

PINEWOOD INFANT SCHOOL AND FOUNDATION UNIT
SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone! Let's hope we get plenty of sunshine this term to support lots of outdoor learning.

School Times

8.40am-3.05pm- School

8.30am-11.30am- AM Foundation Unit

12.15pm-3.15pm- PM Foundation Unit

Lateness

Please ensure your children come to school on time because arrival after 8.40am means they miss out on vital learning. Any child who arrives after registers close at 9.00am, will be marked as absent. Please do not take your children out of school for family holidays. The Head Teacher is unable to authorise any holidays unless it is a holiday to visit extended family who live a great distance away or the holiday is for religious purposes.

Inset Days

Monday 27th June 2016

Monday 25th July 2016

Staffing

We welcome Rachel Otter our new head teacher and Claire Turner our new deputy head teacher who will take up their posts in September.

Student Teacher- Miss Ibell will be working with Foundation 1 this term.

For those who have not yet heard Miss Wall and Mrs Clark will be retiring at the end of this term. They have both taught here for many years and have made a huge and lasting contribution to this school. They will be missed and we wish them both a long and happy retirement. New teachers are being interviewed and employed this term to replace them.

School Website

All letters sent from school can be found on the website either on the individual class pages or on the parents' page under letters.

Investors in Pupils

This term we are continuing to work towards our Investors in Pupils award. The principle of this award is to empower all pupils and to help contribute to raising achievement.

As part of the Investors in Pupils award the pupils find out about our school, the jobs of everyone who works in it, the role and responsibilities of the school governors, how the school budget is spent and their own responsibilities within the school.

All our classrooms have Investors in Pupils displays where you can find the class vision statement and children's individual targets.

Budget Challenge!

Last term, each class was given a budget of £50 to spend on things that would help them with their learning. The children used the catalogues to decide as a class what they wanted to buy. There were some fantastic purchases including a laboratory set, art resources and dressing up clothes.

The Jaguars class used the money to replace a broken globe. This was a valuable opportunity for the children to learn the price of the resources in school and the importance of looking after the things in our classroom.

Eco

We have chicks and caterpillars in school at the moment because the children are learning about life cycles and growth.

We are expecting our fourth Eco Assessment in May and the children and staff are working really hard towards this award.

Outside

The pond is ready for visitors. Please watch your children carefully and try not to disturb the wildlife. We have lots of tadpoles, frogs, toads, newts and fish.

The new canopy outside of Yr 1 and Yr 2 has almost been completed, thank you for your patience. We are still tidying up the grounds, particularly around the new classroom area.

The F1 area will be refurbished this term with some new climbing equipment and a canopy for protection from the sun.

School Dinners

I hope your children are enjoying their universal free school dinners prepared by Cherise, our Chef. Any problems please contact the office. For children in the nursery or children attending full days, school dinners are now £2.22 per day. Please put the money in an envelope with your child's name and the date the meal is needed. Please ensure you tell a member of staff if your child changes their dinner arrangements.

Free School Meals- If you are in receipt of benefits and think you may be entitled to free school milk and meals, please speak to Carol in the office.

Savings Card

We have so few people that use this facility. It's a great resource. You can save as much or as little as you are able and it can pay for anything in school such as school trips and the Castleton residential. You also get 10% off the cost of school trips. Please ask in the office.

Money in school

Please make sure ALL monies sent into school are in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked.

Sun Safe

We have navy blue school baseball style sun hats for sale £3.00 each. These are available from the school office. If the weather is expected to be warm please make sure your child has had sun cream applied before they come to school.

Ink/Toner Cartridges

Remember to bring in your cartridges and old mobile phones. Cartridges help raise money for school, so we can buy lovely things for your children. Please bring them to the school office.

Photographs

Writes the photographers are in school on Wednesday 15th June for group photos.

Clothing Collection

We have a blue clothing recycling bin for clean clothes and shoes down near the kitchen area in the school car park. Not only does school benefit from these collections but so do many children and adults abroad.

Social Media/Mobile Phones

Any photographs taken in school are for school use only. Please do not put any images on Facebook etc. We have vulnerable children in school that need to be protected. Please do not use mobile phones whilst in school.

