

Newsletter Number 7 – Friday 29th November



It is an incredibly busy time at Pineham Barns and there has been a huge amount of activity over the past few weeks, with even more to come on the lead up to Christmas.

Online Safety

A huge thank you to Mrs Dell for organising our Online Safety Workshop with Simon Aston from Northamptonshire County Council. Thank you to all the parents who joined us, I know many of you found it very useful and insightful to ensure that your children are safe online. For those of you who weren't able to make the workshop, here are some of the key facts from the session.

- **The average age of an online gamer is 34**
- **74% of gaming is made up by adults**
- **74% of free mobile apps sell on our personal information, this includes social media and Tik Tock**
- **1 in 3 child sexual offences now starts online in Northamptonshire**
- **90% of 12 – 16 year olds in the UK believe their parents don't follow their own rules on screen time**

Some very worrying statistics and if you have any concerns about your child's online activity, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Dell our Online Safety Lead.



Christmas!

There are lots of different activities going on over the next few weeks in preparation for Christmas, in addition to the performances and celebrations that have already been given to parents.

Please look carefully at the dates below and further information about the events will follow shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Wednesday 4th December – PTA Christmas Disco

Friday 13th December - Year One Fashion Show 2:45pm

Tuesday 17th December – Breakfast with Santa (Year 2, 3 & 4)

Reindeer Visit for Reception, parents invited from 2pm

Wednesday 18th December Breakfast with Santa (Year Reception and 1)

Christmas Party Day

Friday 20th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Alzheimer's Charity, suggested donation £1

Pineham Planet Protectors Update

Miss Latham has had a huge challenge choosing the Pineham Planet Protectors, but after much deliberating is announcing the successful applicants on Monday in assembly. We will keep you posted!



Lateness

Please can we remind you that school starts at 8:55am and therefore the children must be in school before this time. Classroom doors open from 8:45am to ensure that the children have a settled start before school starts. In the coming weeks we will be writing to parents who are consistently late as arriving at school after the register can have a detrimental effect on their learning and wellbeing.

School Elections

On Monday, we will be talking to the children about the General Election, how it works and what it means. Through this, we will be launching our very own Pineham Barns MPs who will capture the pupil voice of our school and work with the staff to implement some of the pupil's ideas. Mrs Green who works in Year Three & Four will be running this group of pupil, who we have yet to names so that is their first job!

To be part of this exciting group, the children in Year One upwards will be electing a member of their class to represent them. In line with the process of election, children who wish to be considered, need to be prepared to speak to their class, telling them how they will improve the school. This could be through a Power Point, poster, or some other creative way, but one that will get them the votes! The children from Year One upwards will then be visiting our very own polling station and placing their votes. The elected candidates from each class will be notified the next day, ready for their role in January.

Children In Need

Thank you for your donations, we raised £132.50



Bags2School

A huge thank you for all the donations of bag2school bags, we received a huge amount and raised a fantastic £224



Voting

As I am sure you are all aware there will be a General Election on the 12th December and the Community Centre will be used as a polling station for the day. The school will still be open as normal, because members of the public cannot access the school part of the building, without the security keys. However, to ensure that the members of the general public are not able to access Breakfast and After School Club, we will be moving the provision for the day.

The children will be in school hall in the morning and parents will be able to drop off at the main entrance, where a member of the team will be there to greet the children. In the afternoon, the children will be having a movie in the Reception classroom and further information regarding collection will be sent out at a later date. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Barnes or the school office. Thank you.

PE Kit/Outdoor Clothing

Now we are coming into the winter months, can you please ensure your child has a coat in school each day and also has some jogging bottoms to wear for PE sessions outdoors.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th December – PTA Christmas Disco (Reception 3:15pm – 4:15pm, Yrs 1-4 4:30pm-6pm)

Sunday 8th December – PTA Welly Walk – 2pm at Harlestone Firs

Monday 9th December – Wriggly Nativity (Reception and Year One) Grandparents Showing – 2pm.
(PTA will be selling refreshments on all performances)

Tuesday 10th December – Wriggly Nativity (Reception and Year One) - 2pm and 6pm. (Younger siblings will not be able to attend the evening performance)

Wednesday 11th December – Wriggly Nativity (Reception and Year One) - 9:30am

Monday 16th December - Christmas Spectacular! (Year Two, Three and Four) – 2pm

Tuesday 17th December – Breakfast with Santa (Year Two, Three and Four)

Wednesday 18th December – Breakfast with Santa (Reception and Year One)

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Party Day

Friday 20th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Alzheimer’s Charity, suggested donation €1

Friday 20th December – School closes for Christmas

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

Have a lovely half term break!