

**Newsletter Number 12 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



Welcome back!

We have only been back to school for a few days, but it has been incredibly busy! Year Three have started their team building and trampolining sessions at Benham Sports Centre, which they have very much enjoyed. Our Reading Ambassadors had a trip to the town centre to visit Waterstones to buy new books and for all their hard work celebrated with a warm drink in Costa; a huge thank you to Miss Hadley for organising. Today Reception have had their celebration for filling their bird feeder with a special party and Year One have gone back in history to understand what Victorian School was like.

**Covid Measures**

As I am sure you will all know, yesterday ended the legal requirement for anyone with Covid-19 to legally isolate following announcement from the Prime minister on Monday. Following on from our communication on Wednesday, we now have further guidance from the Department for Education.

The new guidelines request that children with Covid-19 do not attend school while they are infectious. On day five, children need to have a lateral flow test and again on day six. Once two lateral flow tests on different days are negative, they can return to school. Further information about the current guidance can be found through the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

We would like to thank our families for being so supportive during this difficult time. As a school it is important that we follow the new guidance to protect our vulnerable staff and children. Please can families ensure that children with symptoms or those who have tested positive on a lateral flow do not attend school until they have two negative lateral flow results.

Please could we also request that family members who are positive do not come onto school site and continue to contact the office regarding pick up and collection.

We will continue to contact parents if their child shows any symptoms at school, requesting that are collected as soon as possible to protect our team and children.

If you have any questions around the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the team, but we once again thank you for keeping our school community safe, especially our vulnerable members.

### School Value



Our school value for this term is perseverance, which is represented by the robin. The children have been discussing our new value with their teachers following an introduction on Monday during assembly and have already started filling their bird feeders.

Well done to Reception who filled their bird feeders last term, and are enjoying their special party day treat today!

### TT Rockstars

Well done to all the children that have earned a certificate for TT Rockstars last term. Can you encourage your children to access TT Rockstars a minimum of 3 times a week at home alongside the work they are doing in school. We look forward to giving out lots more certificates this term.

### Parents Evening

We are looking forward to meeting families to discuss their children's progress and share their learning. Further details will follow next week, but the dates are as follows:

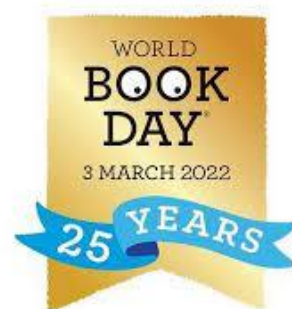
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

### **World Book Day**

It's that time of year again and we are all really excited to be celebrating World Book Day altogether this year.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, your child is invited to dress up as their favourite book character. For instance, they may wish to become Willy Wonka, Matilda or even stay in their pyjamas all day as one of the characters from David Walliams' Midnight Gang story.

Throughout the day, your child's class teacher will provide them with lots of fun, reading-related activities for them to complete in order to promote reading for pleasure and encourage our children to become lifelong readers. Also, as reading is a priority at Pineham Barns, we have chosen to celebrate books, authors and illustrators throughout the week and have some special visitors planned; watch this space!



Don't forget, we are holding a whole school competition for the children who are photographed reading in the strangest places. For further details regarding this, please refer to the World Book Day letter sent at the beginning of the week.

### **Comic Relief**

We want to show our support for Comic Relief and so we are asking that every child comes to school wearing red on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 as part of a non-uniform day for a donation of £1.



### **Site Supervisor Role**

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to work at our school alongside Mr McLeod as part of the site team for one day a week. Details of the role can be found via the following link: <https://pinehambarns.school/recruitment/>

If you know anyone who would be interested in this role, please ask them to contact the school office – thank you.

### **Easter Clubs**

We are delighted to let families know that Freestyle will be offering holiday camps for the children over the Easter holidays at Pineham Barns in the community centre. Please see attached poster for further information about the different clubs on offer between the dates of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.



### **Mother's Day**

The PTA have organised for all the children to be able to purchase a gift for Mother's Day to take home and give to Mum's Aunties or Nans. The PTA have bought a wide variety of gifts for the children to buy at a cost of £3 per child. Further details will follow next week, but thanks again to the PTA for organising.

### **Arbor**

Could we please ask you to log into the Arbor app and review any outstanding consents, especially the latest Pets at Therapy consent so that if your child has the opportunity to read to the dog and his owner, we have the permission from you.

Please can you also ensure that your child's emergency contacts are correct and up to date, and that we have at least 2 contacts per child. This can be amended through the Arbor app however if you have any issues please contact the school office.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4, 5 & 6 trip to the Sikh Community Centre
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Big Sing for selected children at the Derngate
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Stone Age Workshop for Year 5/6 (further details to follow)
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Reception trip to Holdenby House
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Mother's Day Event
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – School Closes for Easter