



Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

February 2019

Diary Dates:

March 2019

Friday 8th **St Nicholas CE Middle School ONLY** Non Uniform day for Chocolate Bingo prizes.
Eyes down for "Friends" Chocolate Bingo!
Travelling Book Fair commences
POPS sponsorship event

w/c 11th
Friday 29th **Pinvin First School ONLY** non uniform day for Chocolate Bingo prizes

April 2019

Monday 1st Y6 Bake Sale
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 "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

Friday 3rd Bag2School collection (STNMS)
Monday 6th School closed - 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
Thursday 23rd

27th - 31st

June 2019

Monday 3rd
w/c 10th
12th to 14th
19th to 21st
Tuesday 18th
Wednesday 19th

Friday 21st

Thursday 27th
Friday 28th

July 2019

Monday 1st
Friday 5th
Friday 12th
Monday 15th
Tuesday 16th
Wednesday 17th
Thursday 18th

Friday 19th

GL Assessments
POPS Disco - 3.15 - 5pm
"Friends" Disco 7- 8.30pm
Half-term

School closed for training
Phonics screening KS1
Transition Detective Days
Transition Detective Days
Y5 New Intake Evening
Reception New Intake Evening 6pm
Non uniform day at **Pinvin First School ONLY** for POPS Stars prizes
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

Text Messaging Service

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

A note from Mr Payne...

A warm welcome back to another busy half term. Spring seems to have started early and there's lots going on across both schools. Year 7 have already started preparing for their French trip and end of year play, Year 6 are gearing up for their SATS tests in May and the whole school will soon be getting ready for our Easter celebration. The children will spend a day learning about the Easter story through creative activities and workshops.

The last half term was just as busy. The Year 4 Malvern trip went really well and all the children had a fantastic time taking part in activities that they would not normally do in school. We had our usual Friends and POPS discos in both schools which again the children really enjoyed. I do also have to say well done to all the children that performed so well in the various sporting activities that took place last half term. Sport and PE is of a high standard across the federation and it's good to see this continue; well done to all the children involved and to all the staff for their hard work!

Our slight change in our worship seems to be going well. The children are responding and enjoying the reflective time we have together on a daily basis.

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

'If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.' - Meister Eckhart

Useful Phone Number:

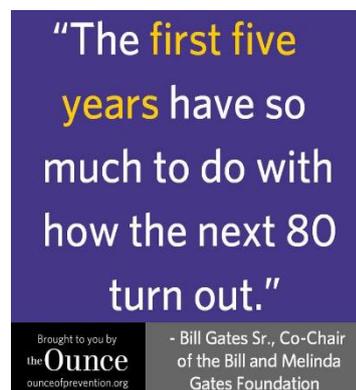
The School Kitchen: 01386 550360

Focus on Attendance

If our children are to make the very best of their education, it is imperative that they attend school regularly. We realise that sometimes absences are unavoidable; when children are ill or have important medical appointments to attend. But time off school adds up to lost learning time and we repeat our requests that holidays are booked during school holiday time and not term time.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR <small>190 days for your child's education</small>	10 days absence 180 Days of Education	19 days absence 171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed 161 Days of Education	58 days absence 152 Days of Education	67 days absence 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	



Keeping us posted!

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

Y4 Residential Malvern trip

Malvern was GREAT! We are sad that our adventure has ended, however it's nice to be back with our families. One of our favourite activities was the Zip Wire. We remember climbing the loose ladder, hands were trembling with fear, until we reached the top. Eventually it was time to take our first step off the platform - we were petrified (it was a good view though!) we took that first step off with eyes closed tightly. Then, when we opened our eyes, we saw that we were flying through the sky like super heroes! We were so proud of ourselves.

We enjoyed everything at Malvern especially meeting the children from Himbleton and making lots of new friends. It was an amazing adventure and we all miss Malvern very much, we will keep it as a memory in our hearts.

Hattie Groves, Phoebe Parry and Lydia Brain



"Friends" Update

Over half-term work commenced on the new Music Studio. This is situated next door to the Music Room and will be a wonderful additional facility for the children. We plan to use it during Music lessons, but also as an area for Peripatetic Music teachers to use for one-to-one and small group teaching. Hopefully this will be completed and ready for children to use in about a week.

This project has been entirely funded using monies raised by "Friends" We are very grateful to our parents and carers who support the various fundraising events to make this sort of thing possible.

You should have received an email informing you about an exciting new fundraiser which will also give you the opportunity to win every month! From the end of March, we will have our own School Lottery and hope that you can support us with this by signing up. It only costs £1 per week with weekly opportunities of winning.



Our next event is the ever popular Chocolate Bingo in School on Friday 8th March. There will also be a non-uniform day that day in exchange for prizes for the Bingo. If you could send your child in with a suitable prize, the "Friends" will make these up into Chocolate Hampers as well as raffle prizes.

The evening Bingo is always a lot of fun with many, many prize winners. Please come along if you can; you have a strong chance of taking a prize home.

On 1st April, "Friends" will be supporting Year 6 children to run a Bake Sale, flyer to follow.

"Friends" are planning to repeat the ever popular Pinvin's Got Talent later in the year and we will send you details closer to the time.

Table Tennis Triumph!

On Sunday 27th January, 6 Year 6 boys competed in the Worcestershire Schools Individual Table Tennis Competition. 3 out of the four semi-finalists were from St Nicholas! Henry Guy made it to the final and was placed runner-up, whilst Josh Sanders beat David Morrish to come 3rd and 4th respectively.

What also impressed me was the attitude and sportsmanship of ALL St Nicholas boys - they were friendly and supportive, making friends with other boys from around the County.

John McKay, who was running it, was really impressed and has said that he will come and coach the boys (and others) in the Summer Term. He has also written up a report on the competition, which is on the Table Tennis England website and has appeared in the local press.

The boys were: Alfie Broughton, Toby Vaughan, Henry Guy, Thomas March, Joshua Sanders and David Morrish.

Amazing what daily practice with your friends can do! Well done boys!
Mrs O Sanders



Another sporting achievement ...

You may know that Alex Repton, Year 7, won Gold and Silver at 2 indoor rowing events held at the Olympic Park Velodrome back in December. Well, he has been busy since then and here is a brief update from Alex on his latest activities:

I went to the South of England Indoor Championships (SEIRC) and came FIRST in the Year 7 boys two minute race and 3rd in the relay for indoor rowing!

Alex Repton - Year 7

Dance Fest

The Year Two Class at Pinvin CE First School performed their Great Fire of London Dance at Evesham Arts Centre in mid-February.

The representative from Dance Fest commented on how the children performed to their very best, showing super energy and focus. It was a very proud moment for everyone.

Stationery Re-Stock

We are always grateful when children come into school with their own pens, pencils, whiteboard pens and glue sticks. Your support with this is really appreciated.

Parking Around the Federation

When attending school events, please park with consideration for our neighbours and respect their driveways etc.

When picking children up from school, please put the children's safety first and do not park in the school bus turning circle at the front of the middle school. School Coach Drivers need to have a clear line of sight when leaving the circle and if cars are parked across the corners, on double yellow lines, it restricts their line of vision.