



Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

December 2018

Diary Dates:

December:

Thursday 20th "Friends" Disco middle school 7pm to 8.30pm
POPS Christmas party & Santa's Reindeer 3.15 to 5.30pm
Friday 21st Break up for Christmas

January 2019

Monday 7th School closed for staff training
Tuesday 8th School re-opens
w/c 14th School Clubs begin
Tuesday 15th Y7 French trip parents information evening
w/c 28th Y6 Mock SATs

February 2019

6th to 8th Y4 Residential trip
Tuesday 12th Y4 Middle School readiness meeting at 6pm 3.15 to 5pm POPS Disco
Thursday 14th "Friends" Disco 7-8.30pm
18th to 22nd School closed for half-term
Tuesday 26th Parents' evenings
Thursday 28th Parents' evenings

March 2019

Friday 8th Travelling Book Fair commences

April 2019



Weds 3rd Y2 SATS info session 3.30 at first school
1st to 5th Y6 Mock SATs
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
POPS Disco 3.15 to 5pm
Friday 12th Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 29th School re-opens for Summer term

Pinvin CE First School Gold Book Assemblies

21st December General Gold

Thank you to:

To the Mason family for donating 2 beautiful Christmas trees once again this year. We do appreciate your generosity.

To Tesco for donating the oranges for the first school Christingle celebrations.

To parents and carers for the donations sent in for the Reverse Advent which we have taken to Pershore Food Bank.

To the Friends and POPS for your wonderful support and fundraising for the Federation.

A note from Mr Payne...

As we draw to the end of term I think it's important to reflect and think about this time of year. I went rushing off to the Himbleton First School Nativity this week, thinking I was late - with all the stresses and pressures of work running through my mind. I then sat and watched. All of a sudden I became calm, as the children performed their version of a truly magical story.

Whatever we think of Christmas and this time of year, shortly we'll stop, and hopefully be with our families; thinking of loved ones and sharing all the wonderful gifts that this time of year brings us. When I say gifts, I am of course thinking of love, hope and just a little bit of peace.

I thank all parents and families for your continued support in my first term as Executive Head.

May I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

*'Christmas is joy, religious joy,
an inner joy of light and peace.'*

- Pope Francis

Rotten Romans

On Wednesday 21st November, Year 4 held a Roman Banquet to celebrate the end of their learning through their Roman topic.

Many parents came along to join in the afternoon activities, which included making a 3D sculpture of the colosseum! There were competitions to produce a wooden Roman shield and the best Roman candle holder out of clay - the two winners were Mrs Archer and Mrs Smith, who both received their chocolate prizes.

It was a really enjoyable afternoon and the children appreciated sharing their learning, particularly the work they had produced in their books. They had all baked 'authentic'

Roman honey cakes, which were shared amongst themselves and the parents. Thank you very much to all those who came along to support the afternoon and a special thank you to Mrs Buffton for cooking an amazing Roman stew to share.

Mrs Coote



Sports Round-up!

On Wednesday 12th December 24 children represented St Nicholas in South Worcestershire Sports Hall Athletics competition. They showed determination, skill and speed, as well as fantastic teamwork to make us all proud. The Year 6 mixed boys and girls team came second, only being beaten by Bredon by a small margin. The Year 7 Boys team also came second and the Year 7 Girls team won the competition. Well done to you all!

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.

Thank you for supporting the family Quiz n' Chips event last month. A very enjoyable, successful evening resulted in a profit of £239.40

British Indoor Rowing Champion!

Massive congratulations to one of our Y7 pupils, Alex Repton. At the British Indoor Rowing Championships held at the London Olympic Park Velodrome on 8th December, Alex took Gold in the 2 minutes achieving a distance of 510 metres and, not content with that, also won Silver for the 500 metres.



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Year 5 reflections on their first term at middle school:

This term

At the start of the year we did a warning story in English and we had to plan it ourselves. Then we wrote the introduction, build up, problem, resolution and ending. Earlier in the year we also did cooking and cooked apple crumble and

a puff pastry tart. We are going to cook calzones as our final cook.

We have also been to the Knapp and Papermill. We learnt lots of different facts about rivers and the river we visited is called the Leighbrook and it started in the Suckley Hills.

This term we have been to the Pioneer Centre. We learnt different outdoors activities such as abseiling and high ropes. We also did night light games and completed indoor games as well like big bounce, caving, archery and fencing.

We have really enjoyed our first term in 5C. Miss Smith is our teacher and she is super kind.

Abigail and Alfie Smith

Joining Pinvin was a big step though we have loved every moment of this term. Our favourite moment was the Pioneer centre - a life changing experience, from the climbing to caving. We've loved some of our lessons, in maths we have been doing long and short x. This term we performed at the carol services. In English, we have been writing a story on the lost thing and analysing the features. Although it's been a long term, we wouldn't change a second of it. Thank you for reading this.

Alfie and Esme 5c

Our time at St Nicholas so far...

So far at St Nicholas it has been a blast. Going to the Pioneer Centre we had so much fun on the equipment and sharing rooms with our friends. The lessons at St Nicholas are really great since we have **THE BEST TEACHER EVER!!!!** We do different things in this school around Christmas like reverse advent and mini advent boxes. A great part of this school is having lots of different teachers who teach different subjects around the school. It's a very different school compared to Crowle but either way we like them both. We've both made new friends and learnt new skills.

Summer and Beatrice

Poppy Art

The year 4 children painted some beautiful poppies using watercolours in remembrance of each one of the soldiers of Pinvin who died during WW1.

St. Nicholas church have asked if they can exhibit the children's work. These paintings will therefore be displayed in the church over the next few weeks and all are very welcome to view.



Useful Phone Number:

The School Kitchen: 01386 550360

Recognise these?



Nike boots have been in lost property for a while. Look like new.

Stationery top-ups

If you are shopping over the holiday period, please help us by re-stocking your child's pencil case with pencils, handwriting pens, glue sticks, whiteboard pens etc.

Images of Christmas ...

First School Nativity, and



Middle School Carol Service



Children's Safety

Some e-safety top tips for over Christmas can be found by following this link:

https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/content/uploads/2016/12/ict4c_christmasinformation.pdf

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.