

Newsletter Number 13- Friday 5th March 2021



This week has been World Book Day and it has been wonderful to see the children and staff dress up as usual for the occasion. The children engaged in lots of different learning activities to celebrate their favourite books and we unveiled our mystery package; our very own branded book vending machine!

8th March – Return to School Reminders

The children will need to be dropped off and collected at the following times.

Year Group	Start & Finish Time	Collection and pick up
Year 3, 4 & 5	8:45am – 3:15pm	From the usual door leading to upstairs
Year R	8:45am – 3:15pm	Classroom doors
Year 1 & 2	9am – 3:30pm	Year One – Classroom doors Year Two – Hall entrance as before.

Please remember that Year Three will be coming through the entrance to the main stairs in the school on the playground.

If you have siblings in Years 1 or 2 and Reception, please drop your child off at the doors to the Year 1 or 2 classroom first at 8:45am before walking round to the Reception area.

We ask that only one parent attends the school site and that social distancing is adhered to at all times.

Please can all children bring in their school book bags, PE kits, reading books and library books they have at home.



Please ensure that you follow the paths and be mindful that unfortunately our one week of sunshine has now disappeared, and so the path across the grass may still be a little muddy.

Along with the newsletter, we have attached the correspondence that was sent last week with the full information regarding returning to school on Monday. Please note, the menus are now on ParentPay for you to book your child's meals up until the Easter break.

Staffing News

As you are aware, Mrs Rogers will be leaving us at the end of this term to become the Principal of Buckton Fields Primary School. Families in 2HR will know that Mr Ian Sinnamon will be joining us as the Assistant Principal and Year Two teacher from the summer term.

Ian is currently as Assistant Principal at Preston Hedge's Primary School which is an outstanding school within our Trust. Ian is hugely experienced across the primary phase, especially in Year Six and is a highly effective teacher; I have no doubt he will be a huge asset to our growing school.

Mr Sinnamon will be visiting us frequently over the next few weeks before he takes up post in the summer term. He will be outside on the school gates during pick up times, so please pop along and say hello.

Regular Rapid Coronavirus (COVID-19) Testing

The Department for Education (DFE) have asked us to make families aware that parents and carers who don't have symptoms can now access rapid Coronavirus Tests by clicking on the following link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>. As you can appreciate this is a huge step forward and will support us all in getting back to hopefully some sort of normality in the near future.

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 which is free from landlines and mobiles.

Arbor Update

Thank you to all of our parents that have signed up to our new system. There are still a few families who are yet to complete the process; please could you ensure that this is completed as soon as possible to ensure that you receive any communication from school. Please note, some communication will still be emailed to you from Arbor dependant on any attachments. Otherwise, messages will be sent through the app.

Lockdown Heroes

We are incredibly proud of all our children who continue to demonstrate our school values and go the extra mile. Many of you will have seen how our newsletters have been filled with the story of Campbell who has managed to smash his target of £100 to raise a staggering £2,150 for the NHS.

Faris and Esa in the last lockdown created over thirty food packages for families who were suffering, giving up huge amounts of their time to support others. If your child has gone above and beyond to help others in the community, then please let us know. We are hoping to celebrate these acts of kindness from our children in school. Please send any photos and a brief outline of their acts of kindness to rosie.godfrey@pineham.org.

Parent's Evening

We would like provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher via Zoom, please see the details below for the different year groups:

Reception – Tuesday 23rd March and Wednesday 24th March – 15:45pm – 19:30pm
Years 1, 2, 3, 4&5 - Monday 19th April and Wednesday 21st April – 15:45pm – 19:30pm

During the meeting, parents will be able to discuss their child's approach to their learning, progress and how they have settled back into school.

To book your appointment, please log onto the following website:
<https://pinehambarns.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>





Dates for your diary:

- Monday 8th March – All children back in school
- Friday 19th March – Red Nose Day (more details to follow)
- Tuesday 23rd March - Relationships Education Consultation Evening – 7pm
- Tuesday 23rd March – Reception Parents Evening 15:45pm – 19:30pm
- Wednesday 24th March – Reception Parents Evening 15:45pm – 19:30pm
- Friday 26th March – School closes for the Easter holidays
- Monday 19th April – Years One-Five Parents Evening 15:45pm – 19:30pm
- Wednesday 21st April - Years One-Five Parents Evening 15:45pm – 19:30pm

Finally, we are all looking forward to seeing all of you back to school on Monday 8th March. Once again a huge thank you to you all for your support with the online learning.

Have a lovely weekend!