

Newsletter Number 6 – Friday 27th November



Christmas is Coming!

It's our favourite time of year and although it might be a little different this year, we still want to make sure that we celebrate it in true Pineham style!

Christmas Cards

We know that the children are keen to send Christmas cards to their friends and we want to ensure that we can do this in a safe way. From Friday 4th December, children will be able to post their cards as they arrive to school up until Monday 14th December.

Please ensure each card has a name and class name written on so we can distribute accordingly.

The cards will remain left in school and untouched until Thursday 17th December when they will be distributed to all of the children. This will ensure that we have taken as many precautions as possible to keep our school community safe. If you would rather that your child's cards did not come home due to the current circumstances, please contact the office by Thursday 17th December.

Finally, please ensure that all cards are posted by Monday 14th December, after this date we will not be able to accept any other cards into school.

Reception Nativity

Christmas is a really important time and we want to ensure that our new families in Reception don't miss out on their child's first nativity. Mrs Dell and the Reception team are working on a very special Wriggly Nativity which parents will be invited to watch. Please make sure if you haven't already returned your permission slip enabling your child to be filmed you do so as soon as possible and no later than Monday 30th November. Further details will follow, but get ready for a special family showing on Wednesday 16th December.

Merry Christmas from Pineham

The children would like to wish all of their families a very Merry Christmas. Unfortunately, we aren't able to welcome families into school this year, but we have found another way to send our best wishes to all our families. Special videos will be arriving for families via the children's online platforms by the end of term.

Santa Run!

Every child needs to make sure they have their trainers at the ready to provide much needed support for our local charities Emma's Aim and Timken Grange. The children and staff will be running around the track in their bubbles as many times as possible in support of our local charities. Further information will follow from Mr Pender, but we are asking families to donate items that we can then send to people in need as part of our charity work.

The children will be invited to wear Santa hats, Christmas outfits and jumpers to really raise Christmas spirits to help local charities.

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Timken Grange Christmas Donations

We are teaming up with the Northampton Hope Centre, to gather donations of the resources needed to support those facing homelessness this Christmas.

The items we will be donating to the homeless are:

- ↳ Smellies
- ↳ Chocolates
- ↳ Stocking fillers
- ↳ Notebooks
- ↳ Pens
- ↳ Boxes of biscuits
- ↳ Selection boxes
- ↳ Hats, scarves & gloves
- ↳ Pants
- ↳ Small pack of mince pies



Breakfast with Santa!

Santa will still be visiting Pineham all be it virtually. All children in Years Reception to Year Two will be able to join their friends to have a special breakfast which will be organised by the PTA.



Further details will follow shortly.

Christmas Party

All the children will be celebrating Christmas with a party in their bubbles. There will be games and lots for the children to enjoy on Thursday 17th December. The children are able to come in their party clothes for the day, but please make sure they have lots of warm layers for playing outdoors. Unfortunately, there won't be party food this year, but there will still be lots for the children to enjoy!

Abm Christmas Dinner

Abm are providing the children with a Christmas dinner with all of the trimmings on Wednesday 9th December. There will also be crackers and Christmas decorations to help with the festivities, with many of the staff joining the children for Christmas dinner. If you would like to order your child a Christmas dinner, please make sure you book your child's meal via ParentPay as the existing menu will be removed for that day. Please note, the Christmas menu for the 9th December is not on ParentPay as yet however please keep checking as Abm have informed us that the change will be made in the next few days.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December the children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers to school as part of the National Jumper Day.



Preston Hedges Trust Times Table Rockstars competition

We are delighted to announce that the children in 4/5PF have won the Trust Times Table Rockstars competition! They competed tirelessly for the school in a week long marathon competition, and as a result of their hard work they are the overall winners! Well done 4/5PF!



Covid-19 Reminders

Please can we remind families that adults on school site must wear face masks at all times to keep our school community safe.

Please make sure that masks are worn correctly, covering your mouth and nose. We appreciate that at times they can be forgotten, but parents may not be allowed on the school site if face masks are not worn.

If you are exempt from wearing a face mask then please ensure that you wear the green lanyard provided, so that the team are aware. Anyone that doesn't have a lanyard will be requested to wear a face mask on the school site. Thank you for your understanding and support.

As an added measure, from Monday 30th November, all children will have their temperatures checked when they enter the classroom. In order to gain an accurate reading, temperature checks will need to take place once the children are inside the classroom rather than outside. So please drop your children off as normal.

Once the children have removed coats and settled into their early morning work their temperature will be checked, this will allow for an accurate reading to be taken. If a temperature reading shows high we will recheck it. Anything above 37.8C is considered to be a high temperature and therefore a symptom of COVID, if a child was showing a temperature of 37.8C or above after several checks your child will need to be collected from school and taken for a test.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact the school office.



Parking

We have been asked by local residents to remind families not to park on the grass verges at the end of school field. There are plenty of other places to park, so please ensure that you park respectfully and safely – thank you.

Online Safety

During the current restrictions, many children are spending more time online to chat with their friends and play games; this is really valuable and supports well-being. We talk to the children lots in school about online safety and being respectful online. Please could we also ask parents to support this at home by discussing this with children who play with friends online. Further information can be found on our website.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 2nd December at 4pm – Years Three, Four & Five Maths calculation strategies (Zoom)
- Thursday 3rd December at 4pm – Year One Phonics (Zoom)
- Tuesday 8th December at 4pm - Year Two SATS (Zoom)
- Wednesday 9th December – Abm Christmas dinner
- Friday 11th December – National Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Run
- Thursday 17th December – Flu Vaccinations
- Thursday 17th December – Christmas Party Day
- Friday 18th December – Last day of term

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

Have a lovely weekend!