

Newsletter Number 1 – Friday 6th September



Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to see all the children again and hear about their many adventures over the summer. They have settled back into life at Pineham Barns beautifully with their new teachers and have been very active on the playground with the new markings. Next week, we will begin to welcome our new Reception children from Tuesday, which will be very exciting.



School Values To start our year off, we are beginning with the value of 'Respect & Tolerance.' This is represented by owls and already the children have started to fill their bird feeders by demonstrating this value around our school. We are really keen to hear from any families, whose child shows our values outside of school, so that we can celebrate this with them. If you feel that your child has demonstrated respect and tolerance outside of school, please don't hesitate to drop a member of the team an email or speak to your child's class teacher.

Reading Picnics

We would like to invite our parents to join the children for our very first reading picnics! These sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to share books with their children in what we hope will be a fun way. It will also provide an opportunity for the children to share with you their new classrooms and our library area.

Parents are invited to join us from 2:30pm to meet with Miss Latham our Reading Lead to learn more about the new initiatives we have built in for this year. Parents will be provided with practical tips for home and further information about how we support and teach reading at school. Please come to the main entrance at 2:15pm on the following dates:

Year One – Wednesday 18th September

Year Two – Wednesday 25th September

Year Three / Four – Thursday 26th September

Reception parents are invited into school on Friday 27th September at 12:15pm for a reading and phonics workshop with Mrs Dell and Mrs Kerr. Please pop along to the main entrance for the event, where coffee will be waiting! Younger siblings are more than welcome to come along, to enable parents to attend.



Macmillan Coffee Morning On Friday 27th September, we will be joining the nation for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to support Macmillan Cancer. If are able to donate any cakes to help raise money for this important cause, please bring them to the school office from 8:45am. Any donations, whether homemade or bought will be much appreciated! Please come and join us from 9am, it would be lovely to see lots of you there.

Water Bottles

The children will be bringing home their new water bottles today and every Friday. Please could they be washed over the weekend and come back to school each Monday – thank you.

Books

We have been very busy over the summer holidays and have some exciting new additions to our school playground and environment to share with you. Mr Mcleod has been busy building lots of different things for the children to use, which you will see on the playground in the next few weeks. One of our additions to the playground involves books; therefore if you have any used books that are in good condition, please could they be donated to school for the children to use. Any books will be greatly appreciated and can be left either with your child's class teacher or at the office.



Key Stage Two Snacks

Please note moving forward if you child is in key stage two and would like to bring in a snack they are more than welcome to bring in a piece of fruit/ vegetable from home.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 18th September - Year One Reading Workshop for Parents

Wednesday 25th September - Year Two Reading Workshop for Parents

Friday 27th September – McMillan Coffee Morning for families from 9am

Thursday 26th September - Year Three & Four Reading Workshop for Parents

Monday 30th September – Reception start full time

Wednesday 2nd October – Racket Festival for selected Key Stage One children

Friday 18th October – School Photos - further details to follow shortly



Monday 21st October – Whole School Shakespeare Week

Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evening – Further details to follow shortly

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

Have a lovely weekend