

Pinfold Primary School Newsletter November 2019

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Parents Evening Wednesday 13th November 2019 3.40-6.30pm

Thank you to everyone who has managed to get your emails to us. I am very happy that we have set up Parents Evening appointments on our website. If you have any issues or need help please let us know.

I will be available if you need a chat or need to discuss SEND issues during that time. Class teachers will have updated Targeted Learning Plans for you to have a look at and sign.

Home School Agreements will be ready for parents to sign for those families that have not yet signed up with their children. They will be in the entrance and also class teachers will have blanks with a list of who has not yet signed.

Thanks in advance for this.



Swimming:

I, along with other parents have concerns about the cleanliness of Park Pool. I love the pool and never want to lose the facility, however the floor, boxes, cubicles etc are in a disgusting state. I spoke to West Lancs Sports Partnership coaches last week, they are not responsible. They rent the pool from them and so have advised us to write and complain to the pool. I complained in person last week about the state of the boxes and will be writing to them asap. If any other parents would like to write, this would add weight to our issues. In the meantime I do not want children to miss out on swimming. It is part of the curriculum and vital for their health and so they can keep themselves safe, especially when we have canals and a reservoir nearby. I wear flip flops when walking round the pool. I would advise children to do the same. Staff will carry them from one end to the other if children bring them, where possible. Please initial them in permanent pen.

New Payment System at Pinfold

We are about to launch Parentpay at Pinfold, information and set up instructions are coming out Friday 8 November. With effect from 25 November 2019, all payments including clubs, nursery and dinners will be taken through Parentpay. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Halstead.

Second Hand Uniform

We have some second hand uniform in school, if your child is short of skirts or trousers let Mrs Halstead know and she will help if we have the right sizes. If you have any old uniform in good condition especially school jumpers, PE kits please feel free to pass them into

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Breakfast Club Fees

We try to keep our fees as low as possible and they have remained the same for over 7 years however it is now necessary to make an increase. With effect from Monday 25 November all sessions will cost £3 (whether or not your child has breakfast with us), this still represents excellent value for money for over an hour's childcare.

Parent, teacher association: PTA

We do not currently have a PTA. We had a fantastic time at our Halloween Disco. A big thanks to Nicola Jackson our Chair of Governors for helping.



Please, if anyone thinks they can give the time and commitment to us we would be very grateful. It can be grandparents, carers or any other family member. It does not have to be parents. I know life is so super busy but it would be great to have that support.

Please contact me or Mrs Halstead if you can help run our PTA so our children can still have extra fun and we can raise some money.

Christmas dates

We decided to have a large production at the end of summer. For Christmas we shall have some Victorian craft and Christmas carols, a Diwali song and some wintery poems. We are going to open our doors again for Christmas dinner. As soon as we have the date from cook we will let you know. All welcome. This will be on Tuesday 17th December from 9.30am. Our party will be on the Thursday following a visit from the magician. We are planning to attend a pantomime on Wednesday 18th December in the afternoon.

New Lunch Menu

Letters/emails came out before half term with new lunch menus. We have had a lot of children ordering odd lunches or switching between packed lunch and hot dinner. Please note changes to your child's lunch arrangements requires 2 weeks notice. This enables cook to order the correct amount so every child has enough, thanks for your help with this.