

February 2018 Newsletter

Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have been very busy in school this term and I cannot believe that we only have a few days before we reach half term.

We have been focusing on celebrating the effort that children are putting into their work and encouraging the children to persevere when learning new skills. This is really beginning to pay off and it is lovely to see how proud the children are of themselves when they have worked hard to achieve something new in their learning.

Book Week



This year we will be celebrating book week in school, on the week beginning 26th February. Then on Friday 2nd March we will have Book Character day and would like to invite all of the children to dress up as their favourite book character. Last

year the children really enjoyed this day and their costumes were amazing!

Parents' Forum

Last year we set up a parents' forum at Pinewood Infant School. The first meeting this year was very well attended and we spent a lot of time talking about fundraising opportunities. The next meeting is on Friday 9th February at 2.30pm. The forum provides the opportunity for the school to share new ideas and talk with parents about current concerns or issues. We need a small group of representatives from each of the three classes so that we can include everyone's ideas and experiences. You don't need to have attended any of the previous meetings, so if you do have half an hour to spare for a cup of coffee and to share your views we would really appreciate your time.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 7th February

6.00pm Year 1- Hedgehog Class
Math's Workshop

Thursday 8th February

8.45am Year 1- Hedgehog Class
Math's Workshop

Friday 9th February

Parents' Forum 2.30pm

Half Term

Monday 12th – Friday 16th
February

Wednesday 21st February

6.00pm Year 2- Fox Class
Math's Workshop

Thursday 22nd February

8.45am Year 2- Fox Class
Math's Workshop

Wednesday 28th February

Parents' Evening all year groups
Y2 Trip to 'The Gordon Brown
Centre', Hook

Thursday 1st March

Parents' Evening all year groups

Friday 2nd March

World book day dress as your
favourite book character

Tuesday, 6th March pm

Y2 Trip to 'The Giant Sing' at the
Anvil in Basingstoke

Easter Holiday

Friday, 30th March – Friday 13th
April.

Pirate Ship

Following the success of fundraising and the grant the school received from Farnborough Airport, I am thrilled to say that we have enough money to install the Pirate Ship. I am currently working with three different companies to ensure value for money. When I have received all of the plans I will share them with the children and aim to have the ship installed ready for the Summer term.



Parents' Mathematics Workshop

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year R maths workshop last week and we received some lovely feedback about how useful it was. This week we will be holding an information session for the parents in Year 1 and then on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February we will hold one for Year 2 parents. The teaching of Maths has changed a lot over the years and I can guarantee that your child learns new Maths skills very differently to how you were taught in school. This is a really good opportunity for you to come along, ask any questions and talk to the teachers about Maths specifically. We promise that this is not a Maths lessons for you and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Staffing News



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Barnett had a baby boy, Alexander Michael on Sunday, 21st January. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both Mr & Mrs Barnett and wish them lots of happy adventures with their new baby

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings for all children will be held on the Wednesday, 28th February and Thursday, 1st March. This is a really important opportunity for you to come and talk with your child's teachers about how they are getting on in school, review the progress they are making and find out about the next steps in their learning.

E Safety

On Tuesday 6th February it is National Internet Safety Day. This week in school we will be working with all of the children to remind them how to keep themselves safe on the internet and their personal information private. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that you should be monitoring your child while they are using the internet and talking to them about what to do. In school we use lots of the resources from the website https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/ which you can access at home. We share the following top tips with the children:

Top Tip 1 – People you don't know are strangers. They are not always who they say they are

Top Tip 2 – Be nice to people on the computer like you would in the playground

Top Tip 3 - Keep your personal information private

Top Tip 4 – If you ever get that uh-oh feeling tell a grown up you can trust.

There is also lots of further information about how to add parental controls to different devices and privacy settings etc on Hampshire's website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/onlineafety>

Hopefully, by the end of the week your child will be able to tell you all about it!

Yours sincerely,

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