

Pinfold Primary School Newsletter October 2019

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Welcome back! Autumn is already upon us! We have already been super busy this term. We have a whole school topic, 'Home Sweet Home'. Children have been learning about their local environment. Our topic and curriculum overview will be up on the website shortly. We have been to the Good Shepherd Mission for a Harvest festival. Thank you for all your contributions which will go to the Soup Kitchen in Southport.

We really enjoyed our trip to Liverpool last week. Photographs will soon be on the website. Thank you to the parents who came with us. It was an inspiring visit. We looked at art, local history and enjoyed a blustery ferry trip across the Mersey, a very iconic thing to do! This will ensure all the children have the same exciting and inspiring experience to build their learning on.

Last term some parents said they would love to come and talk to the children about their jobs and how they achieved their career. I have put a blank Wednesday assembly timetable on the wall in the entrance hall. Please can you sign up so we can plan our learning around that visit? If you can't make a Wednesday just let us know in the office when you are available—we are very flexible.



Wellingtons and waterproof coats:

Please can all children bring in a pair of wellies to leave in school? The weather is getting wetter and so children can play out and learn in all weathers we need them to have suitable footwear and coats. We are providing waterproof trousers.



After School Club

Mrs Wilson will now be planning our weekly after school club activities. Look out for the fliers of activities. We look forward to you booking in for specific activities. This week the children have loved creating conker snakes and scooping out pumpkins. We want the children to be independent so we will be encouraging them to make their own snacks. These will be healthy and simple. For example children have been toasting and buttering their own bagels. This week children have topped their own pizzas. Children are closely supervised and do not use the oven. After half term we ask that you pay Mrs Halstead instead of the after school club staff.



Parents Evening will be on Wednesday 13th November from 3.30-6.30pm. Letters will be coming out soon.

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Pinfold was well overdue an OFSTED visit and last week we were visited by two of HM Inspectors.

A big thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete questionnaires and talk to the inspectors. We found the visit very beneficial. The inspectors were very experienced and thorough. They were also very supportive of the changes we have been implementing.

There is a new framework for OFSTED inspections from September 2019. Our report could take two to three weeks to be published. In the meantime only governors and advisors are aware of the judgement. I will add a link to the framework guidance for your information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-inspection-framework>

Parent, teacher association: PTA

We do not currently have a PTA. I have been thinking about a Halloween disco but we do not have enough staff to run one. We can even have it in our little hall in school but we need a PTA to run these events. Please, if anyone thinks they can give the time and commitment to us we would be very grateful. It can be grandparents, it does not have to be parents. I know life is so super busy but it would be great to have that support. FOPP have generously donated the last of the funds so we can have a Promethean Board in our hall. For that we are very grateful. Please contact me or Mrs Halstead if you can run our PTA.

Parking and turning round on Pinfold Lane

We all know how dangerous Pinfold Lane is. I have had a polite request from our local community that parents do not turn around/do three point turns in residents drives. I am sure you will do your best to all turn around either in our tiny 'Do not litter' space or on the road. Your cooperation is much appreciated. We value our local community and want to ensure everyone is happy.

Home School Agreement and Pupil Council

Thank you to all the parents and children who have signed the Home School Agreement. Please can we have the remaining few handed back in to school. We are beginning our Pupil Council from next week and we would like to discuss the Home School Agreements with the children. It will mean more if you have talked to them about it and the children have signed them.

Children will be invited to think of presentations to give to their peers over the next two weeks. We intend to vote during assembly before the next half-term.