

# October 23 Newsletter (4)

## Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been working very hard this half term at their topics. They are very proud of their work and hopefully you enjoyed the opportunity to see this at the parent consultation evenings. Thank you for supporting these meetings, they were very well attended. Please take a look at the montage of learning at the end of the newsletter that showcases some of this.

### Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest assembly. It is a big event for the children to performing for you, some for the first time, so we hope you enjoyed it.

### Half term and INSET day

The children are very tired after their first half term back at school. Next week is half term and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October there will be no children at school as we have a staff training day. Have a lovely holiday and we hope everyone gets to relax and recuperate. **We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

### Next half term

We have some exciting WOW days planned to inspire the children and hook their learning onto:

Year R will be starting their new topic with a 'Colour and Sparkle' WOW day. The teachers would like to ask that all Year R children come into school dressed in bright colours and/or sparkle on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.



Years 1 and 2 will be starting their new topics having a 'Space Day' including a visit from the Space Dome on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. This is a dome tent that will transport the children into space! This enhancement to the children's learning is being supported by the PTA who are kindly raising funds to pay for this event for the children.



### Upcoming Events

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Half term Holiday

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

INSET day – no children

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

First day back for children

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

PTA run Disco

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Phonic Briefing for Year 1

8:45am and 2:30pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

PTA Pre-loved Sale

2:45pm – 3:45pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Asthma / Wheeze Parent

Coffee Morning

8:35am

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

NCMP & Vision checks for  
autumn born Year R children

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

KS1 Maths Workshop

8:45am, repeated at 6pm

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Target Sharing

8:35am and 2:45pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Carols Round the Tree

2:30pm

**INSET days for 2023-24**

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

## Caring Community

At Pinewood we teach the children that we are part of a community and what we do can affect those around us. With this in mind, we would like to ask you to help us model this, by parking considerately when visiting the school. Some neighbours have had their drive ways blocked, causing distress. If you are finding it difficult to park, there are lots of pedestrian walk ways that run from the Pinewood main road down to the school that you could use. Thank you for your help in this matter.



## Poppy Appeal - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal this year by selling Poppies and various accessories **(for home use only)**. They can be purchased in the school office.

If your child comes on transport and would like to purchase a Poppy or accessory, please send your donation in a clearly named envelope with your child's name, class and items they would like to purchase to the school office. Please send in the correct money as we are unable to provide change and all items are subject to availability.

Additional items available are listed below with a suggested donation:

- Poppy reflector £1.00
- Zip Pull £1.00
- Silicon wristband £1.50
- Snap Band £2.00



## Year 2 Junior School Applications

From 1<sup>st</sup> November, parents of children in Year 2 will be able to apply for junior school places. This is done online by visiting Hampshire School Admissions website;

[www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions) . Parents living outside of Hampshire need to apply to their home Local Authority.

If you would like to look at our federated school, Guillemont Junior School, you can view their webpage on applying for a place here: <https://www.guillemont.org.uk/for-parents/new-parents-applying-for-a-place/>

## Well-being Segment: The Good Mental Health Guide

Headteachers have been sent a copy of the attached booklet produced by the **NHS – The Good Mental Health Handbook**. This is an informative guide for parents and carers and we have been asked to share the booklet with you. There is a lot of useful information that is in one place, easy to find and useful. Please see the attachment.

## PACE event (Parent, Carer and Professionals Events)

We would like to inform you of a high quality and free local event that is run by the **Hampshire CAMHs team**. It includes a number of different workshops and seminars that showcase the needs and difficulties that young people can face and how to support them. It is being held at Yateley

School and is taking place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. There are many topics including Eating difficulties, Managing ADHD, Autism awareness, anxiety management, Coping and Resilience Education, Crisis and Self-harm, and more. Please use this link if you are interested in finding out more: [PACE 30th October 2023 – CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/pace-30th-october-2023)

## Attendance for the Week

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

	Week commencing: 09.10.2023	Week commencing: 16.10.2023
Whole School	97%	96%

Class	Week commencing: 09.10.2023	Week commencing: 16.10.2023
Ladybird/Owl	94%	95%
Hedgehog	98%	96%
Butterfly	98%	100%
Fox	98%	97%
Tadpole	99%	96%

## Learners of the Week



Year Group	Week commencing: 09.10.2023
Year R	Frank Andrews & Siddhi Gurung
Year 1	Arianna Matthews
Year 2	Amber Glancy & Summer Cleal

## Good Neighbours of the Week

Year Group	Week commencing: 09.10.2023
Year R	Tom Dawson, Harley Bridger, Rafe Daniels & Jaswini Ale
Year 1	Sebby Calver, Megan Westley & Maxwell Spuffard
Year 2	Archie Houghton & Hayden Griffen

Warmest regards,

Carolyn Burleigh  
Head of School

Denis Foster  
Executive Headteacher



## Year 1 & 2



## Year R

