and packet foods.

On Friday 4th December if you are able to donate a tin or packet for our Foody Friday it would be very much appreciated.



A reminder of our COVID Christmas Plan

Christmas Jumper Day
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	Little Pine Cones LPC 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.

Christmas Post

Unfortunately due to the unprecedented circumstances we have had to make the decision to do our Christmas post in a slightly different way this year. Rather than Christmas cards coming into school and being distributed, children can send a Christmas message to a group of friends, their class or the whole school via Twitter or email ChristmasPost@pinehurstgs.co.uk.



It may be a written message, a photo or video. These will be shared in class or via assembly.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.