

November 23 Newsletter (7)

Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see lots of parents at the mathematics workshops and target sharing this week. We hope you found them useful.

New Year R Trim Trail

We are delighted to inform you that the new trim trail, chosen using pupil and staff voice, has been completed. It was designed to build muscle and core strength and balance to support writing development. We are just waiting for the final inspection so that the children are able to begin using it. They can't wait!



Children in Need Appeal

Thank you to all children and staff participating in our muffin-day. You have raised an amazing £137.05 for Children in Need. Well done everyone.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the children who made a lovely display to help us remember the meaning behind Remembrance Day. As a school we raised £38.20 through the sale of poppies for this good cause.

Resource donations for Year R

Year R are asking for donations of resources to help develop our Reception outside area. Below is a list of things we are hoping to find, if you can help we would really appreciate it. If you have any other resources that you think could be useful that aren't on the list please talk to us! We are looking for...



Upcoming Events

Friday 8th December
Santa Fun Run

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Carols Round the Tree and
Christmas Stalls
2:30pm

Monday 11th December
Dress Rehearsal – Cast A
9:30am

Tuesday 12th December
Christmas Performance –
Cast A: **Adults only**
9:30am

Flu Vaccinations – during the
day

Wednesday 13th December
Dress Rehearsal – Cast B
9:30am

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Performance –
Cast B: **Adults only**
9:30am

Friday 15th December
Christmas Jumper, Lunch
and Class Party day

Tuesday 2nd January
INSET day – no children

Wednesday 3rd January
First day back for children

INSET days for 2023-24
2nd May 2024

- toys – preferably plastic so they can be used outside in all weathers (cars, trains, dinosaurs, animals, dolls, toy houses, farms, car garages...)
- Cable reels – any size
- Guttering, pipes or cardboard tubes
- Planks of wood
- Crates
- Tyres
- Pallets
- Log off cuts/ log stumps
- Old pots, pans, bowls, wooden spoons, kitchen utensils for outside play



For small donations, please bring them into the main foyer, or for larger items, please speak to a member of staff and we can arrange for them to be brought in at an appropriate time. Thank you!

Year R and Year 3 Applications

We would like to remind everyone that the deadline for both Year R and Year 3 applications to schools for September 2024 is 15th January 2024.

Please do ask if you have any queries relating to this and spread the Pinewood word to anyone looking for a Year R place.

Christmas Events

As we enter December (where did the term go?), we have the pleasure of providing more information about all of our Christmas events.

Monday 4th December

Christmas Cards – From Monday, children will be able to post their Christmas cards into the post box in the entrance hall. Please ensure that the name and class is clearly visible on the envelope to ensure safe delivery. Fox class will be the post office and sort the cards! Please note that the **last day** for posting will be on Wednesday 13th December. Cards posted after this day will not be able to be delivered.



Monday 8th December

Santa Fun Run - This fun sponsored event will take place during the school day by classes. The children will take part in completing a mile run/walk around the school grounds dressed in festive items. We look forward to this year's event!

Monday 8th December at 2:30pm

Carols Round the Tree – Please come and collect the children from class at 2:30pm and then join in the singing around our tree (weather permitting, this will be in the courtyard). The children have been learning and practicing their songs and we would love you to join us in singing some traditional carols. In addition, there will be a preview of some of the songs from the performance. The PTA are providing some Christmas stalls and activities at this event to make it a truly Christmas affair. We look forward to seeing you join in the fun.



Christmas Performances

Monday 11th December 9:30: Dress rehearsal for Cast A

Tuesday 12th December 9:30: Performance for Cast A (Adults only, by ticket)

Wednesday 13th December 9:30: Dress rehearsal for Cast B

Thursday 14th December 9:30: Performance for Cast B (Adults only, by ticket)



Friday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for the morning with their usual school skirt or trousers.

Christmas Lunch – Our wonderful cooks are preparing a delicious Christmas lunch for the children which will be served by the staff.

Class Christmas Parties – Children are invited to bring in some named party clothes in a named bag to change into in the afternoon for their class party.

We will be finishing school at the normal time of 3:15pm.

Attendance for the Week

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

	Week commencing: 20.11.2023	Week commencing: 27.11.2023
Whole School	98%	97%

Class	Week commencing: 20.11.2023	Week commencing: 27.11.2023
Ladybird/Owl	99%	99%
Hedgehog	99%	94%
Butterfly	99%	99%
Fox	97%	96%
Tadpole	90%	99%

Learners of the Week



Year Group	Week commencing: 20.11.2023	Week commencing: 27.11.2023
Year R	Luna Campbell, Qasim Zafar & Amir Alimi	Frank Andrews, Caleb Armstrong & Brydie Boyd
Year 1	Sebby Calver, Freddie Wratten-Sanchez & Ella Hammann	Cici Mooring, Selma Noble & Max Eales
Year 2	Logan Keenan, Rocco Cooper & Alf Galang	Olivia Cooper & Wolf Jopling

Good Neighbours of the Week

Year Group	Week commencing: 20.11.2023	Week commencing: 27.11.2023
Year R	Jessica Jones & Freddie Varela	Liam Kackini & Jaxon Adams
Year 1	Harlan Hogan	Megan Westley
Year 2	Rory Campbell, Sophie Grannell & Benedict Astovasadourian	Amber Glancy & Nicole Dobrin

Warmest regards,

Carolyn Burleigh
Head of School

Denis Foster
Executive Headteacher