



# Newsletter

January 2021



## Friday Update 15<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well and coping during these very challenging days.

This week has gone quickly at Pinner Wood as we adapt and settle into our new routines. We understand that it is hard and each day may feel a bit like the last but we are absolutely trying our very best to keep our PW community together and also provide positive learning opportunities for the children. Of course, this will never replace the experience of all being at school but I hope it is helping to keep your children motivated and engaged.

Unfortunately, this week we had to close two of our small school bubbles due to positive cases. It is always hard to do this and sadly becoming part of school life. Thank you to all the families involved for your understanding and we are glad the people affected are recovering well.

Thank you to all of you who have reached out and sent in positive words – and those that have shared positive praise with Ofsted - It means so much to our team.

Every week we continue to develop and adapt our approach. This way of teaching is new to us all - never in our wildest dreams would we have imagined teaching via a computer screen - but thank you all for your support, the team give their all to get this right for the children.

Some of our achievements this week:

<i>We have updated our risk assessment - this can be found on our website <a href="#">click here</a></i>	<i>Online books available for all pupils - class details sent out on Parentmail</i>	<i>School Wide 'Get Moving' challenge</i>
<i>We have updated our remote learning plan - this can be found on our website - <a href="#">click here</a></i>	<i>Year 6 started live intervention groups for targeted pupils.</i>	<i>All children on the Behaviour Shield</i>
<i>Mrs Bretayne led live Key Stage assemblies for the whole school</i>	<i>Year 1 &amp; 2 started live phonics groups (For those still on Read Write Inc)</i>	<i>5 used laptops donated and given these out to families</i>
<i>Reading Eggs and Maths seeds purchased for every pupil in Year R/1</i>	<i>Broken a PW zoom record with 350 pupils in an assembly!</i>	<i>Fantastic learning at home and in our Small School- well done everyone!</i>

### Next week we will:

- Introduce a whole school reading challenge
- Introduce targeted phonics for EYFS pupils
- Look at our phonics groups and ensure books/spellings given match.
- Look at the learning available for our pupils with educational needs to ensure everyone can access from home.

**Miss Marriott**





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## Update from 'Small School'

This week we met with our Governors to review our Risk Assessment. We are in agreement that to keep our school community safe we will limit the pupils in small school. This is so pupils (year 2 up) can distance in the classrooms and transmissions are limited. Also, we want to keep our remote learning high quality and this relies on staff being available to lead sessions.

The Government has released further guidance this week, stating that , *'Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.'*

Parents should ONLY use this offer if there are no alternatives for your children.

We politely request that if another parent/partner/additional adult is not a critical worker who can work from home then please keep your child at home.

We do not underestimate the pressures of home-learning and understand it is a challenge for us all. We understand that some families have no other alternative and/or the more vulnerable children need to be in school.

However, please only use a school place if you must; fewer people = lower risk.

We currently have around 100 pupils in school and most year groups are at capacity. The children in school have the same learning offer as those at home.

## Assembly

As always the assembly is on the home page of the website [click here](#)

## Pupils Survey

Our weekly survey can be found here [Please click here to take the survey](#)

We ask that it is your child who answers the questions – we would like to gauge how this week has gone – their success and challenges.

## Laptops

There is a huge demand for resources. We have exhausted our supplies and are awaiting the DFE allocation. If you have a spare useable device that you no longer need please contact us – we would love to find it a new home! Also, if your child does not have access to a device at home please contact our office by e-mail [office@pinnerwood.co.uk](mailto:office@pinnerwood.co.uk) or phone 0208 868 2468 (option 6) and we can add you to the list if any become available.





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## Online Learning

Online learning continues to go well. We are amazed by how confident and creative the children are getting with technology – they are becoming Zoom Whizzes!

Today, we have published our updated Remote Learning Policy [here](#) which outlines what you can expect – please note we are continually adapting it.

We are so pleased the Zoom sessions are being well received. It is a great opportunity to go over the learning, check in with the children and of course give them the chance to wave to each other. These were never intended to be 'lessons' the teachers will give a brief outline of the task so that the children can complete the daily tasks. The pre-recorded videos should also support with this.

We have put in place our '**Zoom Code of Conduct**' to ensure these sessions are both productive and safe'. This can be found on the last page – please take time to go over this with your child.

## Good Luck Miss Loake



Good luck to Miss Loake who goes on her maternity leave today. Her second baby is due in a few weeks. We wish her and her family well for their new adventures!

## Congratulations and Thank You Miss Diamond



Congratulations to Miss Jackie Diamond (Early Years Nursery Nurse) who this week celebrates 25 years of service at Pinner Wood. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for the children at Pinner Wood Jackie!

## Get Moving Challenge!



Next week will be Miss Marriott's 'Squat Challenge' – we would love to see lots of families taking part!



## Never Alone!

We recognise life is challenging for so many at the moment. If you need us please get in touch. There are some national numbers above [and on our website here](#) and Mrs Bennett our Learning Mentor is always at the end of the phone to offer any support to families in need.







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## PW Zoom Code of Conduct



### For Pupils:

I understand that the school is offering remote learning whilst my class is shut, to allow us to continue to make progress, contact the class teacher and see our peers.

In order to make these sessions successful I will:

Treat these session as I would a lesson in school and follow the PW Golden Rules.

- Join 5 minutes early
- Be in a safe space with a neutral background and an adult within earshot
- Dress appropriately for a learning environment (no pyjamas please)
- Turn on video and mute your microphone
- Make the name on the device your own name
- Follow the teacher instructions about when I should turn my microphone and camera on and off
- Ensure that the contributions I make - either by speaking, or by commenting in the online chat - are respectful of others and their opinions
- Anyone with their camera off (and no name) should be asked to turn it on. If they refuse, they can be removed from the meeting – this is so that we can identify everyone in the meeting
- The chat function must not be used in Friday assemblies
- The chat function should only be used in KS assemblies to contribute to the discussion as directed by Mrs Bretayne
- If I feel uncomfortable in a live zoom session by something that is shared or mentioned in the chat, I will alert an adult either on the chat or at home

### Safeguarding for staff:

- Staff will follow the above etiquette by being in a safe space and dressed appropriately for work
- All meetings will use the waiting room function so that only known attendees will be allowed into the meetings
- A register will be taken (if possible by the support staff) to ensure all children who should be there, are
- Where possible, support staff attend zooms and monitor the chat
- If someone enters the chat without a known name and their camera off – the teacher will remove them from the meeting

### For all:

- I will not record any part of a live contact session or take screen shots of the session. I understand that doing so will be treated as a breach of the school code of conduct and sanctioned as such
- If a photo/video is taken by a member of school staff for the purposes to record work – the permission of all attendees will be sought and the photo taken on a school device. Attendees will have the option to remove themselves from the video or recording before the photo is taken.
- The content of live sessions or work on seesaw will only be used for the purpose intended – Learning at Pinner Wood. It should not be copied or uploaded onto other social media platforms.

