

Newsletter Number 20 – 14th July 2023



Outcomes

In last week's newsletter, this photo was shared of our children, and I felt it needed to be used again for a very special reason. I am so incredibly proud of the children for their attitude energy and enthusiasm towards their learning. Their hard work has meant that our results across the year are incredible and here are just a few headlines:

Year One Phonic Outcomes

The percentage of children passing the test in 2023 across the country was 80% A staggering 98% of our Year One children passed the test, a huge achievement!

Year Two SATs

85% of children are at the expected standard and above for Maths, in reading 81% are and finally in writing 82% are. These results are well above the national average and we are delighted.

Year Four Multiplication Check

In 2022, we received a letter from the Department for Education congratulating our school on being in the top 1% of the country. We were delighted last year, but this year we are celebrating again with 83% of pupils passing the test. The national average for 2023 is 31%.

Year Six SATs

The children have worked so incredibly hard and 93% of children have achieved the expected standard or greater in reading, writing and Maths. The national average is 59%

100% of our children met the expected standard in reading when only 73% of children nationally did.

40% of children achieved greater depth in reading and Maths, whilst in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar 47% of our Year Six achieved greater depth.

We are so proud of the children's achievements, especially in comparison to the national picture.

Whilst our children are amazing, it couldn't all happen with the committed team that we have across the school. Their boundless energy, enthusiasm and support for each and every child makes Pineham Barns a special place to learn. They go above and beyond, and work so hard to ensure that the children have exceptional learning opportunities. I would like to thank them all for their efforts this year.

Finally, a huge thank you to you, our parents. We are incredibly appreciative of the support that you have given us over the year.

Parent Questionnaire

Earlier this week, we re-opened the parent questionnaire, as we only had 43 responses returned. Please could we ask families to fill in the questionnaire, it only takes a few minutes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DM3DD2T>

The questionnaire will close on Thursday 20th July and we have added a comments section for families.

Uniform

If any families would like to donate uniform to school that they no longer need, especially in Year Six, then please bring it to the school office. Mrs Eaton is always looking for donations for our regular uniform sales. Thank you.

Party in the Park

As you are aware, we have had to reschedule the Party in the Park, which will now be on the Friday 15th September. A huge thank you to our PTA who have given up so much of their time to arrange the event.

Our PTA have worked so hard to raise money for the school. This year for the children, they have arranged discos, fetes, Breakfast with Santa, film nights, events for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Their fundraising efforts and your donations to these events have meant that they have supplemented the Year Six residential to lower the cost for parents. In September, there will be a new activity gym, which has been substantially funded by the PTA. Without the events that they hold and that you donate to, we would not be able to make these investments. Without our PTA, the children wouldn't be able to enjoy the extra events that they offer.

At the moment, our PTA is at risk of folding, as there are not enough volunteers. The events are relying on a few key people. I know many people are busy, but if you can spare anytime, please pop along to the AGM in September on Monday 25th September at 7pm and find out how you can get involved. We really need new members to get involved and support the events. Please get the date in the diary and I hope to see many of you at the AGM.

New Teacher Meetings

The analysis of our questionnaires so far, has shown us that parents don't always feel fully informed about what their child is learning. We do provide this in curriculum newsletters each term, but we're not sure they are reaching families enough. Therefore, we are going to try a new approach in September.

On the following dates and times, parents will be able to come to school to learn all about what their child will be learning over the course of the year and how they can help. We hope that this will be a great way to share information with you and provide families with an opportunity to ask any questions that they might have.

Year One - Monday 11th September

Year Two - Friday 8th September

Year Three - Tuesday 19th September

Year Four - Thursday 14th September

Year Five - Tuesday 12th September

Year Six - Thursday 7th September

All of the meetings will begin at 2:45pm.

For parents who aren't able to attend at 2:45pm, all of the teachers will be presenting the same information on Monday 18th September at 5pm. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th September – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 7th September – Year Six Curriculum Update at 2:45pm

Friday 8th September – Year Two Curriculum Update at 2:45pm

Monday 11th September – Year One Curriculum Update at 2:45pm

Tuesday 12th September – Year Five Curriculum Update at 2:45pm

Thursday 14th September – Year Four Curriculum Update at 2:45pm

Friday 15th September – Party in the Park

Monday 18th September – All Years Curriculum Update at 5pm

Tuesday 19th September – Year Three Curriculum Update at 2:45pm

Monday 25th September – PTA AGM (at school) at 7pm

Friday 20th October – School closes for half term holiday

Have a lovely weekend!