



Newsletter

October 2020



Making the unusual, usual!

Dear Families,

It has been so nice to be back at school over these last few weeks. I continue to be so proud of the pupils and staff team who have wholeheartedly embraced the new challenges, whilst continuing to make learning exciting and relevant. The behaviour has been amazing and children are excited and appreciating 'normal' school.

This week I read a fantastic blog by @LizRobinson3 called 'Dealing with the unusual in our usual way.' This really struck a chord with us at Pinner Wood - it means facing the 'unusual' - this new and the ever changing situation with our 'usual' PW values and ethos. The team spirit remains high and whilst the world is feeling a little bleak, the sun continues to shine within our walls.

There has been some great 'stunning starts' to our topic work, Seesaw has received some very positive feedback from the children - they are embracing the new platform at home and in lessons. We have mastered a 'virtual assembly' and it has been wonderful to have hot dinners back on the menu - thanks to Chef Maria and her team!

So as not to let Covid dominate (at least not in school) We will stick to PW news and have 'Covid Corner' on the last page of this newsletter.

Please check our twitter for updates and PW learning. If you drop by please 'like' our posts!

Miss Sarah Marriott

Welcome to our School Council

The new reps have now been elected by their classes and we will hold our first 'socially distanced' meeting tomorrow in school. Well done to all of the children who have been selected - I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions as we continue to improve PW. Due to the way we will work, we have not included Year 2 as yet but hope we can introduce them later in the year.

#Hello Yellow Day [Hello Yellow Day](#)

Their first job is to organise our 'Hello Yellow' day for Friday 9th October. This is a day set up to support mental health in young people.

The children will spend the day in their bubbles but 'off timetable', doing things that make them feel good. They will be celebrating being back at school and learning how they can begin to look after their mental health.

More details will follow but **advanced warning** – it will be non-uniform and the theme is yellow – this good be a splash of yellow – socks, a hair band or if they want to – full on yellow!

Families please feel free to wear yellow on the school run too!





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Stunning Starts

It has been lovely to see so many exciting learning activities taking place throughout the school to launch our new topics. Here is a taste of what has been happening:



Virtual Parent's Evening

We are excited to welcome you to our first 'Virtual Parents'/Carers' meetings that will be held next week. Please make sure you have signed up for a slot via ParentPay.

Further details will be sent out **on the day** of your meeting with the codes and how the meeting will be run. If you cannot meet in this way, then please contact the office.

Please keep your fingers crossed that everything works and the evenings run to plan.

Lost Property

In current times, we can no longer have a 'lost property' store to look through.

Instead, anything that is found will be brought to a central box. On a Monday (after quarantining over the weekend) Mrs Ellett will check the box and return any named items to their owner. Items that are not named will be disposed of..

Moral of this story – PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING YOU BRING INTO SCHOOL

October Dates

Virtual parent/carer meetings will begin the week beginning **Monday 5th October**.

HALF TERM

Half term will be the week **26th – 30th October inclusive**.

All children will be expected to return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Please do not make any travel arrangements that will prevent your child being back on time.

Good News

Congratulations to Miss Hannah Copas and her partner who had a beautiful baby boy – Aiden - at the end of August.

They are all doing well and Miss Copas sends her love to all at PW.

Our PW Plan

This year will not just be about Covid - we have lots of exciting things lined up to happen. If you would like to find out more or ask the SLT any questions join us on 13th October at 1.45pm-2.25pm

Please sign up via Parent Pay so we can send you the link.





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Covid Corner - Keeping our PW Community Safe

Here is a run down of all Health and Safety and Covid updates this month. Some are new and some repeated but I want to ensure everyone has the messages:

Pick Up/Drop Off

This is working well but there is still room for improvements. Please remember:

- **Timing** - only turn up at your time slot – You have a 10 minute window - there is no need to be early and queue! This keeps the lines moving and allows people to social distance.
- **Travel** – we want to keep everyone safe. It is good to see so many families walking, cycling or scooting to school to avoid traffic!
- **Car users** – DO NOT PARK/DRIVE ON THE PAVEMENT- this is extremely dangerous.
- **Car users** – DO NOT DROP OFF IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES – this blocks the road and is hard for people who need to cross.
- **Car users** – DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR LEAVE CARS RUNNING outside people's houses.
- **Social Distance** – keep 2m between you and the next family.
- **The rule of 6** – do not gather on the school site or surrounding roads in groups of larger than 6.
- The school gate will close at **9.15am** as it seems that everyone is in school safely by then.

Some families have requested that we become part of the safer school programme as four schools in the Borough have. I met with this team this week and put in your requests but it is a council decision.

Face Coverings

This week I met with Public Health Harrow and cases are on the rise nationally and in the borough. With this in mind and to keep each other safe, it seems sensible to reinforce that we **highly recommend** you to wear a face covering at pick up and drop of times. We are not at the stage where we **MUST** enforce it but wearing them will help.

Bags

We are trying to keep our corridors clear and reduce items being brought into school. Children are keeping bags in the classroom.

Large bags should not be in school at this time. We are aware that children will take reading books to and from school, have a water bottle and sometimes a lunchbox. Please can these be contained in a small bag either a book bag, plastic wallet or a small drawstring bag. This really helps to keep everyone safe.

I understand Key Stage 2 would not usually have a book bag – but these are exceptional times.





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Covid Symptoms

- I have resent the [NHS letter](#) - which has a useful guide on symptoms and testing.
- We have resent the 'What to do if?' guide – thank you as everyone has followed this so far.

Reporting

Please continue to contact us at office@pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk or 0208 868 2468 and let us know if your child or close family member is getting a test and then again with the results of the test

Testing

Testing has now increased locally. This week testing has been much quicker than the previous week in Harrow. If your child or a family member has symptoms you must get tested. All tests need to be booked but here is a link to [Local Testing Sites](#)

Negative Test

If your child no longer has symptoms they can return to school. Please inform the office before they return.

Positive Test

You MUST inform us ASAP so we can make plans. On a weekday in working hours 8.30-4.30pm please call the office 0208 8682468

At weekends or out of working hours please email office@pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk and mark the subject **POSITIVE TEST**, please leave a contact number so that we can call you. In the case of a positive result we would need to act quickly to protect everyone else so it is important we have this information as soon as possible. Please note this e-mail will only be checked for test results and nothing else.

Remote Learning

Our remote learning policy and plan is now in place and ready to go (if needed) please see [PW Remote Learning](#)

If your child needs to self-isolate, please contact the office and we will make the necessary arrangements. Please note we will need evidence that they have been told to isolate. We cannot send work to every child who is sick/choosing to be at home.

IT Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed this survey. We used the results to put together our remote learning plan. We also have a central list of pupils without access to a device on WI-FI. If you did not respond but do not have access to a device please contact the office. We will add you to our confidential list so in the case of a lockdown we can make arrangements for your child – we do not want anyone to miss out!

