

# Pinfold Newsletter

## March 2019



Dear All,

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the lovely Spring like term, long may it last!

I wanted to update you on a change of staffing for the next term and a half. Last term due to unforeseen commitments I was out of class too much for my liking. To ensure quality, continuity and consistency for the Key Stage 2 children I have discussed with the governors and we decided to ask Mrs Cumiskey to teach KS2 full time. We are very fortunate and Mrs Cumiskey has agreed to teach Oak class full time from next Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019. She is very excited about the prospect and this has put my mind at rest knowing the children will be receiving a high quality, consistent approach.

**New School Website** <https://www.pinfoldprimaryschool.co.uk/>

We have our new website up and running and it is going to be fantastic! Over the next few weeks, we will do our best to input information, photos, newsletters etc. You will be able to complete questionnaires, find out up to date news and events and see images of your children's learning. Fingers crossed, if we work it out in time, you should be able to sign up for the March Parents Evenings to see Miss Whiteside or Mrs Cumiskey online!

### **Healthy Food and Drinks**

I have noticed an increase in juices coming into school. We intend to write an updated Healthy Eating policy next term. The school holds a Healthy School mark so we must live up to it. To start the ball rolling I am asking all parents to send their children to school with only milk or water. School provide milk up to the age of five and children on school dinners are offered milk at dinner time. We have a water fountain and nursery are going to ensure water is available at all times for thirsty children. It is proven that a hydrated brain learns far better. However any juice/squash has a high level of sugar, which impacts on the children's behaviour and is bad for their teeth and weight. Sugar free drinks invariably have sweeteners and e-numbers that are also not good for our little ones. I thank you for your understanding and compliance with this.

### **Building the nature garden**

**Please come and help! 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**



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### World Book Day

Our School Improvement Target 3 is to raise the profile of reading throughout the school and in conjunction with the Lancashire County Council we are engaged in the 'We are Reading' initiative. Our school has been included in this term's We are Reading Newsletter. I will display a copy in the entrance hall and on the website.

Miss Whiteside is organising various exciting reading activities throughout the term. It is World Book day on Thursday 7th March, however as we have PE and Art on that day, meaning we would not be able to carry out Reading activities and precious costumes and accessories may become lost it was decided long ago that we would celebrate World Book Day all week and children are invited to dress up on the Tuesday 5th March. Staff and children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book characters. Please do not go out and buy expensive new clothes. There will be prizes for the most imaginative (and possibly home made) characters.

The kitchen staff have prepared a delicious book influenced menu. They will be able to eat; Mr Twit's fingers' (!) , Supertato and the Runaway Pancake!! It should be a fun day with many exciting reading activities on offer!

### Borwick Hall

We have only a very small number of takers to attend Borwick Hall this year. It may be hard to justify taking a member of staff for such a few. I really want the children to have this opportunity. In the past places have been offered out to younger children but staff have discussed this and it is not suitable this year. A lot of the children who have been several times have expressed this as a reason for them not wanting to attend. Please, if anyone has any ideas what would make it more appealing can they please let myself or Mrs Halstead know? We have reduced the time down to two nights. If parents are thinking it is expensive and their children receive free school meals or Pupil Premium please come and have a chat and we can organise subsidies. We believe out of bounds trips are a vital part of every child's growing up, team building, becoming independent. Fingers crossed we can think of a way to ensure the Borwick Hall trip goes ahead.