



Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

March and April 2019

Diary Dates:

April 2019

Thursday 11th Middle School "Friends" Disco
7pm to 8.30
Friday 12th Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 29th School re-opens
6pm Middle School readiness
meeting for Y4 parents.
Tuesday 30th Young Shakespeare Theatre
Company visit Year 7

May 2019

Friday 3rd Bag2School collection
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
Pinvin's Got Talent!
w/c 20th GL Assessments
Thurs 23rd POPS Disco - 3.15 - 5pm
27th - 31st Half-term

June 2019

Monday 3rd School closed for training
w/c 10th Phonics screening KS1
12th to 14th Transition Detective Days
19th to 21st Transition Detective Days
Tuesday 18th Y5 New Intake Evening
Wednesday 19th Reception New Intake
Evening 6pm
Friday 21st Non uniform day at Pinvin
First School ONLY for
POPS Stars prizes
Thursday 27th Y4 transition disco
Friday 28th Transition Day 1

July 2019

Monday 1st Transition Day 2
Friday 5th POPS Stars event
Friday 12th Y7 production at No 8
Monday 15th Federation Sports Day
Tuesday 16th Y4 production
Wednesday 17th Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 18th Y7 Lasting Legacy Service
PFS Leavers' event
"Friends" Leavers' Disco
and school Disco
Friday 19th Y4 Leavers Service 2pm
Break up for Summer

Term Dates for 2019-2020

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

Half term: 25th to 29th May

School closed for staff training: 1st June

End of term: Friday 17th July

A note from Mr Payne...

You obviously all are now aware of my decision to leave at the end of my first year. This decision wasn't taken lightly and ultimately it was the nature of the role that guided my thought process. Being an Executive Head limits the amount of daily contact that you have with children, and it's these things that make you want to come to work and do the job every day. The children will no doubt tell you that I play guitar and sing in our assemblies, and that I make time to talk to them (and even sometimes have a laugh and joke with them). The time to do this is limited in my current role so it is for these professional and personal reasons that I have decided to move on.

As Easter draws ever closer though, I think we can look back on a successful term. The cake sale and competition last week epitomised the creative and caring nature of this school and the community it serves. There were almost too many cakes to fit in to the meeting room and we were amazed by the quality of what the children had made. Both schools have again been busy with trips and visits this term and I really enjoyed my trip to one of the local farms to see the baby lambs with our Reception children. We will end the term with our Easter celebration and the Year 7 trip next week after which the children can take a well-earned break!

Our worship theme for this half term is 'Thankfulness' and we've spoken a lot this half term about being thankful for our school, our education, our friendships and our families. I talked to the children at Pinvin First School just this week about saying thank you to our mums for all the things they do for us. I hope they did!

*'When I started counting my blessings,
my whole life turned around'. – Willie*

Nelson



Focus on Attendance

Please remember to let us know if your child is going to be absent i.e. for medical appointments or illness. 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

The new Music Studio is now fully operational! This has been made possible by "Friends" fundraising. They have supported the re-modelling of the room and all the new equipment.

School Lottery

We have now had our first 2 draws and 2 lucky people won £20! 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.



The **Chocolate Bingo** was a massive success. A really fun, family event with many winners in both the Bingo and the Chocolate raffle. Our grateful thanks to Mrs Chatterton who was an excellent caller! **£368.00** was raised.

If you are having a Spring clear out, please remember that we have a **Bag2School** collection. The bags have already been sent home. If you need more, please just let the office know or use black bin liners.

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

Superb Effort

Well done Alice Smith who has now raised over £300 for Cancer Research by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day in March (Walk all over Cancer). Congratulations to Alice for this achievement.

Sports Round Up

Worcestershire County Cross Country Finals, Worcestershire

On February 28th, Bea, Lottie, Josh, Alice, Amelia and Sam represented South Worcestershire in the County Schools' Final, at Wolverley Secondary School, Kidderminster.

The competition was tough and the hill at the end to finish each race, even tougher! All children put 100% effort into their races, with Josh, Alice and Sam coming in the top 8 for each of their age categories meaning they progressed to the Nationals!



Netball

In March 2019, our netball team went to a tournament at Bredon Hill Academy. The people who went were Anna Harvey, Alice Smith, Alice Lazenbury, Jess Sargent, Hattie Shaw, Lucy Hurst, Grace Coldicott and us (Flo Rushen and Isobelle Tanner).

The teams that went were our school (St Nicholas Middle), St Barnabas, Abbey Park and St Egwin's and Bredon Hill who had two teams. In the end, we won against three and lost three placing us third out of seven teams who entered!

