



Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

May 2019

Diary Dates:

June 2019

Monday 3rd

Wednesday 5th

w/c 10th

Wednesday 12th

12th to 14th

19th to 21st

Tuesday 18th

Wednesday 19th

Friday 21st

Monday 24th

Tuesday 25th

Wednesday 26th

Thursday 27th

Friday 28th

July 2019

Monday 1st

Friday 5th

Friday 12th

Monday 15th

Tuesday 16th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

School closed for training
"Friends" meeting to
discuss Y7 Leavers' Party
Phonics screening KS1
Y7 Athletics - Cheltenham
Transition Detective Days
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Y5 New Intake Evening
for current Y4 pupils
Reception New Intake
Evening 6pm
Non uniform day at **Pinvin
First School ONLY** for
POPS Stars prizes
Y5/6 Football tournament
Megellan House Y7 intake
evening at Pershore High
Kingsley House Y7 intake
evening at Pershore High
Y4 Cluster Sports
Armstrong House Y7
intake evening - Pershore
High
Y4 transition disco
Transition Day 1

Transition Day 2
POPS Stars event
Y7 production at No 8
Federation Sports Day
Y4 production
Reserve Sports Day
Y7 Lasting Legacy Service
PFS Leavers' event

"Friends" Leavers' Disco
and school Disco
Y4 Leavers Service 2pm
Break up for Summer

Friday 19th

Term Dates for 2019-2020 updated

Autumn Term 2019:

School closed for Staff Training:

2nd and 3rd September

Term Begins: Wednesday 4th September

Half term: 28th October to 1st November

End of term: Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020:

School closed for Staff Training: 6th January

Term Begins: Tuesday 7th January

Half term: 17th to 21st February

End of term: Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020:

Term Begins: Monday 20th April

School closed for staff training: 22nd May

Half term: 25th to 29th May

End of term: Friday 17th July

Miss Rushton's new arrival

We are pleased to announce that Miss Rushton and her partner are now new parents! Baby Robynn Elsie arrived safe and sound on 8th May.

She is hoping to bring the new baby into school after half-term to meet the children.

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It only seems like yesterday that we came back after the Easter holidays. It's such a short term with so much to fit in. It's assessment time in school and we have been testing across all year groups apart from maybe our Reception class in Pinvin First. For the Year 6 pupils it's a particularly challenging time of year, however we try to do all the assessments around the same time to alleviate any further anxiety for the children throughout the remainder of the summer term. During the summer term we are working with an Associate Headteacher, Judith Tinsley, who is supporting the leadership team across the federation. Judith is an experienced ex-Executive Headteacher and has also been a CEO of a multi academy trust. In light of Miss Rushton's maternity leave she was identified by the DoWMAT as someone who could work closely with myself and the leadership team to ensure that not only does the summer term run as smoothly as possible, but that any planning and transition for next year is successful and effective. Judith has already met many of the children, worked with staff and is looking forward to the possibility of meeting parents at some of the forthcoming summer events.

On the subject of consistency and continuity, Year 7 parents will be aware that there has been an unusual amount of cover staff teaching lessons during the spring term. We have been trying where possible to ensure that the same cover staff return to the school so that the children build a relationship - in some cases however, this hasn't always been possible. After a careful 're-jigging' of the timetable we are hoping that it will be St Nicholas staff that will be teaching the affected Year 7 classes and that any use of supply cover is reduced.

Lastly, the summer term is always an exciting and enjoyable one. There are lots of events for children and parents to enjoy so keep an eye on the Summer Term Diary which has already been circulated and see which events are relevant to you and your children.

I hope you have a restful and peaceful half term break.

Our worship theme is 'trust':

*'Have enough courage to trust
love one more time' – Maya
Angelou*

Air Ambulance drop in!

On Wednesday 1st May, PFS were very fortunate to have a visit from the Midlands Air Ambulance to find out about their life-saving work. The children listened brilliantly in the assembly and found out lots of new facts about the charity. They then all enjoyed exploring the pod for themselves and some were even lucky enough to try on the Pilot's jacket!

Thank you to all the parents who supported the charity and also to POPs who kindly donated some tuck shop money to raise further funds.



Focus on Attendance

We are currently updating our Federation Attendance Policy and will circulate it to all parents and carers once complete and approved by Governors.

In the meantime, please remember to let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason. You can leave a message on the school phone absence line; you can also email us on office@st-nicholas.worcs.sch.uk

"Friends" Update

Working with the Year 7 children and parents, "Friends" are planning a fantastic leavers' party and disco for the children on Thursday 18th July. "Friends" welcome suggestions and ideas from parents and there will be a meeting in school on Wednesday 5th June at 7pm to which all Y7 parents and carers are invited to help organise this special party.

