

**Newsletter Number 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**



**School Values - Determination**

The children have been wonderful at showing our school value determination, with many of the children adding blue pebbles to their class bird feeders. All of the children are working together to fill the bird feeder for an extra-curricular treat. If each class succeeds in filling their jars, all of the children will be able to participate in an extra learning treat to celebrate their success in showing our school value for the term. Reception have decided that they would like to do lots of cooking, while Miss Lecky's class are planning a winter picnic for their Welly Work one Friday with hot chocolate. We will keep you updated!



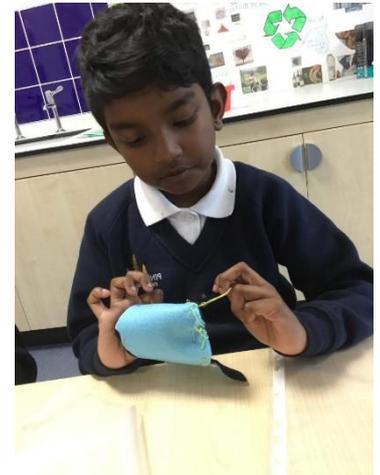
**Sporting News**

Well done to all of our children who took part in the 'Hot Shots' Basketball Tournament last weekend. The children played superbly and came third overall in their very first school fixture! We are incredibly proud of them and their determination.

**Staffing News**

The staff team at Pineham Barns work incredibly hard to ensure that the children have the best possible experiences at our school. With this in mind, myself and our Chair of Governors are very keen to find the

right team members for Pineham Barns and have therefore advertised for the same position many times. Prior to the school opening, we weren't able to recruit a Higher Level Teaching Assistant to work alongside Miss Lecky in her class, and therefore Mrs Mayes kindly agreed to take up the role on a temporary basis. I am pleased to announce that we have finally recruited Mrs Claire Price, who is incredibly experienced and I am sure will be a valuable asset to the team. Mrs Price will begin working at our school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December and is very much looking forward to meeting the children and their families.



There is also a change in the Reception Team, as today is Mrs Smith's last day. She has thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Reception Team and working with all of the children, but is leaving due to personal circumstances. Mrs Barnes will still be working in Reception and will be joined by Mrs Gibbs, who the children know well, whilst we advertise for an Early Years Teaching Assistant.

I will of course keep you updated, but would like to thank both Mrs Smith and Mrs Mayes for their hard work in opening the school.

### **Thank you!**

We raised £53 for Children in Need, thank you very much for your donations.

### **Christmas is Coming!**



There are some very excited children (and staff) at school, as we prepare for our first Christmas at Pineham Barns. As you are already aware, the children and staff are busily preparing for 'Wiggly Nativity' and a letter about tickets was sent home last week. In the lead up to Christmas, I thought it would also be useful to outline some of the festivities that we have lined up.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

We have some very special guests coming to watch the children's performance of 'Wiggly Nativity' in the afternoon. We have invited the residents of Oak Lodge to come and watch the children's performance, have a cup of tea and a delicious mince pie.



### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Celebration**

We are all really looking forward to our Christmas Celebration morning, where we have planned a few special surprises for the children, before they have their party food at lunchtime. The children can come dressed in their party clothes or Christmas jumpers for the day, but please make sure that they are wearing warm suitable clothing and have appropriate shoes for school, as we will be outside lots in the morning.

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft Day**

The whole school will join together for lots of different craft activities with all of the staff. We will be listening to Christmas music, as we work together to create some special keepsakes to celebrate the festivities.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Chartwell's Christmas Lunch**

All of the children will be able to join in a very special Christmas lunch with all the trimmings!

### **Parent Teacher Association**

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our very first AGM meeting. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and to hear all about your fundraising ideas. Our PTA are hoping to run their very first event for the children in the New Year.

### **A Little Reminder...**

Please could I remind you that children aren't able to ride bikes or scooters on the school site and need to walk these to the cycle rack from the main gate. Your support with this is much appreciated – thank you.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Flu Immunisation
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Nativity
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Celebration Morning
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole School Christmas Craft Day





- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Chartwells Christmas Dinner  
School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

Don't forget to visit the school's website [pinehambarns.school](http://pinehambarns.school) and Twitter site for more updates.

**Have a lovely weekend!**