The girls played extremely well on their way to finishing in 3rd place. As the tournament progressed, they started to play some fast, exciting netball. They can be very proud of their efforts! Mr Keogh Primary and Year 7 National Cross Country Finals, Prestwold Hall

On March 23rd, Josh, Alice and Sam represented Worcestershire at the Cross Country Finals, near Loughborough. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to run for their county in a national event. Well done for showing our school values of resilience, responsibility and respect! Congratulations also to Ella (Year 5) for competing for Worcester AC in the Finals.

Year 4 Rugby Tournament

Earlier in the month, our Y4s took part in the Cluster Rugby Tournament. The children

worked really well together as a team and, after playing 6 matches, they were over the moon to finish in first position. It was a really enjoyable afternoon and the team were a pleasure to watch. Well done!



Red Nose Cup Cakes

On 25th March, St Nicholas held a 'Red Nose Day' cupcake competition. The children had to create 6 Easter/spring themed cupcakes. There were 45 entries. Each child paid £1 to enter. One cupcake was held back to taste and then the other 5 were sold during lunchtime. The standard and quality of the cakes were so high and I am proud of everyone who took part - thank you. There were 4 prizes: best flavour, most aesthetically pleasing and 2 'WOW' factor sponges. Best flavour = Beatrice (Y5). Most aesthetically pleasing = Scarlett (Y6). 'WOW' factor sponges = James & Taylor (Y6) and Harriet (Y5). We raised a total of **£207.82** from the cake sale and Red Nose Day itself when children were able to wear noses for the day. Thank you again for allowing your children to take part in this event. Miss McSwiney (ART/DT)

World Book Day

On 7th March, PFS had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day!

We had all sorts of activities running which encouraged a love of reading and stories. Children made character puppets, artistic story maps, book covers and bookmarks. Every so often, Mrs Groves rang the bell and everyone stopped what they were doing to read for 5 minutes. It's a good job we all dressed up in our pyjamas so we could be really relaxed! Bring on next year!

Eco Appeal

Eco club are looking to recruit a parent/carer/grandparent/relative to join our team! The role would take up a little of your time, but would be a great help to us! As part of the job, we ask that you would:

- Send us a letter or visit us (this would only need to happen a couple of times a year) where we would tell you about what we have been doing to help make our schools more eco-friendly

- Occasionally send us any ideas or activities that you may have that we could complete

- Receive minutes from our meetings so that you know what we have been discussing or completing in our sessions.

If you are interested, please email Miss Lucy Smith. Thank you very much!
Lvs13@st-nicholas.worcs.sch.uk

POPS Update

A HUGE thank you for your support of the recent 'Spring into Action' sponsored event. You raised a fantastic amount for the school which will be spent on something of their choice. Due to the fantastic support and a very close race between the top two classes, PoPS are giving £300 to the first and second place classes, Year 1 and Year 3. They were both able to 'lock up their teacher' for the afternoon and had drinks, biscuits and their own choice of activity. Year 2 and Year 4 have also each received £100 to spend as they wish.

PoPS have been asked by school to fund 2 new PE sheds for the First School to replace the tired looking blue sheds. These will be a welcome addition. Thanks to our fundraising, we are able to support projects like this, thank you once again.

Sadly Sharon Edwards has recently resigned as joint Chair of PoPS and Mrs N Bennett will be stepping down when she returns to work later

this year. We are looking for someone new to take on the role of Chair. If you feel up for a new challenge and would like to support your child's school to raise much needed funds, please see Mrs Chatterton or Mrs Bennett to put your name forward. Or come along to the next meeting on 7th May, at 3.15pm at school. Everyone is welcome!

Message from Miss Rushton

I would like to inform you all that I am expecting a baby which is due early May. I will therefore be on maternity leave from Easter and have been handing over my roles in school to various staff who will lead in my absence:

Laura Barker is the SENDco. Jo Coote, Jenna Greenfield and Jamie Ash will support our Pupil Premium and Looked After Children. Louise Newman, Michele Brown and Julie Groves will support safeguarding.

Mr Payne and Mrs Chatterton will continue to lead both schools as the senior team.

I am excited to meet my baby in May and will keep in touch with staff in school. I would like to thank you all for your well wishes and for all your support in my current role. I will miss the children and families during my maternity leave and look forward to my return.

Parking Around the Federation

When attending school events, please park with consideration for our neighbours and respect their driveways etc. Please remember if you park in Church Lane, that large farm vehicles need access throughout the day.

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.