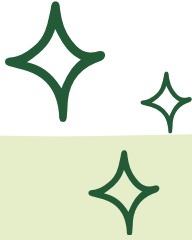




SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11

14TH FEBRUARY



'Transforming lives through inspirational learning'

The weather has certainly reminded us that we are still very much in winter despite the early spring signs of longer days and snowdrops. Although we have avoided the snow (much to the disgust of many of our children!) we have experienced hail, winds, sleet and the occasional ray of sunshine

Please do remember to send your child in with a suitable warm coat. We endeavour to ensure that children get as much fresh air as possible, especially through our OPAL play provision. Playing outside gives your child the chance to explore the natural environment and have adventures. Your child can play games, test their physical limits, express themselves and build their self-confidence. Outdoor play can also mean more mess and more mess often means more fun! So inevitably, there will be occasions where children get muddy and grubby but it is all part of their exciting learning journey.

We would like to wish all our families a lovely half-term break and look forward to welcoming you back to our 'Engage and Empower' day on Monday 24th February.

HI-LIGHT OF THE WEEK:

Our highlight of the week last week centered around the exciting Number Day activities experienced by the children. From solving numerical clues to crack the puzzle in Year 2, to the varied success in the 'Who Wants to Be a Mathionaire?' quiz, it was a day full of engaging maths challenges!



PE KIT

We have noticed more children are not wearing the appropriate school PE kit.

On designated PE days please ensure that your child is wearing the following:

Pupils are expected to arrive to school in their PE kit on their designated PE day.

Our PE uniform is:

- A white T-shirt, navy or black shorts/cycle shorts/jogging bottoms and suitable trainers will be required.
- School jumpers should also be worn on PE days. No branded football kits or t-shirts please.

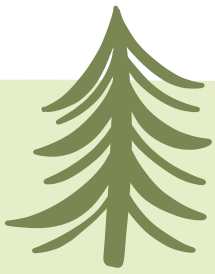
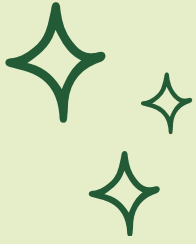
For health and safety reasons the only jewellery allowed is small ear studs.

All of the items can be purchased from a range of retailers however, if you are having problems sourcing the correct kit please contact the office and we may be able to help out.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

This week has been Kindness Week at school. We've been learning about the importance of kindness and how to show it to one another, using the book *A Bucketful of Kindness*. In assembly, we introduced the concept of a kindness bucket, where the class could write down acts of kindness they noticed throughout the week. Towards the end of the week, the children explored the idea of being 'Bucket Fillers' or 'Bucket Dippers,' and they created their own miniature buckets, filling them with ideas for how to be kind





READING CAFES:

All parents are invited into your child's class to watch a short reading lesson followed by a visit to our library where you can enjoy a drink and a biscuit together. Details of date and times are as follows:

Pinecones: Thursday 6th March 2-3pm

Hedgehog Class/ Reception: Monday 3rd March 2-3pm

Squirrel Class/Year 1: Tuesday 4th March 9-10am

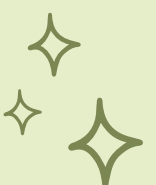
Rabbit Class/ Year 2: Monday 3rd March 9-10am

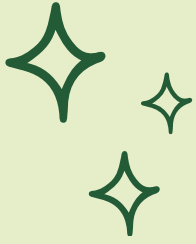
Nightingale Class/Year 3: Thursday 6th March 9-10am

Fox Class/Year 4: Thursday 6th March 2-3pm

Owl Class/Year 5: Wednesday 5th March 9-10am

Stag Class/Year 6: Tuesday 4th March 2-3pm





PFA NEWS



Volunteers needed

The PFA are in need of more volunteers. If you are able to spare some time and help organise and run events, please get in touch with them by emailing; pfa@pinesprimary.org

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



17th
Feb

Half Term

24th -
27th Feb

Y5 Bikeability

25th
Feb

6-7pm SATS information Evening for Y6 parents

27th
Feb

Y2 Skills Escalator Event

WC 3rd
March

Reading Cafe - see times above

7th
March

World Book Day - See letter that has been sent home

7th
April

Easter Break



22nd
April

PD Day No pupils on site

