



Newsletter

October 2018



A School for Success!

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a great start to the term! Everyone has settled quickly and are working hard. I am particularly impressed by how quickly the new children in the Reception and Nursery classes settled – this is thanks to the brilliant partnership between parents and school – they were definitely school ready!

Last week, we announced our Head Girls and Head Boys and the first group of Prefects/Junior Prefects – we are so proud of these children - it is a great achievement to be selected to represent the school (see more below).

Finally, I end with some very exciting news... we have been selected by the Mayor of London (Sadiq Khan) to receive a '**London Schools for Success Award.**' This award recognises that we are one of London's 'brilliant schools' offering the best quality of education to all. It also invites us to showcase what makes us so successful with other schools. Mrs Bretayne and I are going to City Hall this week to receive the award on behalf of all at Pinner Wood. I think this calls for a school celebration – more details will follow!

Miss Sarah Marriott

Welcome to our Team of Leaders.

We always say that Pinner Wood School belongs to the children and for this to be successful we need a team of leaders from the student body. They support me in running the school. The pupils are chosen by the staff and have stood out for being good PW role models.



International Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended this event last week.

It was lovely to chat with you all whilst sharing some great food.

I hope you enjoyed it!

Parent Consultation Evenings

This term's Parent/Carer evenings will take place on **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October (Tuesday 16th for Willow and Redwood)**. This is a chance to find out how your child has settled in and we can tell you about their targets for the year ahead. You sign up for a 10 minute appointment through ParentMail; this will open on Monday 8th October. I will send out more details about how the evenings work next week.





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Uniform Reminders

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I think it is time to give a quick update on our uniform rules:

Earrings – it is our policy that no earrings/jewellery are to be worn for PE. Children can wear studs to school but these need to be removed on PE days. Staff cannot take out children’s earrings. If the children cannot take them out they will not be able to take part in sessions and will have to watch the session. This can be upsetting for children.

Hair Bows – we do allow hair bows but please ensure that they are school colours - green, white or black and not too big. Bows in other colours will be asked to be removed.

Summer/ Winter Uniform – We have no hard and fast rule of when to change to winter uniform, but just go on the weather conditions. Usually, after October half term all children have changed to winter uniform.

Large Bags – Large bags seem to be taking over the school! I do not want to ban bags but please be aware that our cloakrooms are small and space very limited. There is not room for large bags as these end up on the floor, causing trip hazards. Please be mindful of this and limit the size of bag your child brings. If it does not improve we will have look at what we can allow.

School Funding

It is the time of year when the Government will decide on how much funding Pinner Wood will get next financial year (April 2019). The media is full of news that school budgets are being cut and PW is likely to be affected by this next year. Therefore, we must do all we can now to ensure that we get the most funding possible.

How can you help?

- Thursday 4th Oct is Census day – we are funded on how many pupils take a hot dinner on this day. If you can, **please let your child have hot lunch** – this will bring us lots of funding. There is an exciting menu to make it an easy choice.
- Check if you are eligible for Free School Meals - please sign up by Wednesday.
- (please post reminders on your What’s App groups!)

I realise I am begging, but both of these things bring in a lot of funding for the School so we can continue ensuring all children get the best deal here!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd October – Harvest Festival 9.15 hrs. In school event only.

Thursday 4th October - 2.30 p.m. Learning through play workshop for Reception parents/carers

Friday 5th October – PERFORM workshop for Nursery and Reception children.

22nd – 26th October – **HALF TERM**

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We have appointed a new Site Manager. Carl Batson will start just before half term. He is currently a Site Manager in a Watford school. Thanks to Adam who has been running the site single handedly this half term – they will be a great team!

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Thanks to everyone who baked cakes and/ or attended the Coffee Morning on Friday. We raised **£426.31** for MacMillan. Thanks to Emma Quirke and the FPW, Lisa Bennet and the School Council for organising the event.

