



# Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

November 2018

## Diary Dates:

### December:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Middle School Carol Service at Pershore Abbey 1.30 and 7pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccination - Reception to Year 5

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> First School Nativity Service 6pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Federation Christmas Dinner

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> First School Pantomime - Treasure Island. Christmas jumper day.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> "Friends" Disco middle school 7pm to 8.30pm  
POPS Christmas party and Santa's Reindeer. 3.15 to 5.30pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for Christmas holiday

### January 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> School closed for staff training

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> School re-opens  
w/c 14<sup>th</sup> School Clubs begin  
w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Y6 Mock SATs

### February 2019

6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Y4 Residential trip

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Y4 Middle School readiness meeting at 6pm 3.15 to 5pm POPS Disco

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>



18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> "Friends" Disco 7-8.30pm  
School closed for half-term

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Parents evenings

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Parents evenings

### March 2019

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Travelling Book Fair commences

### April 2019

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Y2 SATS info session 3.30

1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Y6 Mock SATs

8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Y7 French trip

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Federation Easter Celebrations

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Federation Inter House Games

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> "Friends" Disco 7pm to 8.30  
POPS Disco 3.15 to 5pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> School re-opens for Summer term

### Pinvin CE First School Gold Book Assemblies

7<sup>th</sup> December General Gold

14<sup>th</sup> December Reception

21<sup>st</sup> December General Gold

### Text Message Service

Please don't forget to update us should your mobile phone number change. Otherwise you may miss vital information.

Also, please don't reply to our text messages as they are sent to an unmonitored mailbox.

## A note from Mr Payne...

It's probably wise to update you on where we are and what we're up to.

I've almost had my first term here now and there are obviously a few things that we're now working on in terms of improving the school and building on any success it's already had. In terms of our curriculum, Maths scores were slightly down in the middle school last year; that has been our key focus this term and we will continue into next. We're currently looking at the opportunities that pupils get to practise and deepen their understanding of mathematical skills.

Regarding attendance, I do appreciate the predicament that many parents face when thinking about taking children out of school during term time. This again is a key area on our school improvement plan and was a key focus of Ofsted last time they came to visit. I know that the government and holiday companies don't do us any favours, but ultimately the children need to be in school to be educated and I'd really appreciate parents' support with that.

We are also in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy, with a view to any changes taking place after the Christmas break. I showed a colleague around the both schools a couple of weeks ago and he commented on how calm the working atmosphere was. He did see the school during lesson time which made me think and there are a few tweaks I would like to make particularly around how pupils view 'behaviour' and their reasons for wanting to be a good person. It's about the ethos of a professional learning community underpinned by Church-school values. I know that some of you have commented on 'low level' disruption in classes and around the schools and this is exactly what I am talking about. Something that will also support this is the way we worship in school; where it's placed in the day and the effect it can have on the overall calmness of a school. 'Behaviour' is a strange

word and it can be considered as what's 'right' and 'wrong', but I think it's more than that; it's about valuing and understanding each other.

Finally, I'm going to apologise if I'm not present at some of the festive celebrations; I'm going to try my best but I've been put on a course which runs over three days - I'd obviously rather be celebrating with the children!

Our worship theme for this half term is 'Peace':

*'Peace begins with a smile.'*

*- Mother Teresa*

## BBC Children in Need at PFS

Thanks to Mrs Groves and the first school staff for organising the BBC Children in Need cake sale!



I am thrilled to let you know that we raised just over £171 for this worthy charity. Thank you for your support.

## Staffing Update

We welcomed Mrs Nicola Smith as Federation Business Manager. Niki joined the Federation Admin team after half term.

We were joined by Jamie Ash as our Learning Mentor in September.

Two new Teaching Assistants have joined the team this month. They are Julie Griffiths and Caroline Craigie.

## Sports Round-up!

Y7 Football - St Nicholas vs Blackminster

The first half performance was a six goal thriller with the goal scorers being Leighton, Samuel, Freddie and Bora. Only a couple of chances for the away team Blackminster as they were pinned in their own half.

Final score 12 - 0.

Another six goals from St Nicholas left them the only team not to concede a goal the whole season; winning every single game!

Oliver and Bora

Last week on Thursday was our Y7 girls' netball team's best match of the season. In the end the final score was St Nicholas 16 v 2 Blackminster. Every girl in the netball team was overjoyed to have finally won a game. Amelia scored 9, Flo scored 4 and Jess scored 3. Isobelle got player of the match. Well done.

Our passing was very good and we moved around in to space all the time. Blackminster were a very respectful team and gave us chocolate at the end of the match. Well done team!!!

Isobelle

Mr Tom Keogh  
PE Department

## Poppy Sales

Thank you for your wonderful support with the British Legion annual poppy sale. The children did a great job selling the various items, including poppies, wrist bands and stationery items during break times. Across the Federation we raised the wonderful total of £280.60

## News from POPs

On Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. We are asking for donations of raffle prizes in exchange. Thanks in advance for your support.

We are very grateful to you for supporting POPS events which raise funds for the school. This term they will be funding the forthcoming Christmas Panto, Treasure Island, due to be performed on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Oh yes it is!

## Children's Safety

Please don't park on the double yellow lines around school if you collect your children at the end of the school day. The safety of our pupils is paramount and we are keen to avoid dangerous parking at this busy period whilst loading the children onto school coaches. Your support with this would be very much appreciated.

## Passing on Messages:

It is really difficult to pass messages to children at Pinvin CE First School after 2.45pm as everyone is in Collective Worship. At the middle school it can mean interrupting lessons which can be frustrating for staff and children alike.

Please can you ensure that all after school arrangements are in place with your child in the morning. Should something unexpected occur during the day, please try your best to let the office know in good time.

## Clubs

Don't forget there are no clubs during the last week of term.

Clubs resume week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



## Yoga Experiences

### News from the "Friends"

"Friends" are busy raising funds to improve the music room facilities at the moment. This will provide us with additional space for use during musical instrument tuition as well as during Music lessons.

We are grateful that they have again supported the middle school with prizes for our reward scheme.

This week will be the first draw of the 100 Club. Joining the 100 Club is an easy way to support the school. It costs £12 a year and you could win a cash prize.

Another way to support without really trying is to register with [thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk) once you have done this, you can choose the school as your beneficiary and every time you shop online with companies such as Amazon, Boden, E-bay, Waitrose, the school receives a donation. Your shopping costs you no more than usual.



Next month will be the final Disco of 2019 on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Dinner

This year it is on 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to order this meal for your child, you must order it on Parent Pay by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### Useful Phone Number:

The School Kitchen: 01386 550360

The children at Pinvin First School and Y6 children at St Nicholas have taken part in some fantastic taster sessions for Yoga. Steph Harris brought her expert experience to show the children how they can develop their flexibility further through fun and challenging poses and games, as well as develop strategies for relaxation and mindfulness.

We are hoping to run a Yoga class for each school after Christmas. The club will be a great way to boost children's flexibility, core strength as well as providing mindfulness techniques.



### Can you help us with this mobile phone mystery??

This mobile phone has been unclaimed in the mobile phone box for several weeks now. Does anyone recognise it? Please let the school office know if you do. Many thanks.

