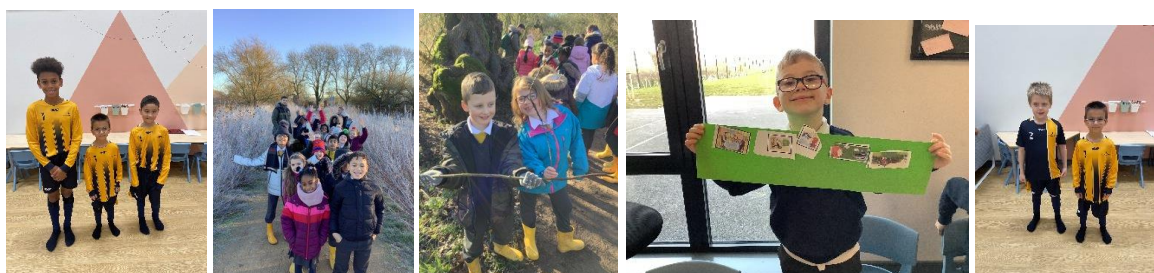


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It has been a very busy few weeks at school with our Pineham Planet Protectors working with an artist to finally create their project for a new display. There have been lots of Welly Walks across the school and all of the children were able to participate in an African Dance workshop. Finally, our House Competitions have started for this term and the children have had great fun working in their different teams. It's going to be a very busy term!

Covid Update

As you will all be aware, unfortunately our cases across the school have significantly increased with children absent from school due to Covid in most year groups. Thank you to all of our families for your support and for being extra vigilant. We also really appreciate families testing children using a lateral flow before coming to school throughout the week, this will no doubt help us to minimise cases further.

We have been in contact with the DFE and Northamptonshire Health Authority this week, and they are happy with the measures that we have in place. We have now reverted back to online assemblies and have reduced the opportunities for different year groups to mix across the school. We continue to clean the classrooms more regularly throughout the day and windows are open to keep the school as well ventilated as possible. As a staff team, we continue to wear masks in school, despite the change in advice from government. Therefore, please may we request that when coming into the school building, visitors wear masks at all times.

If your child tests positive, please remember to follow the guidelines from the Government, which can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/> We are very keen that the children's learning isn't impacted by Covid and therefore there is a range of options for families, depending on the age of the children. All of our children are able to Zoom in at some point to participate in live lessons. There is also then learning uploaded to Seesaw or Tapestry.

Please may we also remind families that if a member of your household tests positive, children can still come to school, but they must lateral flow each morning before attending. Children who are positive, can now return to school on day six, providing that they have two negative tests 24 hours apart. Please remember that pictures of the lateral flows need to be sent to rosie.godfrey@pineham.org before your child is able to return.

Finally, if you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Spelling Books

New spelling books will be issued in the coming week for all children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. These will have the results of your child's spelling test for you to look at. Please ensure these books are returned to school for the following weeks spelling test and are not used to practice in. Many thanks.

Fundraisers

Thank you to the PTA for a fantastic film night this week, which was very much enjoyed by our children in Key Stage Two. Thank you to all of our families who support these events, it means that the PTA are able to support us as a school through these different fundraisers.

As a school, we are incredibly appreciative of these events and thanks to the hard work of the PTA and the school community, we now have some very impressive sports kit ready for our tournaments. How smart do they look!



PTA Events - Valentines Disco & Bake Sale

Our annual Valentines Disco is back! The PTA are busily organising the event which will take place on Thursday 10th February. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for further information and you can book tickets through the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/pinehambarnspta/>

Reception: 3:15pm – 3:45pm

Years One & Two: 4pm – 4:45pm

Years Three, Four, Five & Six: 5pm – 5:45pm

The PTA are also organising a bake sale on Friday 11th February straight after school on the playground, all items will be 50p (cash only)



Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 10th February – Valentines Disco
- Friday 11th February – PTA Bake Sale
- Friday 11th February – School Closes for half term.
- Monday 21st February – School re-opens to pupils