

Pinfold Newsletter

January 2019

Dear All,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas.

I hope you are all enjoying how bright and airy the school is becoming? A big thanks to FOPP for the funding and for FOPP and the staff for de-cluttering and preparing the school for its redecoration! I love it! We are hoping to have the decorating completed over the February half-term. This Newsletter is going to be 'One for the Diary'.

We are starting work on the garden over February half-term. The diggers will be in and the bottom section of the playground is being dug up. The old rotten Sensory Garden is being Laid to Rest, as is the climbing frame. We are hoping to rescue the shrubs and trees over the next month so if anyone has any huge pots and soil we can repot them in they would be very welcome. If anyone would like to come and help dig them up please let me or Ruth know.

We have booked in a day to create our 'Bigloo'. This will be a community event taking place from 10am on Saturday 2nd March 2019. We need as many volunteers as possible. The Bigloo Builder envisages it will take the best part of a day to weave so people can work in shifts or come for the whole day. Please sign up on the Parents notice board if you can come so we know we have enough people. You can bring the kids, picnics, flasks. We can make it a really fun day. I would advise waterproof pants if you have them as there may be time on the floor, but for those who cant bend they can do the higher up weaving.

There will be a period of time when the garden is mainly soil. We need to plant trees and dig a pond before the grass can be laid. After this the grass will be messy and the whole nature of the children's play will change. We will be encouraging them to sit on the grass, build dens, dig in the soil etc. We will be buying waterproof trousers.



All children will be expected to put them on if they chose to play in the wild garden area. We will need to ask all children to have wellies in school after the February half-term. To accommodate the wellies we will need to bring in wellie racks and get rid of the lockers. Wellies will need to have names inside in permanent marker. If anyone has trouble providing wellies please let me or Ruth know.

To let you know a little bit more about the learning that will occur in the wild garden area I will hold a Forest School meeting for parents wanting to know more. This will be on Thursday 14th February at 4pm in Oak class. ALL WELCOME!!

Thank you for your support with the charities before Christmas. We raised:

Poppy Appeal: £6.15

Save the Children: £75.27

Christmas Fair and Bingo: £ 3,300



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Sports Clubs and Tournaments

As the weather will be improving we really want to get some more Sports going after school and Miss Lloyd is keen to start a Sports club on the field after February half-term. To make this happen and ensure children are safe when travelling down that fast road and on the field we will need Parent volunteers to walk down to the field with her and help with the games. As a small school we are stretched for staff so please let her know if you want to help. She will offer it to one Keys Stage one term and the other Keys Stages after Easter.

We will be looking out for tournaments on that day and Miss Lloyd is keen to help make them happen. Again, we will need your support. Fewer staff have business insurance on their cars and without a minibus it will be tricky to get children to events. Please let Liza know if you can help in any way asap then we can get events planned in. Many thanks.

Diary Dates 2019

Every other Monday starting **January 21st**: Library van:

Friday 11th January: Swimming: Every other Friday starting First week it is Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Rec

Friday 18th January : it is Nursery, Y5 & Y6 then repeating through the year.

Wednesday 6th February: School Nurse in for Year 6 and Reception, Weight and height check

3.40pm Thursday 14th February: Forest School meeting for Parents

February 15th INSET: school closed to pupils

February 18th-22nd: Half-term

February 18th: decorators in school, diggers in school garden

Friday 1st March: trees arrive from Woodland Trust

10am-4pm Saturday 2nd March: Bigloo Build. ALL WELCOME

10-12noon Saturday 8th March: Dig a Pond. ALL WELCOME

10-12pm Saturday 23rd March: Plant the trees. ALL WELCOME

Monday 25th March, Tuesday 26th March 4-6pm: Parents Evenings

SPRING BREAK- We will be in school on **Friday 5th April** and school finishes at **2.00pm**

Monday 8th April: The turf will be lain

Tuesday 23rd April: School re-opens

24th, 25th and 26th June: Borwick Hall

Tuesday 22nd July at 2pm: School finishes- End of term