

# October 2017 Newsletter

## Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying a cup of coffee and cake on Friday afternoon. I am delighted to announce that we have raised an amazing £349.24

### Harvest Assembly

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Harvest assembly at 2.30pm on the Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, so that we can show you some of the many things we have been learning and to give thanks.

Once again this year we are supporting 'Farnborough foodbank' a charity which helps people during a crisis, such as redundancy, bereavement, illness or marital breakdown. Church Pastoral Workers, Health Visitors, Social Workers, Doctors Surgeries and many other professionals working in the community refer people to 'The foodbank' for help.

The need is for tins of: soup, tomatoes, meat, fish, fruit, rice puddings and sponge pudding plus UHT milk, fruit juice, biscuits, jam, sugar, pasta sauces, cereals, rice and pasta. A collection box will be located in the entrance hall.



### School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday, 1st November to take individual pictures of the children.

### Staffing

We are delighted to announce the successful appointment of Mrs Sarah McAlindin and Mrs Sally Wilcox, who are both experienced teachers, to cover Mrs Barnett's maternity leave. Mrs McAlindin will be working in Fox class from Monday to



### Upcoming Events

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Y2 Trip to Alice Holt

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents' Evening for all year groups

#### **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest assembly 2.30pm for all parents to attend.

#### **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Flu Immunisation

#### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October**

HALF TERM

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

INSET DAY

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Individual Photos

#### **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

6.30pm YR Phonics Workshop

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

8.45am YR Phonics Workshop (repeated)

Parents' Forum 2.30pm

#### **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need – Mufti Day

#### **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Target Sharing

#### **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> & Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Productions

#### **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Whole School Disco

#### **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Lunch

#### **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Last Day of Term

Wednesday and Mrs Sally Wilcox will be there from Wednesday to Friday. Both of the teachers are looking forward to spending some time in class next half term getting to know the children before Mrs Barnett leaves.

### **Sunrisers Club**

Our new school breakfast club is proving to be very successful and we have had lots of children join us in the mornings. To ensure we have adequate staff please can I ask parents to complete a Sunrisers booking form.

### **Year 2 Junior School Applications**

It will soon be the time of year for parents of children in Year 2 to apply for junior school places. Parents will be able to apply online from 1st November, and we'll be sending out letters with individual log-on details before half term. Parents living outside of Hampshire need to apply to their home Local Authority, so will receive a letter explaining the process. Paper forms will be available in the school office from 2<sup>nd</sup> November, for those parents who don't have access to a computer to apply on line.

### **Reading at home**

Over the last few weeks in school I have been asking the teachers and classroom assistants to check how many times a week the children are reading at home. Educational research stresses the importance of children practising their reading skills at home, so that they can become fluent, confident readers. In school each week the teachers spend time teaching the children the skills that they need to be able to read and we would like to urge our parents to hear their child read at least three times a week to help them practise. The class teachers will be encouraging all children to read and will be providing different rewards for the children. If you find reading at home a challenge then please speak to your class teacher to find out how you can support and motivate your child.



### **YR Phonics Workshop**

We will be holding a workshop for YR parents to share how your children will be learning phonics and writing and how to support their development in these areas. There will be an evening session on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6:30pm and then repeated at 8:45am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



### **Christmas Fair**

This year we would like to hold a Christmas Fair. To make this possible we would like to invite all parents who would like to help organise this event to a Parent's Forum meeting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2:30pm.

### **Flu Immunisations**

This will take place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember to return your consent form.

### **School Milk**

Free milk is available for all children aged under five in school, funded by the UK government. Milk will stop on the Friday before their fifth birthday, but if parents would like it to continue they can arrange this by registering online at [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). Milk usually costs around £15 a term. By registering online, you'll be able to make a payment straightaway. If however, you return a registration form by post you will be sent a payment request. Payment must then be received by 5pm on Tuesday, in order for your child to receive milk the following week.

### **INSET DAYS**

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### **Parking for school**

Please could we ask that all parents/carers who drop off and collect children from school be mindful of the residents who live nearby and of the mini-buses trying to access the school turning circle. **Do not** park on the driveway or yellow zig zag lines and avoid double parking in the residents parking area and blocking access. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Debbie Cook