



Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

January 2019

Diary Dates:

February 2019

Wednesday 6th Y3/4 Rugby Tournament
6th to 8th Y4 Residential
Thursday 14th 3.15 to 5pm POPS Disco
"Friends" Disco 7-8.30pm
18th to 22nd School closed for half-term
Tuesday 26th Parents evenings
Wednesday 27th Y4 Cluster Rugby competition
Y7 White Socks Theatre
Thursday 28th Parents evenings



March 2019

Friday 8th Travelling Book Fair commences
w/c 11th POPS sponsorship event
Friday 29th **Pinvin First School ONLY** non uniform day for Chocolate Bingo prizes

April 2019

Tuesday 2nd Y2 SATS info session 3.30 at first school
1st to 5th Y6 Mock SATs
Friday 5th POPS Chocolate Bingo!
8th to 12th Y7 French trip
Tuesday 9th Federation Easter Celebrations
Weds 10th Federation Inter House Games
Thursday 11th POPS Disco 3.15 to 5pm
"Friends" Disco 7pm to 8.30
Friday 12th Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 29th School re-opens for Summer term
Tuesday 30th Young Shakespeare Theatre visit
Year 7

May 2019

Monday 6th School closed for Bank holiday
w/c 7th Key Stage 1 SATs begin
w/c 13th Key Stage 2 SATs begin
Weds 15th Y1 & 2 Phonics parents meeting
Friday 17th Y6 after SATS treat
w/c 20th GL Assessments
Thursday 23rd POPS Disco - 3.15 - 5pm
"Friends" Disco 7- 8.30pm
27th - 31st Half-term

Pinvin C of E First School Gold Book Assemblies

February:

Friday 1st Year 2
Friday 8th Year 1
Friday 15th Reception

March:

Friday 1st Year 4
Friday 8th Year 3
Friday 15th Year 2
Friday 22nd Year 1
Friday 29th Reception

April:

Friday 5th Year 4
Friday 12th General Gold

A note from Mr Payne...

A warm welcome back. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break and that your children are fully refreshed ready for another busy term. Pinvin Matters is again packed with information about school life here at the federation and I hope it gives you an overview of exactly what's going on in and around our school community.

The children have come back to school with a really positive mind-set and I've been really pleased with how they are applying themselves in their lessons. Our new behaviour strategy is up and running and the response from the children and the staff has been fantastic. There will always be teething problems, and we will endeavour to make sure that any minor issues are ironed out. A real positive for me though is that the children are realising that behind the new system are our school values, which should be the backbone of any school. One or two parents have fed back to me with their thoughts on how the system works and, with that in mind, I intend to send out a follow-up letter that will further explain how the new system works.

This term we have also moved our worship to the mornings. This will happen on most days in both schools. The aim is to have a calm, reflective start to the day and to have that time where we can share and reflect on our current church school value.

Our worship theme for this half term is 'Love'.

'Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.' –
Martin Luther King, Jr.



Useful Phone Number:

The School Kitchen: 01386 550360

Interruptions to Lessons

Please help us to keep interruptions to lessons to a minimum by making any after school arrangements with your child **BEFORE** they leave for school in the morning.

It is very frustrating for teachers to have to interrupt their teaching to pass on a message to someone in their class. Finding children during breaktimes can prove difficult and we cannot guarantee passing a message during this very busy time.

If a message is very urgent, we will do our very best to pass it on.

Reading

Please could you encourage your child to read at home every day and also share a book with them on a regular basis, we are aiming to develop a love of reading which will provide lifelong skills as well as pleasure.

*"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss*

Year 7 are keen to build up a good selection of classroom books to suit 11 - 12 year olds. Especially the popular series such as Horrible Histories, Wimpy Kid, and books by authors like David Walliams and Jacqueline Wilson. If you have any of these books, in good condition that you no longer need, please would you consider donating them to the school?

Text Messaging Service

Please do not respond by text to the school text messaging service as replies go to an unmonitored mailbox.

Sports Round-up! Making a splash!



