

Newsletter Number 4 – Friday 9th November



All the children have returned to school, refreshed and raring to go! It's been a very busy few weeks at school and we are all really looking forward to another jam-packed half term in the lead up to Christmas.

Christmas Is Coming!

It is our favourite time of year and preparations for our Christmas performances are underway. To provide families with plenty of notice our performances will be on the following dates.

- Monday 10th December at 2pm
- Tuesday 11th December at 9:30am and 6pm

Further information about tickets will follow early next week, please make sure you return your slip as soon as possible – thank you.

Video

As you are aware, we had a promotional video made for our school before half term. The children were superb and we hope you agree that the film captures life at Pineham Barns Primary School. In case you haven't already discovered the film, it's now live on the homepage of the school's website pinehambarns.school.



Admissions Consultation

We are currently consulting on our admissions criteria, as we are proposing to alter this for our school. Details of the changes and our proposed policy can be found on our school website in the 'Information' section under 'Admissions.' If you have any queries or questions regarding our proposed changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such a great Halloween Disco. The children all had a wonderful time and the hall looked amazing thanks to their hard work. A special thank you also to Yasmin's family who baked a special cake for every child to take home.

This week, the PTA kindly donated £500 which we are using to buy books for all year groups, this will benefit our children hugely. The work of the PTA and the generosity of families is so valuable and the staff team are incredibly appreciative of all your hard work – thank you.



Children In Need

As you maybe aware, Friday 16th November is Children In Need day. To support the charity, the children are able to wear mufti to school for a suggested donation of £1.

Reception Parents

Please may we remind our Reception parents to return the slip regarding the online learning journal Tapestry by Monday 12th November. Once all the slips are returned, your account will be activated, so that you can view your child's learning at home. If you have any queries regarding this, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception team.

A Little Reminder

Please can we remind families that in line with our uniform policy, children must wear a navy school jumper or cardigan with the Pineham Barns logo, plain navy blue jumpers and cardigans are not acceptable. Please also remember that black school shoes must be worn and trainers are not to be worn as part of uniform thank you.



Bertie the Butterfly

PC Sarah Whitehead and her colleague visited all of the children in assembly today to talk about Bertie the Butterfly. He is a very important butterfly that helps children talk to adults if they have a worry in their tummy. The children learnt about who they could talk to and now know this includes adults who wear the special badge such as the Police, Fire Service and Paramedics. Further information can be found at www.forestfederation.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=814&type=pdf

Communication

All of our newsletters can be found on the school website. We also update the class pages on the school website under the parents section, with the children's learning, regularly. Further updates can also be found via our Twitter account. Any letters that are requested or require families to return a slip to school are placed in book bags, as are any accident information letters, so please make sure you check your child's bag daily.



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 12th November at 2:30pm - Year One – Phonics Workshop with Miss Lecky followed by a chance to share a story with your child in the classroom.

Friday 16th November – Children In Need, mufti day.

Wednesday 21st November – School tours and meet the Pineham Barns team at 7pm for Reception ‘19 places.

Thursday 22nd November 2pm – Healthy Eating workshop.

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

Wednesday 28th November – School tours at 9.30am, 11am & 1.30pm for Reception ‘19 places.

Thursday 29th November 2pm – Healthy Eating ‘drop in’ session.

Monday 3rd December – 3:15pm - All parents are invited into school, to share their child’s learning in their books with them.

Monday 10th December at 2pm – Christmas Performance.

Tuesday 11th December at 9:30am and 6pm – Christmas Performances.

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

Have a lovely weekend!