



Newsletter

November 2018



It's a Busy Month!

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you had a lovely half term week with your families.

It was the first time that we have introduced a holiday club and I know that 'Funweeks' was very well received. The children who attended have been telling me how much they enjoyed the days and I know families appreciated it too. We have asked the club to run here in other holidays – just watch out for dates/booking details. The photos of the sessions can be found on our twitter:

[@PinnerWoodSch](https://twitter.com/PinnerWoodSch)

We are all set for a very busy term with lots of festivals, celebrations and of course lots of learning! We have tried to plan ahead with as many dates as we can so that families can be prepared – please see the attached sheet with this newsletter.

Also, I get asked a lot about how parents can make contact with the school. I have written a little guide on the back of this newsletter to help.

Finally, I would like to wish all families celebrating Diwali next week a very happy time!

Miss Sarah Marriott

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival last month. We had lots of food donated that was taken to the Harrow Food Bank.

Mrs Bretayne's English group led a fantastic assembly themed around "The Great British Bake Off", which was enjoyed by all.



Choose Respect Week

Next week (Monday 5th- Friday 9th Nov) will be 'Choose Respect' Week at Pinner Wood.

This is sometimes called 'Anti-Bullying Week'. However, at PW we prefer to focus on positive behaviour and how you can be a good friend. Mrs. Mohr has organised a fun-filled week based around Super Heroes (with kind superpowers). The children will be watching a drama performance by The Power of One and ending the week with an optional 'super heroes' dress up day on Friday 9th November! It is going to be a lot of fun but with a very positive message.





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Poppies on Sale

Remembrance Day

On Monday, all the children had an assembly on Remembrance Day and we discussed why some people choose to wear a poppy. The poppies and other merchandise are on sale in the office and selling fast. If your child would like one, please send in a donation this week.



Coffee Afternoon

Our next Coffee Afternoon is on Thursday 8th November at 2pm. We will be discussing all things to do with lunchtime. We will talk about our new lunch provider and what lunchtime looks like. Please join us! However, we understand that this is not a convenient time for all, so all the information will be on our website after the event.

Introducing....

Welcome to Carl Batson our new Site Manager. Carl has joined us from another local school and has lots of experience of running a school site. He started before half term and is already doing a great job. He is in the playgrounds in the mornings – please say hello!



Marvellous Maths

Parents often request workshops on Maths methods used at Pinner Wood. Therefore, Miss Patel is organising a maths evening for parents on Wednesday 28th November from 6 -7.15pm.

We will demonstrate the methods we teach and take any questions. More information on this will be out later this month. Please note this is just for adults, **children cannot attend as there will not be space.**

November Dates

Friday 2nd November – Halloween Disco 5.00 – 7.30 pm

Monday 5th November - Individual and family photos from 8.00am

Tuesday 6th November – School tour 10.15 am

Thursday 8th November – Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm

Tuesday 13th November – Children's Flu Vaccination School Tour 10.15 am

Tuesday 27th November – School Tour 10.15 am

News- Photos

[Monday 5th November is individual photos.](#) These will take place in the Beech Room. If you would like a family group photo please come into school from 08.00 am.

News

It is with sadness that next Friday (9th November,) we say goodbye to Miss Louise Hartley. She has done so much for the school and especially 'The Den' children. However it is time for new adventures and she has secured a promoted post at a private nursery – we wish her the best of luck!





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Contacting the School

We hope that you are really happy with the service we provide at Pinner Wood. In most cases, we find that through our many lines of communication and very clear policies, all messages are relayed and there is little need to see us. However, we understand that from time to time, issues can occur.

We pride ourselves on our '**Open Door Policy**' which means that we aim to be available as soon as practically possible to discuss any issues. We aim to get any matters dealt with quickly and efficiently, so that they can be effectively resolved.

We hope to deal with any problems before they have done the rounds of What's App – as experience tells us that this can heighten problems and not always be a helpful solution!

Many of you know our procedures but just to remind you:

Contacting Teachers

The first port of call should always be with the class teacher. Teachers are around after school, and once all children have been dismissed, are happy to have a quick chat. However, if something needs a little longer they will arrange a short meeting, as soon as is mutually convenient.

Teachers are not around before school or on the door, as this is a very busy point in the day and they are focused on settling the class.

If you can't be at school, you can always e-mail office@pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk or go through your child's DB Primary account. Please do not use staff's personal e-mails.

Please note that our teachers are a very hard working bunch – their days are busy and filled with many lessons and sometimes they take a club or activity after school. They will endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible but at busy times this could take a little longer.

Key Stage Leaders

If you have a question about how the phase is managed or specific to the year group, then you can contact the Key Stage Leaders using the ways described above.

Management Team

We are usually on the playground (normally by the Key Stage 1 entrance) and are happy to answer any quick questions that can be resolved out there. However, if you want to make an appointment please either contact the office (via phone, email or in person) or let us know; again, we will try and see you as soon as possible. Please note some points in the term are busier than others and there may be a short wait.

Governors

In very rare situations, you may have been through all these stages and if the issue is still not resolved, then you can contact our Governors. If needed, we will tell you how you can go about this but we always hope we can resolve things in school first.

We hope that we can all follow this procedure to ensure that all children get a high quality and happy education here.