On 11th January, St Nicholas Middle School participated in a swimming gala at Evesham Leisure Centre. The Year 6 team consisted of: Josh H, Will B, Jack A, Josh S, Jess B, Zoe, Lottie and Emma. The Year 7 team consisted of: Tally, Amelia, Alice L, Charlotte, Freddie, Bora, and Sam with Josh H stepping in at the last minute for the Year 7 team. They participated in four strokes - breast stroke, butterfly, backstroke and front crawl - as well as freestyle relay. As a school team, they did themselves proud with the Year 6 team coming away with a trophy.

Cross Country Run, Run, Run ...



On the 15th January 2019, a team of children from years 5, 6 and 7 represented St Nicholas in the South Worcestershire schools' cross country competition held at Prince Henry's in Evesham.

The event was great fun, the course exciting because we had to run through woods, go up a steep hill and even through a cabbage field!

The team spirit was amazing with everyone supporting each other and encouraging everyone to do their best. This resulted in a fantastic result for the school overall which included some first and second place awards.

Six pupils were placed in the top six for their category which means they will go on to represent the Worcestershire School Games Cross Country Finals to be held in February. Everyone was exhausted by the end and we were definitely ready for lunch and chocolate.

Thank you to the teachers who organised and took us to this event; we loved it!
Alice Lazenbury



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting the above event last term which Pupil Parliament organised. We are pleased to report that we sent a donation of £96 to Save the Children and £106 for Pupil Parliament funds.

Keep us posted!

Please remember to keep us informed should you change your contact details. It is really important that we have **emergency contact details**.

Please let us know if you change your **mobile number** otherwise you will miss out on our text messaging service. **Changed your email?** Please update the school office, otherwise you will miss out on emailed communications ie letters. **Change of address, landline or job?** please keep the school office updated.

Reindeer

You're probably thinking of Rudolf, Dancer and Prancer with their miniature red noses and magical powers however the reindeer we met were different from that. Instead they had black, wet noses and antlers that were as long as we were tall. They came to visit us at Pinvin First School and although they liked to have a jump around, trying to get over the fence, they were really friendly and loved us to stroke them. We had to make sure we were quiet around them so that we didn't frighten them, whilst also being very gentle. Their usual habitat is in the cold North Pole, Greenland, Thailand, Finland, Russia and Alaska. In these countries, it is difficult to find food but luckily we had plenty of carrots to feed them!

Evan and Max



"Friends" Update

"Friends" continue to support the middle school rewards scheme and are working to raise funds to complete the refurbishment of a new music studio. Work on the studio will begin during February half-term week. They have also donated the proceeds from the Quiz to our Pupil Parliament to assist the children achieve their goal. They are planning further fun and exciting fund raising events which we will inform you about in due course.

"Friends" is a very small committee and really could do with some new members to help organise fun events for our families. If you feel you can help in any way, please email Mandy Pyne on: aj.pyne@btinternet.com

Happy New Year and thank you from PoPS

Thank you for your support last year which was rounded off with a fantastic Christmas Party! You may have seen some of the PoPS team on the playground last week, asking for feedback about schools discos, pricing and value for money. The majority of parents were happy to continue with the discos as it is now at £5 with everything included. Thank you for taking the time to speak to us. As a result of the feedback we are now offering a sibling discount to all PoPS discos and more food for the children. These changes will take place immediately, starting at the next disco.

Y3 gave us feedback about the Tuck Shop by writing some lovely letters. We are pleased you are still enjoying the Tuck Shop and thank you to parents for supporting us. There is always a big queue when we open the doors at break time! We discussed the children's feedback regarding environmental impact at the latest PoPS meeting and decided that we are going to be phasing out the individually wrapped items over the next few weeks in favour of toast, crumpets, scones and home-made popcorn to name just a few. We hope that everyone will enjoy the changes. The next date for your diary after the disco will be this year's Sponsored Event-Spring into Action which is taking place week beginning 11th March. The children will be taking part in a 'circuits' style PE lesson in place of their usual PE lesson, which will include seeing how many or how long they can do a specific activity. The class who raises the most money will be able to 'Lock up your Teacher' for the afternoon and win a free play afternoon of their choice. In addition, every class will be given money to spend on something new for their classroom.

Finally, we would like to ask as many of you as possible to please sign up for 'easyfundraising' and download the app. It's really easy to join and a free way to get money for your child's school. Just open the app, see if the business is there, for example Amazon, and then buy through the site and we get the commission. It doesn't cost you anything!

Many thanks from the POPS Team.