

Newsletter Number 4 – 10th November 2017



School Values - Determination

It's been lovely to welcome the children back after the half term break and hear all about their adventures. They have all settled beautifully back into life at school and are all ready for a very busy term!



This term our value is 'Determination' and the children have been exploring this in assemblies and their classrooms. Our six values are all represented by birds, with determination being shown through the Kingfisher. In their classes, the children have been exploring how they can show this value at school and in their learning, which the staff team have been very impressed with.

There will be further communication to families in the coming weeks about our values and the school systems. This will also detail an opportunity for parents to come into school for a special project linking to our values, which will be in the New Year.

Parental Feedback

Before the half term break, we asked parents to provide feedback about your family's experiences so far at Pineham Barns. Forty-one families took the time to complete the questionnaire and we really

appreciate your support, as your opinion means that we can continually improve the experiences and opportunities we offer at our school. The responses were very positive, with a 100% of parents agreeing that their child feels happy and safe. 100% of the parents who responded also believed that their child is well looked after at Pineham Barns and that the school ensures pupils are well behaved. 98% of parents felt that the teaching at the school is good, with 100% of parents agreeing that the curriculum at Pineham Barns was creative and engaging. Through the questionnaire, many of you highlighted the issues surrounding communication, which as I outlined in the newsletter before half term, I am hoping that these issues have now been resolved.

Finally, your opinion is very important to us, so if you would like to speak to a member of the team at any point, please feel free to pop into school – thank you.

Attendance

As you are aware it is very important that children attend school every day, so that the teaching team can support their learning and make sure that your child is growing in confidence and building firm friendships. Due to the importance we place on this, we regularly monitor each child's level of attendance to ensure that our pupils are regularly attending school to identify any children who are of a concern. As we continue to work in partnerships with families, we will be contacting parents whose child's attendance is low or whose punctuality is causing concern in the coming weeks. Please could I remind parents that the school opens at 8:45 am and children must be in school by 8:55am for registration – thank you.

Sport, Sport & More Sport!



Thank you to the many families who sent back the questionnaires, which asked about your child's participation in sport outside of school. We have used this information to consider how we can bring more sporting opportunities to the children at Pineham Barns. Already, we have invested in lots of new playground equipment and additional P.E equipment for our school, which the children have enjoyed using. I am also delighted to inform you that the all of the children will be participating in coaching sessions with Freestyle each week. Lewis Mooney, Freestyle



Coach, will deliver the sessions each week, to Miss Lecky's class on Monday afternoon and Mrs Rumsey's class on a Friday afternoon. Initially, the coach will focus on multi skills, but as the children progress through the age groups additional sports will be offered.

We have also committed to providing sporting clubs at lunchtime and Lewis will be leading clubs for the children on a Monday and Friday, so that they are being encouraged to be active. The children will be able to participate in a range of sports from football to dodge ball and gymnastics – there will be something for everyone!

Finally, we have further plans to increase sports participation at our school, which we will share with you in the near future. In the meantime, if you require further information about the use of the Sports Premium at Pineham Barns, please visit the Information Section of the school website at www.pinehambarns.school.

Christmas Is Coming!



Christmas is the staff's favourite time of year and already we are busily preparing for our first Christmas Nativity on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm and 6pm. Further information will follow nearer the time, but we would like to request that younger siblings attend in the afternoon and not the evening performance – thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

- 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
- Thursday 30th November – Australia Celebration Day for Year One & Two – parents invited from 2:30pm
- Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Nativity
- Monday 18th December – Whole School Christmas Craft Day
- Wednesday 20th December – Chartwells Christmas Dinner
School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

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