



Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

December 2017

Diary Dates:



Autumn Term 2017

Thursday 14th Father Christmas visits
Pinvin First School party
15th December Term ends
18th & 19th Dec School closed for Staff Training

Spring Term 2018:

January 2018:

Wednesday 3rd Return to school
w/c 15th Clubs begin
Thursday 18th Y3 swimming begins
w/c 29th Y6 mock SATs

February 2018:

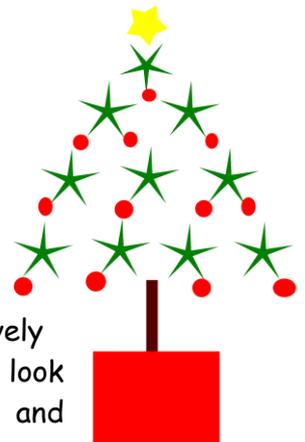
5th to 7th Y4 Malvern residential
Wednesday 14th 5A & 5D Commandery trip
Thursday 15th 5B & 5C Commandery trip
19th to 23rd Half-term

March 2018:

Friday 9th Travelling Book Fair
12 to 15th Y6 Mock SATS
19 to 23rd Y7 French trip
Tuesday 20th Y2 SATS Info Session
Tuesday 27th Easter Service
Thursday 29th Inter house games
End of Term

Christmas Trees

A big Thank you to Ken and Jen Mason and Daughters for the lovely Christmas trees. They look really seasonal, trimmed and decorated in our school halls.



News from "Friends"

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Raffle. We are very grateful to local businesses who kindly donated brilliant prizes: The Twisted Spoon, The March Hare Inn, The Galton Arms, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Croome Park and The Regal Cinema, Evesham.

Football scores again!

The Y7 Boys Football team won every single match on their way to winning the league this season! An incredible performance from all the boys involved so a massive "WELL DONE" from all of us at the Pinvin Federation.

They are also through to the quarter finals of the County Cup, so hopefully in the New Year there will be more success to report.

Mr T Keogh

Our Pioneer Centre trip

My favourite activity was canoeing because you got to go through lots of different routes and another highlight was the high ropes because there was a trapeze and a leap of faith, I touched the bar.

Thank you to Mrs Barker, Mr Modley, Miss Smith and Miss Williams for organising the trip!

Alex Meadows



Plea from the Y5 team

If you are looking for stocking fillers for Christmas, please consider buying stationery items for the children. They need things like: Handwriting pens, pencils, glue sticks, whiteboard pens, colouring pencils, rubbers and rulers.

Federation Fundraising

Thank you to all our parents and carers for their generosity with the various fundraising events we have held this term, they include:

Bake Sale to support the Tanzania link
Macmillan Coffee Morning: £500.05
Royal British Legion Poppy appeal: £313.49
Family Quiz n' Chips
Non uniform day for prizes
Christmas Raffle
Reverse Advent
Bags2 School: £116.80

Your support is very much appreciated.

Skills Show write up

On Thursday 16th November, Y7 went on a trip to the NEC, Birmingham to visit the "2017 Skills Show"

When we arrived, we were split into small groups with an adult and given the chance to explore different sections of the NEC. Each huge section had many different stations each representing either a career choice with a chance of an apprenticeship or the route needed via college or university. I saw stations from bricklaying to florists, fitness trainers to graphic designers. Some stations were interactive and gave you the opportunity to make items such as metal folding to make aeroplanes.

From this experience, I am definitely more aware of the vast variety of jobs out there which require different skills - it helped me to see behind the scenes.

Overall it was an amazing trip and a real eye opener. Thank you for giving us the chance to go!

Julia Meadows 7C



Parking around school

If you collect your child by car at the end of the day, please park with consideration to our neighbours. Please do not obstruct access or park across driveways.

Cinema Trip links with curriculum

Class 4 were fortunate enough to be allocated places at the annual "Into Film Festival" which was held at No 8 Pershore.

The class watched Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Long Haul and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, including the adults! The children's behaviour was outstanding and it was pleasing to have members of the public comment on how polite the children were.

The children have used the trailer of the film as a stimulus for their Computing lessons, where they have produced persuasive trailers of why children should come to Pinvin C of E First School.

Well done Year 4!

