

Newsletter Number 7 – Friday 11th December



The school is full of Christmas activities and all of the staff and children enjoyed their Christmas crackers and dinner on Wednesday. Our Santa Run today has been fantastic and was enjoyed by the children and staff.

Staff News

At the end of term, Mrs Price who works with many of the children in our school, but mainly in Year Three will be leaving. Claire has been a huge part of the success at Pineham Barns and we will all miss her energy, commitment and wall writing skills amongst many others! Mrs Price is off to pursue a completely different career away from teaching, and I am sure you will join the staff team in thanking her for her hard work and wishing her all the best for the future.

In other staffing news, as many of you will be aware Miss Hendrey is currently completing her teaching degree and is in the final stages. Lucy currently works in Year Two alongside Mrs Rogers, but will be moving in January across to Early Years. This is to ensure that she is able to widen her knowledge of the primary phase as she prepares to become a fully qualified teacher early next year. I have no doubt that Miss Hendrey will be a huge asset to the Early Years Team and will mainly be working alongside Miss Randall's class.

Baby News!

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Dell is expecting her first baby in May with her husband Curt. Families in her class have already been informed and are aware that Mrs Kerr will be the class teacher for RED during Mrs Dell's maternity leave. Whilst Mrs Dell is on maternity leave, Mrs Rogers will take on the role of Senco. Congratulations Mrs Dell!



End of Term

As you may have heard in the news, the Department for Education has enabled schools to close one day earlier this term. We will not be doing this, as I believe it is too short notice for families, and the children are looking forward to the end of term activities. **School will be closing on Friday 18th December** as previously outlined.

Christmas Cards

Please remember that the last day for posting Christmas cards is Monday 14th December, after this date we will not be able to accept any other cards into school.



Santa Run!

Thank you to all our children and staff who took part in today's event, it was a huge success and the children completed a huge number of laps. Thank you to all of the families that have dropped donations for our charities Emma's Aim and the Hope Centre. A huge thank you to Dawn Ashford (one of our Year One parents) who works at Argos, has managed to donate £300 worth of goods to our Santa Run. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our families thank you so much! We will be making sure that they make their way to the charities in time for Christmas to hopefully bring some festive cheer.



Covid Reminders

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we want to continue to ensure that we keep all of our families and staff safe, so that they enjoy a much deserved break. Therefore please can we ask families to be extra vigilant, if your child is not feeling well please keep them off school until we can be certain it is not a COVID related illness. This will not impact your child's attendance as it will be recorded as a COVID related absence. Please also be aware that we are hearing more frequently how initial symptoms start with a headache, cold or aches and pains, and often develop COVID symptoms a day or two later.

Finally, in the lead up to Christmas, the Department for Education has asked schools to ensure that families are aware of what to do in the event of a positive case in the family. Whilst I appreciate this is a little early, I wanted to make sure parents are fully aware before the Christmas festivities are underway.

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, families must contact Mrs Stewart at principal@pineham.org as soon as possible. This will enable any families that need to self-isolate to be contacted. Please ensure that you only send any positive results to this email rather than the office, as they will not be contactable over the holidays. Mrs Stewart will be able to be contacted regarding any positive cases up until the 24th December in line with the Department for Education guidance.
- Where a pupil from our school tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.



Dates for your diary:

- 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!



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