

March 24 Newsletter (12)

Pinewood Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. Sorry this is a long edition, there is so much to share this week.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their new topics this half term which began with exciting events in all classes.

Their learning for this half term will take place through these themes:



Ladybirds, Owls, Tadpoles – Gruffalo and Farm animals



Hedgehog, Butterfly, Tadpoles & Fox – Titanic

Year R went on a walk through the deep dark woods as a mouse, meeting a snake, owl, fox and a Gruffalo. They all looked amazing as mice and we wish to thank you for the effort to make the day so enjoyable.



Years 1 and 2 had a role play experience on the Titanic. The children looked amazing in their best outfits going onto the ship. They looked at clothing, entertainment and facts about the journey. They were buzzing on their voyage.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 5th March

Parent reading morning –
Ladybird and Owl class
8:35-8:55am

Wednesday 6th March

Year R Farm Trip

Wednesday 6th March

Parent reading morning –
Hedgehog and Butterfly
class
8:35-8:55am

Friday 8th March

Parent reading morning –
Fox and Tadpole class
8:35-8:55am

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day – Children
to come as a book
character

Monday 18th March and

Thursday 21st March

Parents Evenings
3:30-6:00pm

Thursday 28th March

Easter Hunt at school for the
children

Wednesday 27th March

KS1 Parents Trip on the
Titanic setting sail at
2:30pm sharp
(Adults only for this event)

2nd May 2024

INSET day – no children



Year 1 and 2 Quality Outcome day

Advance notice, parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to have their own voyage on the Titanic. The children will provide the entertainment for the trip and share their learning. This will begin at 2:30pm and is by invitation only. This is an interactive experience.

World Book Week - Reminder...

Reading mornings

In the morning at drop off time, parents and children are invited to come into our school hall to look at books together to promote a love of reading. Your child's teachers will welcome you at the hall door, rather than at their class door.

The hall will be open from 8:35-8:55. At 8:55 children will line up with all of their belongings (coats and book bags etc.) and will go around to their classroom. Parents will be free to leave at 8:55. Each class has an allocated day...

Tuesday 5th March – Ladybird and Owl classes

Wednesday 6th March – Hedgehog and Butterfly classes

Friday 8th March – Fox and Tadpole classes

We look forward to you joining us for our special book week.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

On this day children are invited to **choose a favourite book and bring it to school**, ready for some fun activities that we have planned for during the day. Children can also come to school dressed up as one of the characters from their story. You don't need to buy expensive costumes, please feel free to be creative – you could make parts of costumes or props using things you might have at home. Please make sure your child's book and any parts of their costume are named. Thank you.

Mothers' Day



The PTA are kindly providing the opportunity for the children to purchase a Mothers' Day cupcake gift. The deadline for this this has now been extended to Monday 4th March 3:15pm if you wish to place an order for this amazing offer. These cakes were delicious last year.

Holidays

We are aware that this is the time of year when people begin to book holidays for the summer. Please be mindful that this is in the school holidays. Holidays taken in school time are unauthorized and although we understand the frustration of pricing (it affects all staff working in schools too), we do have to follow the procedures for holidays taken in school time which can lead to fines. More importantly, please consider the impact on your child's education.

Attendance for the Week

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

	Week commencing: 19.02.2024	Week commencing: 26.02.2024
Whole School	97%	96%

Class	Week commencing: 19.02.2024	Week commencing: 26.02.2024
Ladybird/Owl	98%	95%
Hedgehog	98%	96%
Butterfly	99%	95%
Fox	99%	99%
Tadpole	88%	95%

Learners of the Week



Year Group	Week commencing: 19.02.2024	Week commencing: 26.02.2024
Year R	Luna Campbell, Imogen King & Olivia Cooper	Parker Betts, Brydie Boyd, Yuma Mabo & Liam Kackini
Year 1	Insiya Hussain, Leila-Rae Wilmshurst & Max Eales	Harry Lovell & Emma Langham
Year 2	Alf Galang, Elia Arnold & Rocco Cooper	Oren Noble, Duke Barney & Ciaran Turner

Good Neighbours of the Week

Year Group	Week commencing: 29.01.2024	Week commencing: 05.02.2024
Year R	Jessica Jones, Jaswini Ale & Harley Bridger	Sahaan Pariyar
Year 1	Piper Blackstaffe-Turner & Cosmo Swales	Ava-Louise Nugent
Year 2	Oliva Cooper	Rory Campbell, Wolf Jopling & Alf Galang

Wellbeing Segment: Being active

Please find attached a leaflet from the charity Spotlights who offer both indoor and outdoor activities with the aim to boost confidence, self-esteem and well-being.



Federation News

School Lunches

As you are aware, our school lunches are provided by HC3S who are a service of Hampshire County Council. They are in the process of changing their name to 'Hampshire County Council Education Catering'. You can visit their pages on their website for their menus and other information. [News | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news) You can also keep up-to-date, by following them on social media.

Facebook: @hc3seducation Twitter: @hc3s6

Governors

An exciting opportunity has opened up. The Governors are looking for parent to join their team. If you are interested, please see the attached letter.

Have a super half term.

Warmest regards,

Carolyn Burleigh
Head of School

Denis Foster
Executive Headteacher