



Newsletter Number 1 – Friday 10th September 2021

Welcome Back!

It has been fantastic to see the children settle back at school so well and to hear of their many adventures over the holidays. This week, we have also seen some of our Reception children start and they have done so incredibly well and luckily are excited to come back!

Value – Respect & Tolerance

To start our year off, we are beginning with the value of ‘Respect & Tolerance.’ This is represented by owls and already the children have started to fill their bird feeders by demonstrating this value around our school. We are really keen to hear from any families, whose child shows our values outside of school, so that we can celebrate this with them. If you feel that your child has demonstrated respect and tolerance outside of school, please don’t hesitate to drop a member of the team an email or speak to your child’s class teacher.

Questionnaires

Thank you to all of our families who took the time to complete our questionnaires at the end of the academic year. The results were overwhelmingly positive with families agreeing or strongly agreeing to the following:

- **98% of parents stated that their child is happy and safe at school.**
- **97% of parents felt that their child does well with their learning and that as a school we have high expectations of every child.**
- **96% of parents believe that the school is well led and managed with and would recommend Pineham Barns to other parents.**

Whilst we were pleased with the responses, parents indicated that we need to make them more aware about what their child is learning in class. As a school, we agree this could be improved and in response to this, there will be a short video posted to the children’s learning platforms next week from all the teachers, which we hope you will share with your child; these videos will be updated each term. Alongside this, families will also receive a letter outlining key information such as P.E days, homework and other useful information.



We hope that through these videos, parents will have a better understanding of their child's learning, but if you have any further suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team.

Biking & Scooting to School

It is lovely to see so many of our families walking, cycling or scooting to school. To ensure the safety of our children and parents, please could we ask any families that bike or scoot to school to read the letter attached to this newsletter. Please ensure that if you wish your child in Year Five or Six to scoot or bike to school independently that you provide written permission to the office, by emailing rosie.godfrey@pineham.org.

Local Advisory Board (LAB)

Already, we have had our first LAB meeting of the academic year this week. The LAB members will continue to promote the best interests of our children and their families, with their primary focus being related to reading.

Our first meeting was very successful and there will be an additional letter from the LAB outlining how they are planning to engage with our community in the coming weeks.

Reading Ambassadors

Before the end of the academic year, the children were asked to apply to Miss Hadley to become a Reading Ambassador.

The response was overwhelming and the children went through a challenging application and interview process, before being appointed. We are thrilled to announce that our Reading Ambassadors are in post and raring to go! They are meeting with Miss Hadley once every two weeks and will be featuring regularly in our newsletters and in other events that we have planned.

Photos

Mrs Cook is creating a special display upstairs in Key Stage Two, celebrating all of our families. We have a photo screen that we would like to display our families on. If you are happy to send in your family photo then please email them to admissions@pineham.org



Reading Picnics

Our famous Reading Picnics are back! Families are invited to come into school to share a book and a biscuit with their child in our Treehouse. The teachers will begin with talking to parents about how they can support reading at home, before they have the opportunity to share a book with their child.

Whilst we are incredibly excited to welcome you all back to school, please could we ask all families to take a lateral flow test before coming into school to protect our school community.

Each session will begin at 2:30pm and we will confirm the dates of the picnics in due course. We hope to see lots of you there.

Reception Welcome

We are so excited to have our new Reception children in school and we are incredibly proud of how well they have all started life at Pineham Barns so far.

The children are very keen to show their parents their new classroom and therefore we would like to welcome families on the following dates.

RAK – Wednesday 6th October at 2:45pm

RLH – Thursday 7th October at 2:45pm

The Reception Team will also be running a parent workshop, so that families are able to support their child at home with their reading, phonics and handwriting on Wednesday 22nd September at 12:15pm till 12:45pm.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 22nd September – Reception Parent Workshop 12:15pm – 12:45pm
- Wednesday 6th October – RAK Reception Welcome at 2:45pm
- Thursday 7th October – RLH Reception Welcome at 2:45pm

Have a lovely weekend!