School Lottery



Proud Friends of PTAs

We have now had our first 7 draws with 7 lucky people winning between £18 and £20, remember the more people who join, the higher the cash prizes! Don't forget there is a draw every weekend and for less than £1.00 per week you get the chance to win a cash prize. A person from our school lottery wins EVERY single week! You also have the chance to win bigger prizes in the wider School Lottery.

French trip

On Monday 8th April, Y7 gathered at school at 4am to leave for the French trip. We left at 4:30 and made our way across the UK and France on a 14 hour journey to the Chateau Du Molay, where we were staying. On the way, the back wheel of the coach almost fell off, and we had to stay on the side of a road for over half an hour!

On the first day, we left the chateau to go to a goat farm. We got to see and pet the goats, learn all about how cheese was made, and even got to try some different types of goats cheese. After, we went to a D-day landing museum, and saw the remains of the bay that was built there, and got to see a scale model remake of the entire thing.

On Wednesday, we went to Mont St Michel, which is a castle, built on an island. There was a variety of different shops there, it felt like you were at Hogwarts. Lots of people got

souvenirs for their families back at home. Then, later that day, we went to go on the Normandy Luge, which is like a small rollercoaster ride that goes incredibly fast, and is lots of fun.

On the last day of sightseeing, we went to go and see the Bayeux Tapestry. It is in a long case over 20 metres long, and you are not allowed to talk in the room where the tapestry was! After the Bayeux Tapestry, we went to another museum, but this one was larger and had a lot more information than the first museum, as it had more about France's history with wars.

On Friday, we were faced with another 14 hour bus ride back to the UK. Just before we left France, we stopped off at the hypermarket, which is a giant supermarket. It was a good way to get some food for the way back, as well as get a souvenir, if you didn't already get one. We arrived back at school at around 8 o'clock at night on Friday 12th April. Harriet M 7D



POPS Update

Following the success of the First School tuck shop, we need more helpers to prepare the food, sell and tidy up. We are on the look out for mums, dads, grandmas and granddads who are free on a Thursday morning to please come and support this very popular event. If we get enough helpers, we can do a monthly rota, so you would only need to help once a month; some of our kind helpers are there every week at the moment and it would be nice to give them a bit of a rest. If you could offer your assistance

between 10 and 11am on a Thursday, once a month, please speak to Becky Brain. Many thanks!

We haven't had anyone come forward to offer to help Chair PoPS, therefore, Mrs Bennett will stay on with Becky Brain until the end of the school year to ensure all events continue to run, particularly, the eagerly anticipated PoPStars event! However, both will step down in September after two years at the helm and the PTA will cease to exist for the First School unless it is taken over. Again, if you have any thoughts or ideas on this please speak to a member of staff.

Young Shakespeare visit Year 7

Year 7 pupils were treated to an engaging and entertaining performance of Romeo and Juliet. The actors from Young Shakespeare Company helped the pupils to understand the motivation of the characters through an interactive introduction before beginning their actual performance. Through the use of music and strong characterisation, our school hall was transformed into believable scenes with minimal props. Volunteers were taken from the audience and some of the children had the chance to participate actively in the performance. At the tragic end, at least one of the pupils reported being reduced to tears - surely the sign of a valuable theatre experience and one the pupils shall remember. Mrs Davey

Reception Planting!

Reception have been busy planting this half term. We were lucky to receive a very kind donation from St Peter's Garden Centre which enabled us to have a fabulous selection of vegetables, herbs and flowers. The children thoroughly enjoyed helping to plant them all and have continued to be very responsible and diligent in their duties! Fingers crossed the plants continue to flourish!!



Race for the Line

On Wednesday May 8th we visited RAF Cosford as we had been invited to attend the 'Regional Finals, Race for the Line Competition'. We left at around 8am and travelled along windy country roads to our destination.

When we arrived at the museum, we saw lots of interesting sights including planes and jets - small but mighty ones.

We came through the museum entrance and politely got seated at table number 11. There were pictures from the war all around with voice overs of some of the commentary of the radio lines.

We were given an introduction then only an hour to build the car. Unlike the other groups, we knew exactly what we were doing - Miss McSwiney & Ms Edwards didn't lift a finger, not that they were allowed to help anyway or we would have been disqualified! We drew our side profile then went straight to the hot wire cutter - Anna cut the shape then I (Amelia) sanded it smooth. Mikey & Ronnie helped with the wheels and axles then we hammered it together with seconds to spare.



We then had lunch, looked around the museum and I taught everyone a few new card tricks. After lunch we raced our car, it went pretty quick. There was a short presentation at the end and we came a fair 5th out of 11. We all enjoyed our day out and were even back in time for lesson 5!

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