

Newsletter Number 10 – Friday 24th January 2020



It's been an incredibly busy few weeks at Pineham Barns and this term is proving to be incredibly jam packed! There are lots of different dates and times in this newsletter so please make sure you have your diaries at the ready.

Parliament Trip for Year Four



We are delighted to have the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament on Monday 10th February with our Year Four children. During their visit, the children will be able to learn about what goes on inside the Houses of Parliament and all about law and debating. It is all very exciting and I am sure will prove to be a very memorable experience for Year Four.



Early Morning Maths

It's time to wake up the brains and learn all about how you can support your child with their Maths at home. The team will be ready to lead you through the different strategies that we use in school to teach your child, they will also be providing you with practical tips to support learning and homework at home.

Parents who wish to attend are able to bring any children who attend our school to one of the classrooms, where the staff will look after them. It will be an interactive session with plenty of tea and coffee at the ready, so please feel free to pop along. The dates are as follows:

Reception & Year One – Thursday 12th March at 8:15am – 8:45am

Year Two, Three and Four – Thursday 19th March at 8:15am – 8:45am

Please come to the front entrance prior to start time, we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Parent Questionnaires

It is really important to us, that we gather the views of our families to see how we can further improve our school. Over the next few weeks, we will be sending electronic questionnaires to families, and would really appreciate it if as many parents could respond, so that we have a good understanding of the views of our school community.

The questionnaires will be sent out in year groups starting with Reception, so please look out for the email. If you have any queries regarding this, please speak to Mrs Stewart or a member of the Admin Team. Thank you.





Worldly Wise Week Monday 10th – Friday 14th February

As part of our values, it is very important to us that the children have a very good understanding of the world beyond Pineham and that we provide them with the tools to become respectful and tolerant members of society.

As part of their personal development, we have organised a week where the children will have an opportunity to meet many different people to challenge their particular perceptions. We have a huge range of visitors from builders, athletes, chefs and even dancers. I am sure this will be a huge success and we look forward to sharing all of the children's learning and experiences with you.

Well-Being – Wednesday 25th March

The children continue to participate in their Well-Being every Wednesday, which they very much enjoy. Well-Being is a huge part of our school and one we would very much like to share with parents. On Wednesday 25th March, families are invited into school to meet with Mrs Rogers at 2:15pm who is our Well-Being Leader. During the workshop, Mrs Rogers will share strategies and ideas to support children's ability to deal with emotions at home. Parents will then be invited into the classroom to participate in the Well-Being sessions with their child to fully understand how this works in the different year groups. We hope to see many of you there.



Breakfast Club

Many parents who utilise our Breakfast Club have requested for the hours to be extended. As a school, we are looking to see if we can accommodate this by opening the provision from 7:45am. A letter outlining the details have been given to all parents who currently attend, but if other families are interested please visit the office to get a letter.

Year Two SATS Meeting

As many of you will be aware, the children in Year Two will complete their SATS which is a national assessment throughout the month of May. Miss Latham would like to invite parents to meet with her to understand how the tests are completed and to see what is asked of the children through the assessments. She will also provide strategies and tips for parents to support their child at home.

Many parents in the past have found this meeting to be incredibly helpful and insightful, therefore to ensure as many parents can attend as possible, we are offering the following times.

Thursday 27th February at 8:15am or 2:20pm. The meeting in the afternoon will then be followed by Year Two's Reading Picnic, (further information can be found below).

Reading Picnics



Following on from last term's successful Reading Picnics, we would like to invite families in again on the following dates:

Year One – Friday 28th February from 2:30pm.

Before visiting the indoor Reading Garden with their child, the Year One team will be providing more information on the Year One Phonics assessment which will take place in June.

Year Two – Thursday 27th February at 2:20pm

Reading Picnics for Reception and Year Three and Four will be arranged for next term.



A Little Reminder

The children really enjoy visiting the library and are really enjoying the new books that were recently purchased. Some of the children have been unable to change their books, as the old ones have not been returned. Please could we ask that over the weekend, any books at home are searched for and returned to school as soon as possible for other children to enjoy. Unfortunately, we will be asking families for a contribution in the coming weeks for any books that are not returned to school.

Life Education Bus

The Life Education Bus will be visiting our school on Friday 7th February. Throughout the day, there will be sessions for all the children in Years One to Four in their classes with their teacher. The Life Education Bus provides a purposeful and interactive environment, where children are able to discuss and learn essential life skills. The sessions are delivered by trained expert educators who will deliver the following learning to the children:

Year One - My Wonderful Body

Year Two - Feelings

Year Three & Four - Meet the Brain

Dates for your diary:

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| Thursday 30th January - | RK Parents invited to school to meet Miss Randall at 2:30pm |
| Friday 31st January - | Year One Curriculum Day - Victorians |
| Tuesday 4th February -
to follow. | Football Tournament for selected Year Three & Four boys, further details |
| Thursday 6th February - | Year One Assembly (iJP) - 9:05am |
| Friday 7th February - | Life Education Bus for Years One - Four
Year One Assembly (iHR) - 9:05am |
| Monday 10th February - | Worldly Wise Week begins |



- Monday 10th February Continued - Year Four - Houses of Parliament Trip
- Wednesday 12th February – PTA Valentine Disco (further information to follow)
- Friday 14th February – School closes for half term
- Monday 24th February – School opens to pupils
- Thursday 27th February – Year Two SATS Meeting – 8:15am or 2:20pm
Year Two Reading Picnic – 2:20pm
- Friday 28th February - Year One Reading Picnic – 2:30pm
- Thursday 12th March – Early Morning Maths (Reception & Year One) 8:15am-8:45am
- Thursday 19th March – Early Morning Maths (Years Two, Three & Four) 8:15am-8:45am
- Wednesday 25th March – Wellbeing Workshop – All Parents - 2:15pm

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

Have a lovely weekend!