



Newsletter Number 11 – Friday 12th February 2021

Once again a huge thank you to the parents and children who have been working so hard at home. Your enthusiasm and energy is hugely appreciated and means that we can continue to build on the children's learning in these very strange times.

Like many, I am eagerly awaiting the next planned announcement on the 22nd February and will of course be in touch with families with any updates as soon as possible.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone that took part in our questionnaire, we had 98 families respond. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and felt that our offer had improved since the last lockdown. As a team, we are really pleased that our approach to home learning has been well-received amongst our families and the positive comments to staff were much appreciated.

Families were overwhelmingly very positive about the amount of work set, and appreciated that due to the offer of both learning through the online platforms and through the Zoom sessions, they could be flexible and fit it around busy schedules. Other key areas that were positive were that:

- 89% of families felt that their child is continuing to make positive progress throughout the lockdown.
- Families felt that overwhelmingly the timetables were clear for the children with over 94% agreeing or strongly agreeing.
- 91% of parents felt that the amount of learning for the children was appropriate.

Through the questionnaire, the following points were raised:

- In Year One, some parents felt that the support offered during this second lockdown wasn't as effective, because the children aren't now provided with 1:1 phonics. The children were provided with 1:1 phonics sessions during the bubble closure in November as all of the staff had to isolate along with the children. This wasn't a lockdown and we are unable to provide 1:1 phonics for all of our children during the current school closure, as the team are still in school working with the vulnerable and key worker children, whilst delivering remote learning to the children at home.



- Some parents have enquired whether it would be possible for the teachers to contact the children once a week. Again, because the teachers are in school teaching and preparing work for the children at home that they are unable to. We are also seeing the children each day during their lessons, which enables us to ensure that they are all happy and well.
- Feedback and marking was highlighted by a few parents as an area for us a team; we will be evaluating this as we move forward to see how we can further improve this for the children at home.

Covid

If you're child has been attending school this term, please make sure you follow the procedures outlined below with regards to notifying the school of any positive Covid cases.

- For the first 6 days after your child has been in school, 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.
- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted, but follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

100 miles in February!

We continue to be so proud of our children, their resilience and kindness continues to show through. An example of this is Campbell who has decided to cycle 100 miles on a spin bike in February after being inspired by Captain Tom. Campbell has decided to do this as he wants to raise money for the charity "NHS Charities Together" and fund tablets that will ensure that patients can keep in touch with their loved ones. This is a huge and impressive challenge, which I have no doubt Campbell will achieve.



If anyone would like to find out more information or support Campbell, please visit his Just Giving page.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=GaryAllen12&pageUrl=1>

Pineham Planet Protectors

After a busy half term, our Planet Protectors have had their first virtual meeting. They discussed the things that they can do at school and at home to look after our environment. They are excited to announce that after half term, there will be Year One Planet Protectors joining the team. We are sure our new recruits will share the passion and determination that was apparent in the Planet Protector team this week.



As well as this, the Planet Protectors will be sharing their knowledge with our reception classes by creating a new way for our youngest children to get involved.

Well done Pineham Planet Protectors, we can't wait to see what you do next!





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A Special Present!

An exciting parcel for all of the children has been delivered this week and is wrapped and awaiting their return.
More information will follow shortly, but what could it be?.....



Arbor

At the beginning of March we will be moving to a new communications platform whereby each parent that we hold contact information for will be invited to access the new portal and receive school communications.

In preparation for this, we would like to know if your circumstances regarding parental contacts have changed. This information is needed as each parent listed on our current system will be invited to sign up to the new parent portal.

If any of the contact details we hold have changed can you please email rosie.godfrey@pineham.org by 5pm on Friday 19th February to let us know. More details will follow after the half term break,

Have a lovely half term break!

We look forward to seeing all of the children back on Zoom from Monday 22nd February at their usual times.