



Golden Book:

Three children have made it into the 'Golden Book' already this term! Hoorah! Lets keep up the good work, Pinfold!



Forest School: We have completed our fifth Forest School session with Oak class. The children have developed greater stamina, walking to the woods each week. We are getting faster! The children have been learning science: creating a see-saw; lighting and putting out a fire. They have been learning how to keep safe when using tools, making swings and climbing trees. The children have been learning about tying knots and how to put up a hammock. This week they have been enjoying making mud and engaging in imaginative role-play. As a result of this imaginative play Mrs Zaim is already seeing



positive results in the children's creative writing. The whole school will be attending Forest School on November 5th. We will be asking parents to drop their children off at the woods at 9am. If your child is in Breakfast Club we will arrange transport to the woods. We are very happy with the positive impact on the children's wellbeing.

School Uniform and PE sessions: We asked parents and carers to send children in to school in their PE kits with leggings or jogging bottoms to address the style of learning your children are engaging in this term. We risk assessed that it would be safer to have the children already changed than bring in extra bags and clothes that may spread the virus.

We have organised lots of physical activities, for example yoga that will help your child's wellbeing. I wanted to explain that other schools are engaging in similar initiatives and we are taking guidance from Lancashire County Council and the Government. Whilst we want to ensure your children are comfortable and warm in school we still want to retain our high expectations for school uniform.

Thank you to all parents who have been sending your children to school in the school colours. Some parents are still sending children in wearing Nike and other branded track suits. We will be exchanging these with a school top where possible and sending them home in a bag. Thank you for your understanding.

Monday: Yoga, PE and Sports Club, **Wednesday:** PE and Sports Club, **Thursday:** Key Stage 2, Oak class Forest School. After October half term, **PE will stop on a Wednesday and Wednesday Sports Club will finish.**



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'Small but mighty!'



In the event of a school or county lockdown due to COVID:

We have been developing a blended learning policy, in line with government expectations. We want to make sure that you have the equipment you need to ensure your children can access any online learning that we provide in the case of an isolated school lockdown or a full county lockdown.

In the event that the whole school is closed for two weeks we need to know that your household can access the internet and be able to upload work. Our intention is to lend out lap tops from school where necessary. At the moment we would be carrying out face to face teaching via Zoom. This would be timetabled with a registration at 9am and then a story at the end of the day. We would be teaching English and Maths at various points throughout the day.

It would help us to know now if anyone has any difficulty in accessing the internet or a device, for example where there is more than one child in a household.

We have purchased Microsoft Teams and as soon as we have the package in place we will be training the staff, and children how to use Teams and sending home login details. We will also be continuing to use the school website for work.

Please email : bursar@pinfold.lancs.sch.uk if you would need to borrow a laptop in the event of a lock down. If we do not hear from you by Friday 9th October 2020, we will assume you have access.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education including the 'No Outsiders' programme:

We have developed a new policy in line with government guidance to teach our children Relationships, Sex and Health Education (formerly PSHE). I have posted the new policy on the website under: Curriculum:

<https://www.pinfoldprimaryschool.co.uk/page/relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/81208>

As a school we believe it is important our children learn about relationships in a healthy informal way in school rather than just be subjected to some of the images and virtual encounters they may have whilst surfing the internet. We are very excited to be incorporating the 'No Outsiders' programme into our curriculum. This will be taught through our assemblies. Children will listen to thought provoking stories, engage in role play and learn all about British values and prepare our children for life in Modern Britain. Please have a look at the curriculum overview for more information.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Please join us in our Zoom meeting to discuss keeping our children safe when online on November 18th 4-4.30pm:

Claire Tjaveondja is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting

Time: Nov 18, 2020 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91964466663?pwd=ZXZKL2Zvb0xxa05kTFNFQkdSaVNXZz09>

Meeting ID: 919 6446 6663

Passcode: b7QN2n