

April 2018 Newsletter

Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to what I know will be a very busy and hopefully sunny summer term!

The term starts with all of the children beginning to learn about their new topic. The curriculum for each year group has been designed around the following themes for the first half term:

Year R – Let's Get Moving

Year One- Under the Sea

Year Two- Dragons

Further information about the new topics will be provided by the year group teams, in the next week.

Easter Egg Hunt



Thank You!

A very big thank you to all of the parents, who helped supervise the Easter egg hunt. The children had lots of fun and I hope they enjoyed their Easter eggs too.

Decorate an Egg Competition

There were so many amazing entries, which made it very difficult to judge and we had to find additional prizes!

Many congratulations to the winners:

Year R – Brooke C

James G

Alexander D

Year 1- Christopher B

Hazel B

Amelia C



Upcoming Events

Monday 7st May

Bank Holiday Monday- School Closed

Friday 11th May

Parents' Forum

Tuesday, 15th May

Year 1 Trip to Bird World

Wednesday 16th May

Target Sharing

(8.45am Tea and Toast or 2.30pm Tea and biscuits)

Monday, 21st May

Class Photographs

Monday, 21st – Friday, 25th May

Walk to School Week

Friday 25th May

Flower Power Day

Half Term

Monday 28th May- Friday 1st June

Friday 20th July

Last day of school finish at 1.30pm

Monday 23rd July

School Closed INSET

Year 2 – Sofia I
Ruby A
Paddy M

Easter Raffle



Thank you so much to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter Raffle. I am really pleased to say that the Easter Raffle raised £139.90 which will go towards the new playground. We are hoping to hold another fundraising event before the end of the year.

Parent Volunteers

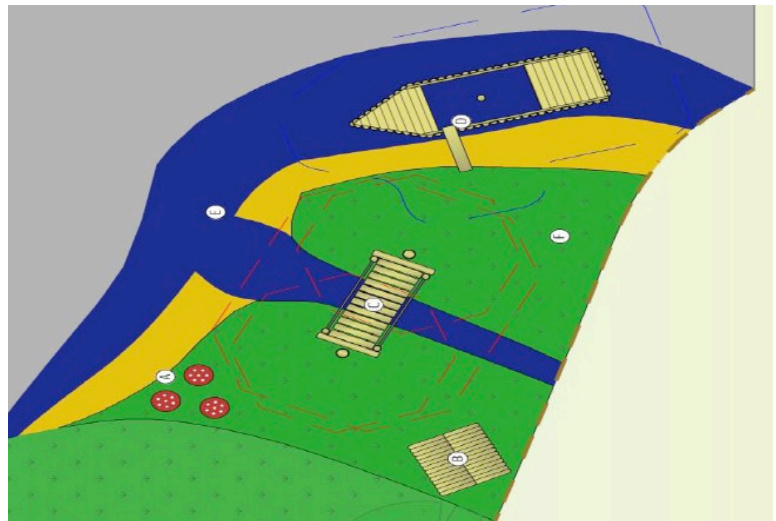
Several of the teachers have asked me if I could put a plea out for more parent volunteers. We would really like to increase the amount of parents that can come into school and hear children read or support in other activities. If you have any spare time or availability even if it is only one hour a week and you are interested in supporting the children, then please let the school office know and we will be in touch.

New playground

I am absolutely delighted to say that the new playground installation is due to begin on Thursday 10th May. After looking at three different designs and asking all of the children, the governors and parents' forum to vote the storyland design won.

The final design included a boat, playhouse, bridge, toadstools and playground markings that depict the sea, a river, a beach and land. We are hoping that the children will be able to use this area of the playground to develop their imaginations and it will provide the background for lots of storytelling and adventures.

I would like to thank you all once again for your support and contributions towards this new equipment. Let's hope we have lots of lovely sunshine now so that we can enjoy it.



Target Sharing

On Wednesday 16th May there is an opportunity for all parents to come and speak to the class teacher about your child's progress and to find out about the next steps and how you can help support your child at home. The sessions will be running from 8.45am with tea and toast and then again in the afternoon at 2.30pm with tea and biscuits. This is a really valuable opportunity to find out how your child is doing and to ask any questions that you may have. To help us have an indication of numbers please can you sign which session you will be attending on the sheets in the front entrance or phone the school office. You do not need to have signed up to come for an appointment so if you find that you are available at the last minute please feel free to come along.

Attendance

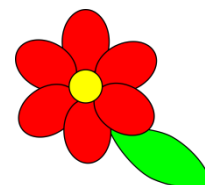
We seem to have a number of children consistently arriving late. Can I remind you that doors open at 8.35am and close at **8.45am**. Please try to be punctual, as arriving late is unsettling for your child and disruptive for the class. By creating good routines for mornings at home your child can arrive on time and properly equipped. This will also mean your mornings can start calmly too.

Walk to School Week - Monday, 21st – Friday, 25th May

We are again participating in this Hampshire event. The event will run slightly differently this year in that the children will record their journey to school on a wall chart in class rather than the stickers and cards. *This is obviously difficult for the children who come on transport, so please encourage them to walk where possible.*

Flower Power Day

On Friday 25th May we will be having a 'Flower Power Day' at Pinewood Infant School. All of the children are invited to come to school in mufti, in exchange for bringing a flowering bedding plant. Throughout the day, the children will be planting the flowers around the school and in the courtyard. If you are available to help do some planting at any time during the day please speak to your class teacher or let the school office know.



Kind regards

Mrs D Cook