Health and Safety

Please NO prams or pushchairs in school. They really are a danger, particularly in small spaces such as cloakrooms. Please make sure you close school gates behind you, and also remember that it is against the law to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gates.

Nursery Places

If you have or know someone who has a child who is over two years old, now is the time to register them for nursery. Call in the school office for an application form.

After School Clubs

Key Stage 1 children only- Football club will be held on Mondays and multi-skills club is being held on Fridays and they both commence week beginning Monday 25th April. The Tuesday club continues as normal so please encourage your children to stay. Yoga club is run on a Thursday by Jackie Wilson, school governor. Please note there is a charge for this club. If you are interested please speak to the school office. All clubs are run from 3.05pm-3.45pm and we ask that you collect your children promptly. If you do not collect your child on time then they will not be allowed to continue to stay for clubs.

Collecting children

Children need to be picked up by a regular **adult**. If this is not the case you must inform the school office otherwise your child will not be allowed to go at the end of the day.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair daily for head lice. Advice is available from your local chemist, health centre or information is available on-line.

Fund Raising

Easter Activities- £150.00

Science Grant- £600.00

Fairtrade- £113.50

Sport Relief- £50.00

Councillor Marje Paling- £75.00

Councillor Sarah Hewson- £100.00

Thank you to all for participating and helping to boost funds for school and others.

Sainsbury's

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. The collection box is in the library area.

Children's Clothing

Please make sure your child's clothing is labelled clearly.

Summer Fair

The Friends of Pinewood Summer Fair is being held on Thursday 30th June from 3.00pm-4.00pm. If you can help on the day please speak to the office.

Outdoor P.E.

The children will be doing some of their P.E. lessons outdoors now that the summer months are approaching. Please make sure they have P.E. clothes and suitable outdoor footwear- plimsolls or trainers that are kept in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 th April	Live Caterpillars arriving
Wednesday 20 th April	Parenting course begins
Friday 29 th April	Book assembly
Monday 2 nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY DAY
Friday 13 th May	Cinema/Disco 3.00pm-4.00pm- Key Stage 1 only
Monday 16 th May	Eco assessment- this will be our 4 th time around
Tuesday 17 th May	Panthers only parent/carers evening- more news later
Wednesday 18 th May	Panthers only parent/carers evening- more news later
Wednesday 25 th May	Book Assembly
Friday 27 th May	Break up for half term
Monday 6 th June	Return to school
Friday 10 th June	Celebrate the Queen's birthday- more news later
Wednesday 15 th June	Wrates photographers in school
Friday 24 th June	Men only day- more news later
Monday 27 th June	Inset Day- report writing
Thursday 30 th June	Summer Fair -3.00pm-4.00pm
Monday 4 th July	Foundation Sports day- 9.00am on the field Kittens, Cats and Panthers Key Stage Sports day- 1.45pm start on the field
Week beginning 4 th July	Cats and Panthers trip to the Pirate park- more news later
Wednesday 13 th July	Yr 1 children to St Marys Church
Thursday 14 th July	F2 Panthers leavers picnic- more news later
Friday 15 th July	F2 Cats leavers picnic- more news later
Monday 18 th July	Provisional Foundation Sports day- 9.00am on the field Kittens, Cats and Panthers Provisional Key Stage Sports day- 1.45pm start on the field
Thursday 21 st July	Puppet Man
Friday 22 nd July	Toy Day and Disco 1.15pm-3.05pm Break up

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- YEAR 2 CHILDREN ONLY

Tuesday 26 th April	Sarah Page, Head Teacher and some year 4 children are coming to talk about Killisick
Tuesday 3 rd May	Brackenhurst visit
Tuesday 24 th May	Potted Sports at Killisick
Thursday 26 th May	Mablethorpe Trip
Tuesday 14 th June	Youth Hostel parents meeting at 2.30pm in the hall
Wednesday 22 nd June	Activity day at Killisick
Wednesday 6 th July	Visit Killisick and stay for dinner
Thursday 7 th and Friday 8 th July	Youth Hostelling
Wednesday 20 th July	Leavers evening- more news later