

Newsletter Number 3 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October



What a fantastic half term we have had! There has been cooking, working with artists, dragons, Zumba, many Welly Walks, fairies and Shakespeare. The children have settled in beautifully and have been working incredibly hard this term, and we are all looking forward to lots more exciting learning next term.

Shakespeare

The children have had a fantastic week learning about Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*. There have been fairy doors, lots of fairy houses, art work, and of course lots of drama workshops with the fantastic Leigh Wolmarans. The children have really immersed themselves into the text and we have even had our Reception children quoting parts of the play!





### Values

The children have demonstrated our current values of Respect and Tolerance superbly and many bird feeders have been filled! The teachers are talking with the children about their curriculum treat, which will be happening as soon as they return after half term.

Our value for next term is Determination and is represented by the Kingfisher. In their classes and assemblies, the children will be exploring how they can show this value at school and in their learning. Hopefully, the bird feeders will be full to the brim yet again!

### Attendance

Please can we remind parents that children must be in their classrooms for registration at 8:55am, so that they have a settled and calm start to their learning. We have noticed an increase in the number of pupils arriving late to school, which means that many of our children are missing key learning opportunities. After half term, we will be writing to families whose children are late, so that we can work together to ensure that your child has a settled start to school each day. Your support with this is appreciated – thank you.



### Parent Visits

We are keen to ensure that all our parents are able to come into school as regularly as possible. Therefore, we are inviting parents into school on the dates below to either share a book or participate in a small learning activity. We are hoping that by giving you the dates early enough, we will be able to see lots of you there.

**Reception – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm** - Phonics Workshop with the Reception Team and then parents will have a chance to share a story with their child in the classroom.

**Year One – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm** - Phonics Workshop with Miss Lecky and then parents will have a chance to share a story with their child in the classroom.

**Year Two & Three – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2:45pm** - Parents are invited to share a book with their child in the classroom.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 3:15pm** - All parents are invited into school, so that their child can share their learning in their books with them.

### **Poppies**

We will be selling Poppies when we return after half term in time for Remembrance Sunday on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. In addition to Poppies, pupils are also able to purchase rulers, key rings and pencils, which range from 50p to a £1. If you would like to make a donation or purchase an item, please send your child in with the money after the half term.



### **Halloween Disco**



As you will be aware, we have our Halloween Disco on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, from 3:30pm to 5pm, which has been organised by our wonderful PTA. The children are incredibly excited and if you haven't already returned your child's permission slip and money, please do so as soon as possible. Just a little reminder, your child is able to bring a change of clothes into school, so that they are disco ready!



### Dressing Up Clothes

If anybody has any unwanted or outgrown costumes that need a good home, please can you send them into school for our Reception classes where they will be put to good use – thank you.

### A Little Reminder...

Please can we request that elaborate bows be kept for the weekend. Hair accessories should be simple for school and preferably in the school's colours of navy blue or gold. The extra-large bows are beautiful, but should not be worn in school. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Dates for your diary: -**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** - Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – School re-opens to pupils

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Halloween Disco – 3:30pm – 5pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – School tours and meet the Pineham Barns team at 7pm for Reception '19 places

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – School tours at 9.30am, 11am & 1.30pm for Reception '19 places

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

**Have a lovely half term!**