



December 2017 Newsletter

Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Christmas has arrived and the children are beginning to get very excited!

We have lots of events to help us celebrate over the next couple of weeks and the children are all busy rehearsing the Christmas play 'It's a Baby'. Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully, so that you don't miss out on any of the information.

Children in Need

We raised an amazing £109.10. Thank you to everyone for taking part.

Pinewood Christmas Post

The Christmas post box is now in the lobby area for cards to be sent within school. Please ensure that envelopes are clearly labelled with the person's name and, if possible, year group. Year 2 children will take it in turns to empty, sort and deliver the mail.



Friends of Pinewood Christmas Raffle

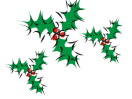
We will be holding a Christmas Raffle for adults and children. The tickets @ 20p each will be on sale every afternoon. All of the prizes will be on display in the front entrance and the draw will be made on the last day of term at the Christmas Fair.

Friday, 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers in exchange for a donation towards the chocolate or bottle tombola.



Upcoming Events



Friday, 8th December Christmas Jumper Day

Monday, 11th December Christmas Play dress rehearsals Cast A

Tuesday, 12th December Christmas Play dress rehearsals Cast B

Thursday, 14th December Christmas Play Cast A

Friday, 15th December Christmas Play Cast B
Whole School Disco

Monday, 18th December Y2 – to watch Guillemont School, Christmas Production.

Tuesday, 19th December Christmas Lunch
Class party Games

Wednesday, 20th December Christmas Fair
Last Day of Term

Thursday, 21st December INSET DAY

Christmas Holiday
Friday, 22nd December –
Wednesday, 3rd January

Thursday, 4th January 2018 INSET DAY

Half Term
Monday 12th – Friday 16th
February

Christmas Performances

We will be staging two performances of our Christmas play – this enables more children to have the opportunity of taking a leading role as well as comfortably accommodating the audience. The school will be divided into Cast A and Cast B and children from the same family will be kept in the same cast. When it is Cast A's performance the children in Cast B will be the choir and when Cast B are performing the children in Cast A will become the choir. Detailed cast lists have been sent home.

Monday, 11th December 9.30
Tuesday, 12th December 9.30
Thursday, 14th December 9.30
Friday, 15th December 9.30

Dress rehearsal for Cast A
Dress rehearsal for Cast B
Performance for Cast A
Performance for Cast B



We request that small children and babies are only brought to the dress rehearsals. The performances on **Thursday and Friday mornings** are for **adults only**.

At the end of each performance there will be a collection for the 'Save the Children' charity.

Friday, 15th December - Whole School Christmas Disco

We are all looking forward to having a dance to some Christmas songs on Friday, 15th December at 5.00pm – 6.15pm. The children will be able to join in with some party games and enjoy some light refreshments. **Please bring a £2.50 contribution with you on the night.**

Monday, 18th December – 1pm

Y2 have been invited to watch the Guillemont School Christmas Production. Your permission to take children off site was sought via the consent form signed when children started at Pinewood, therefore if you have any concerns about this visit please speak to Mrs Cook or the Y2 team.

Tuesday, 19th December

Christmas Lunch. All children will have the opportunity to enjoy a Christmas lunch. It is a special occasion and the children are 'waited on' by teaching and support staff. **Children may bring in party clothes to change into for lunchtime and for the class party games in the afternoon.**

Christmas Fair – Wednesday, 20th December

At 1.30pm on the last day of term this year you and your family are invited to join us for tea, coffee, mince pies and to draw the Christmas raffle. There will be an opportunity for the children to have a go on a lucky dip stall, the chocolate tombola and to find out who has won the reindeer from the 'Guess my name' competition. For the adults we have a bottle tombola.

All of the proceeds from the Christmas fair will go towards the 'Pirate Ship'. Finally, we will finish the term by singing some well-known Christmas carols around the tree.

Reading



Whilst children read at school, individually, in groups and as part of a class, there are also lots of ways that you can support your child at home. This half term we have been monitoring which children read at home the expected three times a week and encouraging the children to make sure it is written in their reading diary. It has been really interesting observing how much more progress the children who read regularly at home make even over half a term. We will continue to monitor the children's reading at home and even though I know that Christmas can be a very busy time it is essential that the children keep on reading.

Medical

All inhalers will be sent home on the last day of term. To help us support your child with their medical needs please ensure that they are cleaned and in date ready for the return to school in January. This may also be a good opportunity to review your child's inhaler plan with your healthcare professional.

A Special request from the school Office

It would help us if all payments made to the school for clubs, trips etc... are submitted in an envelope with your child's name, class, amount paid and reason for payment on the front. Thank you.

Important Reminder - Applications for Starting School and Transfer to Junior School forms

Deadline for both is midnight on Monday, 15th January 2018. Paper applications for starting school (CR2) should be returned to the school of your choice and Transfer to Junior School forms (CJ2) should be returned to Pinewood School Office. Please note that Admissions no longer send out individual letters to parents of Year 2 children with a unique identification number as these have now been discontinued. However applications can still be made at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. *If you have used the Education Online Portal previously, you will be able to log in using the same e-mail address and password. Please check your details are up-to-date in the 'My Account' section of the portal before starting your school application.*

If you have not used the online portal before, you will need to register by clicking on the 'Register' button and following the onscreen instructions. You will be sent an email from the system containing a link to the log in screen. You will then be able to log in using your e-mail address and password.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs D Cook