

# September 23 Newsletter (1)

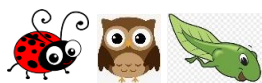
## Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend a wonderful welcome to all our new Year R families and a wonderful welcome back to all our returning families. We hope you had a great summer holiday. The children came with super smiles and lots to share with us.

### Topics

The children have settled into their new classes particularly quickly this year and are already learning their new routines and making friends. The Year 1 and 2 children have been experiencing their WOW day today so we hope they feel inspired to tell you all about it. Details of what the children are learning will be posted on the Website next week, so do please take a look.



Ladybird, Owls, Tadpole – Getting to know you.



Hedgehog, Fox, Butterfly, Tadpole – Into the Woods.

### Year 1 and 2 WOW day

The children have been busy exploring our new outdoor classroom in the woods today as part of their Wow day. They have been busy building dens, scavenger hunts, making natural art and exploring some animals / bugs.



### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Meet the teacher /  
curriculum meeting

3:30-4:30pm

(A crèche will be provided for  
children at Pinewood Infant School)

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

YR Phonic Workshop

6:00pm-7:00pm

Repeated on

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

8:45 – 9:30am

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

SCARF Dome in Hall

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Individual School Photos

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

KS1 Trip to Alice Holt

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

YrR Mark Making Workshop

6:00pm-7:00pm

Repeated on

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

8:45 – 9:30am

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October &

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

Parents Evening

Between 3:30pm – 6:00pm

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

Harvest assembly

2:30pm

#### INSET days for 2023-24

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

## Curriculum / Meet the Teacher Sessions



We would like to invite all parents to a curriculum meeting in your new classroom, to meet your child's teacher and find out how you can help support your child's learning at school. This is an opportunity to talk with your child's teacher, find out about the school day, and to ask any questions that you may have. This event is being held at 3.30pm on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. We look forward to seeing you all there.

A crèche is being provided for any Pinewood children whilst you attend. Younger siblings you can bring to the session, but we do ask that should they be unsettled, it does not disturb the session.

### Breakfast Club

We are pleased to present Breakfast club, which is held every morning in the hall from 7:45am until 8.35am and is run by Mrs Tinkler, a member of staff. It is open to all year groups, where children can enjoy a healthy breakfast and take part in a variety of fun activities before school. Each session costs £4.00 and can be booked on the day or in advance. Forms are available on the display stand in the school entrance. We offer one free taster session for new children, so why not come along and check it out!

### After School Clubs

There are a variety of after school clubs on offer over the course of the week. We have Gremlin Dance on Fridays and CM Sports are offering a selection of gym, multi-sports, art, Lego and football. They are also offering wrap around care until 5:45pm.

These courses are all external and need to be booked directly with the provider via their website, information leaflets are in the foyer. We hope there are enough people take up these club offers so that they can run. The companies and staff are amazing, making the session's good fun.

To date there has not been enough uptake for the CM Sports Clubs. If you are interested, please sign up a.s.a.p. as these are in danger of being cancelled. Should they be cancelled, CM Sports will be in touch with you directly.

### Absence

As a school we are working very hard to improve the absence rates of our pupils and to encourage a good attendance culture within the school. The guidelines from Hampshire County Council on authorising holiday requests remain the same and the Headteacher can only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. If you know that you need to request time off school, then please come and speak to us about your situation and we can provide you with a request form. This year we will be celebrating the children's attendance term and issuing certificates to children who have 100% attendance rates.

Mrs Burleigh will monitor the children's attendance on a weekly basis so if you do have any concerns or difficulties please come and speak to her.

## **Beginning of the year reminders**

**Nut Allergies** - Please be aware that we have children in school with nut allergies and would ask that you therefore do not include items containing nuts in your child's packed lunch. Also please ensure that your child's lunch box is clearly marked with his/her name.

## **Medical Conditions**

If your child has a medical condition or food allergy which requires support in school please speak to or contact Mrs. Kim Tomlin or Miss Nicola Pearson in the school office.

## **Parking**

As Pinewood is at the bottom of a residential cul-de-sac, parking can be problematic for school users, residents and school transport. We kindly request that people keep the paths free for walking and roads free for transport, it can be difficult to turn the corner for the school buses at times if cars are parked there. There are many little walk ways from the main Pinewood Road through to the school and we would suggest that this is a good safe way to access school, the children may also see friends on the short walk in! Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **Bikes and Scooters**

Bikes and scooters may be left in the cycle storage facility during the day. **To avoid accidents along the path and in the playground please dismount bikes and scooters when entering the school premises.** Thank you.

## **Attendance for the Week**

Please remember we are always aiming for a minimum of **96%** attendance in line with National average.

	<b>Week commencing: 04.09.2023</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	95.77%

<b>Class</b>	<b>Week commencing: 04.09.2023</b>
Ladybird/Owl	N/A
Hedgehog	98.66%
Butterfly	85.94%
Fox	100%
Tadpole	90%

## **Learners of the Week**



<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Week commencing: 04.09.2023</b>
Year R	N/A
Year 1	Cosmo Swales, Frankie Peters & Emma Langham
Year 2	Beneict Astovasadourian, Wolf Jopling & Munro Short

## Good Neighbours of the Week

Year Group	Week commencing: 04.09.2023
Year R	N/A
Year 1	Cora Jordan & Noah Dyer
Year 2	Olivia Cooper & Oren Noble



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AND PINEWOOD INFANT SCHOOL



### Federation News

If you have any questions about the school please feel free to come and speak to either myself, Mrs Carolyn Burleigh (Head of School) or Mr Denis Foster (Executive Headteacher).

Warmest regards,

Carolyn Burleigh  
Head of School

Denis Foster  
Executive Headteacher