## Pinfold Primary School Newsletter November 2020



'Learning is our passion' 'Small but mighty!'







The absolute joy of being in a spooky, flappy den! in the woods, in winter, with our friends.

The pride in learning how to swing on a stick swing!

**Forest School:** Our whole school Forest School Thursday in the woods was the best day ever! We have decided that in January 2021 every Thursday will be whole school Forest School day. We will remind you closer to the time. Dropping children off at the woods was very successful and the children learned so much. It was very good for everyone's emotional wellbeing. Our children need to get out in the fresh air. We have a challenge for all parents. Only two children can tie a knot or their laces- in the whole school! Lets see if more children can practice tying laces over the Christmas holidays and surprise us with their skills in January!

**Parents Evenings:** Due to Covid we have organised virtual Parents Evenings. You will need to sign up on the parents login of our school website, 'Spida'. You will need to then book a time. You will then be sent a link with a Zoom code.

Miss Whiteside is conducting 'Zoom' meetings. She will send you the link via email. Mrs Zaim is conducting her Parents Meetings via telephone. If you would like a 'Zoom' meeting with Mrs Tjaveondja please email the bursar and we will set one up.

Miss Whiteside: Monday 23rd November 2020

Mrs Zaim: Thursday 19th November 2020

## **Christmas Celebrations**



We do not want Christmas to be cancelled. We are discussing ways we can perform Christmas songs and either record them

or livestream them to you. We have concerns with children who can not be filmed for personal reasons. If these parents would be happy for their children to be filmed and to be shared with just school parents please email Mrs Halstead to let her know. I do not like the idea of leaving them out of the Christmas songs.

We will be making cards and calendars and we hope you agree that as we are in one bubble, we have decided it is okay to send Christmas cards to each other. We are going to organise a Christmas party in afterschool club and were thinking as children are not allowed parties out of school we could arrange them in After school club for a small charge.



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We have two new students this term, one for each class. They are both from Edgehill and would like to introduce themselves:

I am Ashadhi Kariyapperuma, Orshila, a current third year student from Edge Hill University. My major specialism is in Mathematics and minor specialism is in Languages. I am excited to meet Willow class children and to work in Pinfold Primary School. I have been placed on two professional practices prior to this placement, so I am looking forward to developing my teaching further.

From Miss Orshila

Hello parents and carers,

My name is Mr Worthington and I am a third-year trainee teacher from Edge Hill. For my final placement, I am very pleased to have been placed at Pinfold Primary school where I will be a student teaching within Oak class with Mrs Zaim during the following ten weeks. I have a specialism in Mathematics and Physical Education and wish to reflect this in my placement. I look forward to meeting you all. - Mr Worthington



## Online Safety Meeting and RSHE Policy

Thank you to the parents who completed the questionnaire. Out of the eight parents who completed it, three had not read the policy nor felt confident that they could keep their children safe online. I find it very worrying that only one parent said they would attend the meeting. I am hoping it is because you are nervous of Zoom. I was very worried about Zoom at first, but as COVID is not going away we need to be brave and have a go. Honestly, it is not scary once you have gone on it and it is really easy to operate. Just be careful what is behind you as we will be able to see that!

I have rescheduled the meeting. I feel it is so important before the Christmas holidays when children will have more time to go online. It is so important we protect our children. Please try and attend. I will set up a questionnaire on the school website just for you to answer 'yes' or 'no' so we know whether to go ahead. We need a few people because it is going to be fun and we need you to share your ideas and then we can all be better informed to keep our children safe..

Claire Tjaveondja is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting

Time: Dec 16, 2020 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99758091316?pwd=clRrTkdycTAxbXArNW4wTHMrcjRHQT09

Meeting ID: 997 5809 1316

Passcode: nQ6VSc

The PSHE Association have released links to some good videos for children to use as a stimulus to talk to children about what they may see online. It is not an easy subject but we can not bury our heads in the sand. Here is one link below but it will help talking to each other on the Zoom meeting before you watch the videos with the children. There are different age levels. This one is the youngest:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtOus2O3\_Jk