

Newsletter Number 18 – 16th June 2023



We've had an incredibly busy week at school since returning from the half term break. Year 5 and 6 have been trampolining; Year One have been working incredibly hard with their Phonics Screening check and we are very proud of them. Children in Years Three to Six have been working alongside a tennis coach, ready for a tournament in the future, and the whole school have enjoyed visiting the Life Education Bus as part of their PSHE curriculum. What a busy week! A big thank you to the PTA for organising the Father's Day coffee and doughnut event this morning, it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the Miss Hadley, Mr Sinnamon, Mrs Bailey, Miss Stead, Miss Slinn and Miss Mills who gave up their weekend to take Year Five and Six to the Space Centre in Leicester for a sleepover. The children had a fantastic time, as did the staff, despite the lack of sleep! We are incredibly lucky to have a staff team who freely give up their time to ensure that our children have such fantastic opportunities. Thank you!

Early Years Multi-Skills

A huge well done to many of our Reception children who took part in their first ever multi-skills competition at Moulton College. The children were superb and represented our school superbly, we were incredibly proud of them. Many of our children achieved medals, with Julya placing 10th for the girls across the Trust, Jack placed 10th for the boys, Annas 4th and Harrison won 2nd. A huge well done to Zack who achieved 1st place for the boys across the Trust!

PRIDE Week

At Pineham Barns, we pride ourselves on having a well-considered, age appropriate and sensitive approach to the teaching of the following Protected Characteristics:

- Race
- Gender
- Age
- Love & Marriage
- Disability
- Religion

Commencing 26th June, we will be celebrating our third Worldly Wise Week. This time our theme is PRIDE (People, Respect, Individual, Diversity & Equality). Our main focus will be equality and diversity, where we will look at each of these Protected Characteristics.

On Friday 30th June we would like to invite you into school between **2:45pm and 3:45pm** to celebrate your child's learning from this week, as well as celebrating all their hard work from across this year! During this afternoon, you will be able to look through your child's books. We will also invite you to write a comment telling us something about your child that has made you feel proud! We will be asking the children to write something about themselves too. These will then be displayed around the school.

We really look forward to seeing you all!

School Value – Aspiration

Our value for this term is aspiration. The children are talking about this lots with their teachers and are finding different ways to show this value in their classrooms and around school. In our assemblies, we are discussing this value with the children and are enjoying hearing all about their aspirations for the future.



School Uniform Donations

We would like to thank you for your support in donating and purchasing from our used school uniform throughout this year. We are planning a used school uniform sale before the end of our Summer term and would be very grateful for any donations of school uniform which you no longer require. We will inform you of the date of our next sale shortly. Any queries please speak to Mrs Eaton.



Staffing News

At the end of the year Miss Latham will be leaving Pineham Barns to work in another one of our schools in our Trust. This is a fantastic move for Miss Latham, as she will have more of an opportunity to work alongside the Principal in a non-teaching role. We are all absolutely delighted for her, but we will be sad to see her leave Pineham Barns.

Amy has been a huge part of the success of our school, and I know she has impacted on so many children and their families. She is an outstanding teacher and leader, who gives her best in everything she does with a huge smile. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the best and thanking her for all of her hard work.

From September, Mrs Ella Websdale will be joining the Senior Leadership Team from one of our schools in the Trust. Ella is a hugely experienced teacher and leader, who will be leading on the wider curriculum and our Personal Development offer. We are delighted to be welcoming Ella to the team and know that she will be a huge asset.

I am also delighted to let you know that Miss Georgia Hadley will become Phase Three Leader from September. This means that she will manage and oversee the classes in Years 4-6 and will be a useful contact for parents in these Year Groups. Our Assistant Principal, Mrs Emily Dell will be overseeing Early Years and Year One as their Phase Leader, and Mrs Ella Websdale will be supporting Year Two and Three as the Phase Two Leader.

The children will be having an opportunity to meet with their new teacher on Thursday 13th July, and parents will then find out who their child's new teacher will be on this date. Further information will be provided, and there will be an opportunity for parents to pop along and introduce themselves to their child's new teacher.

Hot Weather

It is lovely to finally see the sun shining! Please can we remind families that the children need to bring a sunhat and wear lots of suntan lotion to school. They are welcome to bring their lotion to school, but please remember that it needs to be labelled with their name and class. Unfortunately, staff are unable to apply suntan lotion for the children.

Please be mindful that some suntan lotions contain almond oil therefore can we please ask you to check the label before sending this in as we are a nut free school.



Sports Day

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to school over the coming weeks for your child's Sports Day. We have arranged for a coffee van to arrive at school for parents to purchase some refreshments before, during and after the event, so please remember to bring either cash or card if you wish to take advantage.

Just a reminder of the dates:

Friday 30th June - Reception & Year One Sports Day at 9:15am

(Monday 3rd July – Reception & Year One reserve date)

Friday 7th July – Year Two & Year Three Sports Day at 9:15am

(Monday 10th July - Year Two & Year Three reserve date)

Wednesday 12th July – Year Four, Five & Six at 9:15am

(Friday 14th July - Year Four, Five & Six reserve date)

Each Sports Day will start at 9:15am

Secondary School

Our Year Six children will be off to secondary school in a matter of weeks. Having gone through the process, many families will know that there isn't a lot of time to visit all of the schools ahead of the closing date for places in October. With this in mind, we are keen to offer our families in Year Five an opportunity to meet with Mr Sinnamon and Mr Allen, who is a member of our Families in Partnership and has experienced the process of applying for secondary places recently. Mr Sinnamon and Mr Allen will be on hand to answer any questions and hopefully provide any advice to parents on **Thursday 6th July**. They will both be available at **8:30am and 2:45pm**, so please pop along to the main reception. We hope that these sessions will be really helpful for parents and allow for any questions to be asked.

Term Dates

Just a reminder to families, we now have an additional training date on the 5th September 2023 and we no longer have a training day on the 15th April 2024. Further details of our term dates can be found on our website in the parents section.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th June – 2AL class assembly (Miss Latham) at 9:05am

Thursday 22nd June – 2AA class assembly (Miss Abbas) at 9:05am

Friday 30th June - Reception & Year One Sports Day at 9:15am

Friday 30th June – Pride Week – Celebration of Learning from 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Monday 3rd July – Tuesday 4th July – Year Six Bikeability

Thursday 6th July – Year Five Parents - Secondary School – 8:30am & 2:45pm

Friday 7th July – Year Two & Year Three Sports Day at 9:15am

Tuesday 11th July – RED class assembly (Mrs Dell) at 9:05am

Wednesday 12th July – Year Four, Five & Six Sports Day at 9:15am

Thursday 13th July – RLR class assembly (Miss Randall) at 9:05am

Wednesday 19th July – Year Six Leavers Assembly at 9:15am

Wednesday 19th July – Year Six Prom – 6pm – 8pm

Have a lovely weekend!