

Newsletter Number 3 – 20th October 2017



What a busy term we have had! It has been wonderful to see the children settle into life at Pineham Barns over the past few weeks and see them enjoying their learning. There's been lots of visitors to bring the curriculum to life and today hasn't been any different with a visit from Bollywood Vibes to teach the children some wonderful dancing. We've also had a visit from one of our lovely parents to talk to the children about Diwali, which they very much enjoyed.

Parent Workshops



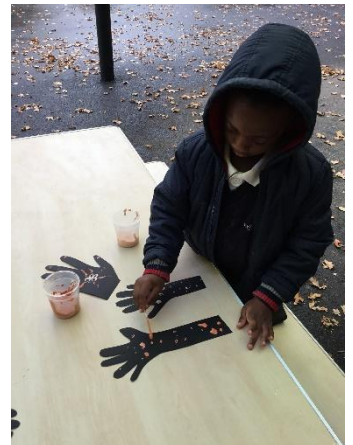
Thank you to all the families that attended the Reception workshop with Mrs Rumsey on Tuesday, it was lovely to see so many parents there to talk about reading. For any parents who missed the workshop and would like it run again, Mrs Rumsey will be sending out a letter after the half term break to gather interest.

Please also don't forget that Miss Lecky is offering a Handwriting Workshop to all our parents on Thursday 2nd November at 2:45pm. At our school, we use the Cursive Style and therefore Miss Lecky will take parents through the letter formation and how parents can support this at home with their children. If you would like to come along, please come to the main entrance, where you will be signed in and welcomed into school. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Pineham Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

I am delighted to inform you that a few parents from each class have met with myself and are keen to start a PTA for the school. I would like to thank those parents who have come forward, as they all have lots of exciting ideas on how we can run brilliant events for the children and raise money for the school at the same time.

If you would like to be part of the PTA, but haven't yet come forward, please don't worry as there is still time. We will be holding a meeting at school on Thursday 16th November at 7pm to officially start our PTA and it would be lovely to see lots of you there!



School Communication

I would like to thank parents for their patience, as it has come to light that some parents were not receiving the emailed newsletters and other communication that was being sent by school. This was not due to the school systems or staff, but because of issues with ParentPay, which have now been resolved thanks to our Admin Team. I also wanted to let families know that all of the newsletters are also on the News Section of the school website, and the ticker on the Home Page details up and coming events. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to pop into the school office – thank you.



Poppies

After the half term break, we will be selling poppies ahead of Remembrance Sunday. Families will be able to donate money for this good cause and there are also children's items for sale which have suggested donations of 50p to a €1. Children can bring money into school when they return on Tuesday 31st October, should they wish. If you have any queries or wish to donate to the Poppy Appeal, please pop along to the school office – thank you.

A Little Request

It is lovely to see the children walking to school in the morning and bringing their scooters or bikes, but please could we ask that the children do not ride them on the school grounds. When we return to school after the half term break, our children will be asked to walk with their scooters or bikes from the gates to the bike rack. Thank you for your support with this.



Dates For Your Diary

- Tuesday 31st October - School re-opens to pupils
- Thursday 2nd November -Handwriting Workshop at 2:45pm
- Tuesday 14th November - Whole School Trip to Stick Man!
- Thursday 16th November – PTA Meeting at 7pm – all welcome
- Thursday 21st November – Prospective Parent Meeting at 7pm

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely half term break and thank you for all your support, we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 31st October.

Don't forget to visit the school's website pinehambarns.school and Twitter site for more updates.

Have a lovely half term!



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