Virtual Reality

On 29th November, year 7 attended a performance in school which aimed to make pupils more aware of the potential dangers of social media and the internet. The play is a cautionary tale which explores the negative effects of spending too much time gaming, surfing the internet and how to deal with the temptation to spend more and more time online. This was followed up with a discussion session which gave pupils the chance to chat about the meaning of the play and share their opinions and experiences. We hope that the



pupils reflect on what they have learnt as the holidays approach. Pupils shared their thoughts about the play:

"It was funny while teaching you that computers aren't always safe" (Nick Bell 7D)

"The concept was good, and how it taught you how to stay safe on the 'dark' web was informative." (Charlie Manning 7D)

Reverse Advent Calendar:

Your support for this event, which is based around a "giving based" advent, has been overwhelming. The photo below shows just some of the donations we have received. At this time of year it is more pertinent than ever to consider others less fortunate than ourselves. Sadly, more and more people are turning to food banks for help and all your donations will be sent to the Pershore Food Bank to support the local community.



POPS Update

Please come along to our next meeting on Monday 8th January at 7.15 at the Coach & Horses pub in Pinvin. The purpose of this meeting is to get your input and ideas for future events and fundraising causes. Please don't worry, there is no obligation to attend the POPS events (although if you want to, it is always appreciated). Alternatively if you can't make the meeting but have lots of ideas, please do email them to school on office@st-nicholas.worc.sch.uk and they will pass your suggestions onto us.

Our current goal is to raise as much money as we can to resurface and repaint the First School playground and purchase additional playground equipment.

A big thank you to the families that created their own Christmas bauble and brightened up the school Christmas tree in the hall. We are happy to announce that Maisie Parker-Borthwick in Y3 was the winner with Sophie

Owens in Y2 and Luke Drakeley in Reception were runners up.

Things to look forward to from POPS in 2018:

- Spring Term Family Challenge - Design a logo for POPS
- Thursday morning Break Tuck Shop - Healthy snacks to purchase
- Valentine Disco - Thursday 15th February
- Chocolate Bingo - Thursday 22nd March
- POPSTARS - Friday 27th April
- May Fayre - Saturday 19th May
- Family Quiz Night - Thursday 21st June
- End of Year Party (in addition to Y4 leavers party) - Thursday 12th July

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE PROPOSED DATES SO POP THEM IN YOUR DIARY IN PENCIL!

Have a wonderful Christmas with your families and we look forward to raising more funds for our children in 2018.

Carol Service 2017



The Christmas carol service was a fun, enjoyable night, where we sang carols, and read stories from the Bible about Jesus' birth. There was also two talented year 7's (Nick Bell and Dylan Powell) who played an amazing version of 'Jingle Bell Rock' on the piano. Many people attended the service including the following: parents, carers, grandparents, supporters and governors. Revd Claire also attended the service and gave us some

beautiful prayers about giving as well as receiving at Christmas.

Mr Best gave a warm welcome to everyone who had come to Pershore Abbey. Generously, Mrs Davey, Mrs Hooper and Mr Dodson set up this lovely event and helped to rehearse and practise the songs and readings. Mrs Davey set up the auditions for readings and stood alongside the readers when they were performing in the Abbey. Thankfully, Mrs Davey managed to find parts for all of the children who auditioned. Mrs Hooper kindly conducted the choir with a smile on her face the whole way through. She was very helpful; she made it a very fun evening. Mr Dodson played the piano beautifully, playing some tricky tunes but he managed to perform it perfectly. In the Calypso Carol, a group of the teachers played in a band. The band was made up of five teachers: Miss Gorton, Mr Modley, Mrs Chatterton, Mrs Coleman and Miss McSwiney. The amazing band brought a fun and exciting start to Christmas. They were very amusing to watch.

The children who read at the service were very clear and loud, making the story very enjoyable to watch and listen to. Thanks to Mrs Davey they all knew their parts and when they should stand up to perform them.

The choir was very loud and had learned the songs. The songs were made very exciting and Christmassy so that it was a very fun service. Erin Porter and Beth Kain 7A

Head Lice Attack

Unfortunately, we still have had a lot of cases of this annoying pest reported to school.

If we can work together we can stamp it out! Please can you regularly check your child's hair, especially if it is long. If you see signs of head lice, please treat them immediately and let school know so we can ask other parents to check.

For advice on how to treat children's hair, please contact the school nurse who will have up-to-date information to help you.