

**Newsletter Number 19 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



What a busy half term we have had! The children and staff had a fantastic day today competing in their teams, we will of course let you know the outcome and the winning house. A huge thank you to Mr Pender for organising our first inter-house competition of many.

**LAB**

As you will already be aware, we have moved our Governing Body to a Local Advisory Board (LAB). The primary focus of the LAB is to promote the best interests of our children and their families.

On Tuesday evening, we had our very first meeting and it was incredibly positive, with all our members fully supporting our school and its uniqueness. During the meeting, we focused on the areas of our school priorities that the LAB could impact on, by working with the school community. As a result the key focus of the lab for the rest of this term will be around reading for pleasure.

Reading is a hugely valuable skill and it is our aim to ensure that we create life-long readers who thoroughly enjoy reading. Over the next few weeks the LAB will be working with the school staff, engaging with families and considering the views of our children, to see how we can further enhance this provision at Pineham Barns. We will keep you posted on any developments as we move forward.

Thank you to all of our families that attended the meeting about LABS across the Trust. For those of you that applied, we will be in touch shortly with the outcome of the recruitment drive across the Trust.

Finally, thank you to our current LAB members who continue to support the school with their energy and enthusiasm. Over the coming weeks there will be more information about the members of the LAB, including how you can raise any points with them.

### Reading Rewards!

Reading is hugely important at Pineham Barns and we are always reading and sharing stories at school. We want to encourage all of our children to read at home as much as possible and so over the year, we have offered incentives to encourage the children to read regularly at home.

Congratulations to Mr Sinnamon's class who have won the Reading Trophy for collecting the most amount of counters in their wellies this half term. They will have a special reward before the end of the year for reading three times or more at home each week. Judging by the amount of tokens they collected, they have clearly been incredibly busy reading at home this term



machine including comics and newspapers that have been requested. These will be in place for after half term!

In Key Stage 2, pupils have been busily collecting raffle tickets in order to be entered into our regular prize drawers. Pupils that have read three times or more in a week and have had their Reading Journal signed by an adult receive a raffle ticket for their efforts. Twice a half term, during Celebration Assembly, the winning tickets are drawn. The winners are then able to use a golden coin to select their very own book from our fabulous reading vending machine! Miss Latham has spoken to some of the children in Key Stage Two and they have new suggestions for exciting rewards to fill the vending

We firmly believe that reading is the key to unlocking a child's full potential, therefore we would like to also take this time to thank you for all your efforts with supporting your child to enjoy, understand and become more fluent with their reading at home.

### Covid-19

If a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, families must contact Mr Sinnamon at [ian.sinnamon@pineham.org](mailto:ian.sinnamon@pineham.org) as soon as possible. If a child develops symptoms from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May onwards, please don't contact the school, but follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

### Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is something we take very seriously here at Pineham Barns. We are aware that children can be exposed to and in some cases have their own social media accounts. As a school, we would like to keep you informed about the main concerns that arise within these social media platforms. Please read the attached document to discover more about Tik Tok and how to keep your child safe.



### Dates for your diary

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School re-opens to pupils
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Science Week 'Eco Theme'
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 'go blue' Mufti Day to raise money for Water Aid
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day for Years Three, Four, Five & Reception
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day for Years Two & One
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Pineham Barns Party in the Park

We hope you all have a lovely restful week and hopefully enjoy some sunshine!