

# March 2018 Newsletter

## Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Thank you all for your understanding during the recent spell of adverse weather. I hope that all of the children managed to spend some time playing out in the snow and I am amazed at how quickly it has all disappeared!

It is never easy making the decision to close the school, as I know it has a huge impact on everyone, but after discussions with many of the local headteachers we felt it was best to consider everyone's safety. Fortunately, we have been able to reschedule the Year 2 trip to the Gordon Brown Centre and World Book Day so the children will not miss out.

### World Book Day

We have rescheduled World Book Day for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March and would like to invite all of the children to dress up as their favourite character. We will be holding a fancy dress parade in school and sharing lots of our favourite stories.



### Parents' Forum

The parents' forum meeting has been rescheduled for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. We are hoping to sort out arrangements for Easter and to vote on a design for the playground, so if you are able to support us please come along.

### Parents' Evening

Parents Evening has been rescheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March for all of the appointments cancelled on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. We will keep to the original times booked and will send out a reminder to all of the parents who were due to attend. If the new date is not convenient please speak to the class teacher to arrange an alternative.



### Upcoming Events

#### **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March pm**

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

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

World book day dress as your favourite book character

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 2 trip to the Gordon Brown Centre

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents' Evening all year groups

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

'Decorate an Egg' competition

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Egg Hunt for all year groups.

#### **Easter Holiday**

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Class Photographs

## Workshops

Thank you to all of the parents that attended the Maths Workshops. We received some really positive feedback from the parents who felt that the workshop really helped them to understand how to support their child's learning. We are hoping to put a copy of the presentations on the school website so that if you missed the sessions you can access the materials.

## Staffing

I am sure that you are aware, through the media and news, that all schools are feeling the impact of financial constraints. At Pinewood Infant School this is made even more difficult due to the fact we are a small school. Unfortunately, the Governing Body of Pinewood Infant School has had to take the very difficult decision to restructure the Senior Leadership team at Pinewood.

It is therefore with great sadness that I am writing to let you know that Mrs Simpson, Assistant Headteacher, will be leaving us on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Since the beginning of the year she has been working very closely with Mrs Burleigh, Deputy Headteacher, who will take over her role after Easter.

Mrs Simpson has been working part time with the SEN Team at the Education Office in Winchester, since September and I am delighted that she will be taking on a full time position with them after the Easter Holidays.

We will be celebrating Mrs Simpson's work with us and the children will have the opportunity to take part in a special leaving assembly at the end of March. I am sure you would like to join us in thanking her for all her support over the last 20 years and wish her all the best in her new role.

## Decorate an Egg Competition



This year as part of our Easter celebrations we will be holding the popular 'Decorate an Egg Competition'. When judging this we really value entries that have obviously been done by children, but we know that some of our parents are very artistic and creative too so there is a separate competition for them. You can decorate your egg in any way that you like; there are some great ideas on line. All the entries need to be in school by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and will be displayed in the foyer at the end of the day. There will be two prizes for each year group and a separate prize for the winner of the parents' competition.

## 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.

## **P.E. Kits**

Please could you ensure that your child has a full kit in school at all times. If you have any plimsolls, shorts or t-shirts that your child has grown out of please donate to the school for the 'spares cupboard'.

Mrs D Cook  
Headteacher