

Newsletter Number 5 – 11th November 2022



It has been an incredibly busy start to the term, with Year Five working with on their Shakespeare Excellence project, Year Two have been to the synagogue who were incredibly impressed with their knowledge. Year Five and Six boys and girls have competed in football tournaments across the Trust and played incredibly well. The whole school have also enjoyed martial arts sessions with Shak from Endurance Martial Arts. There is still lots to come over the next term as we prepare for our Christmas festivities!

Values



Our value for this term is determination, which we have linked to looking after the planet with the importance of COP27. We are also looking at how the children can continue to be determined with their learning to do their very best at school.

All of our children have an opportunity to collect blue pebbles to add to their bird feeders to see if they can fill them by the end of term for a class treat.

SATS Parent Meeting

Parents with children in Year Two and Year Six are invited to a SATs Information Evening on **Tuesday 22nd November** where they can find out more about the statutory assessments. The meeting will start at 6:30pm and there will be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they might have at the end of the session.

Thank you

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising such a fantastic disco for our children across the school last week. The children had so much fun and really enjoyed themselves. Thank you also to the staff team who helped support the discos.

Football Tournaments

A huge well done to the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls, who participated in the Preston Hedges Trust football tournaments. They trained extremely hard during PE lessons and stayed after school on Fridays for extra training. All children played incredibly well and upheld great integrity throughout the tournament: shaking hands with the other teams and cheering one another on. The children have a great spirit for sport.



Thank you parents for coming to support; you also brought your fantastic spirit. Coming up, we have football tournaments for Year 3 and 4 boys and girls, who are also training on Fridays after school. Go Pineham!

Christmas

We are busily preparing for our Christmas events this year and are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with our families. To ensure that our families have plenty of notice, we have included key dates below. Further information about tickets will be provided to families later in the term.



Friday 2nd December – Christmas Crafts for Year One & Two with families - 2:15pm

Tuesday 6th December – Reception Nativity 9:15am and 2pm

Thursday 8th December – ABM Christmas Dinner

Reception parents Christmas Classroom Celebration - 2:30pm

Friday 9th December – PTA Breakfast with Santa for Reception, Year One and Two

Carols for Year Three and Four with families – 2:30pm

Christmas Jumper Day (and non-school uniform)

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Production: The Snow Queen –

Years Five and Six at 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 15th December – Christmas Party Day

Christmas Jumper Day for the Hope Centre

As part of Year Two's wellbeing curriculum they have been working closely with the Hope Centre. Therefore, on Christmas Jumper day (Friday 9th December), they would like to support the charity by asking families from Reception - Year Four to donate non-perishable food items and toiletries. Please can these items be brought to your child's classroom on the morning of Friday 9th December. Years Five & Six will be supporting The Lewis Foundation – more details to follow shortly.

One Stop Workshops

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our One Stop Workshop for Key Stage One.

We are looking forward to seeing Key Stage Two parents on **Thursday 17th November at 6:30pm**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the team, but we hope these sessions will be really engaging and useful.

Online Safety: 'Huggy Wuggy'

As a Trust, we put online safety as a priority for our children and families. We would like to make you aware of a character that has been brought to our attention. It is not a nice cuddly bear, as its name suggests. 'Huggy Wuggy' is a character that children are being exposed to on online platforms such as TikTok, YouTube and Minecraft. The character is from a PC horror game called Poppy Playtime.

If your child uses any online platforms, please ensure you are monitoring their usage and speak to them about online safety as well as playing appropriate games in the playground at school.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Reading Ambassadors & Planet Protectors

Pineham are proud to announce the new Reading Ambassadors and Planet Protectors. Together, they wrote these statements for the grownups at home:

'We are Reading Ambassadors and our main job is to encourage and allow all children to discover their love of reading. Additionally, we order books for school, organise the vending machine (which is a reward for those children who read lots at home) and ensure the reader of the week prize box is full.'



'As Planet Protectors, we help children in school to look after the Earth. We encourage children to recycle, use less paper, use less electricity and pick up litter. We also raise money for charities which look after wildlife and water.'

Children in Need

We are holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 18th November to raise money for Children in Need, for a suggested donation of £1.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 17th November - Key Stage Two One Stop Workshops - 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Friday 18th November - Children In Need (Non-School Uniform Day)
- Tuesday 22nd November - Year Two & Year Six SATs Information Evening - 6:30pm
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- Friday 16th December - School closes for Christmas
- Wednesday 4th January - School re-opens to pupils

Have a lovely weekend!