

Dear parents and carers

Christmas Kindness

Save The Children charity will be receiving £410.45 from your generous donations on Christmas Jumper Day and sales of mince pies during Carols on the Playground. Thank you to our Pinfold community.

After School Clubs

Please look out for letters of invitation to after school clubs this term.

VACANCY in school

We are looking to appoint a Caretaker Apprentice, who must be an animal lover as the role involves working on Our Farm. If you are interested, please see our school website for details, vacancies are under the tab called Our School <https://www.pinfoldstreetprimary.co.uk/> .

Homework

We will begin launching our new homework plans, next week we would like children to complete the following to help with their reading and maths skills:

Year	Frequency	Reading	Maths
Reception & Year 1	5 times per week for 10 minutes reading and maths.	Parents, please log the pages read on GoRead.	Ten Town/Numbots
Year 2 & 3	5 times per week for 15 minutes reading and maths.	Parents, please log the pages read on GoRead.	Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars
Year 4	5 times per week for 20 minutes reading and maths.	The children can log the pages read on GoRead.	Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars
Year 5 & 6	5 times per week for 30 minutes reading and maths.	The children can log the pages read on GoRead.	Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars

The homework can be done at separate times e.g. an example of a good routine would be:

*3:45pm - offer a snack and ask your child to complete **maths homework** on a device – children enjoy spending time on devices, ask them to complete the homework activity to earn an extra 30 minutes on the device doing other things they enjoy.*

*Bedtime – go to bed a little earlier and **listen to your child read**, promote it as special time together and a calming end to the day.*

Children in Year 5 & 6: completing 1 hour of homework, 5 times per week, will really help to prepare for the amount of homework they will receive at secondary school.

Please follow this link for Top Tips to help with getting the best out of the children:


<https://www.theschoolrun.com/10-top-tips-helping-your-child-homework>

Soon, we will share the details for spelling homework and the creative task home projects.

If you need any support with devices etc, please email info@pinfold-st.walsall.sch.uk .

Calendar of Events – Spring Term 2022

More events will be added to this calendar over the next few weeks.

SPRING 2022: Shakespeare half term		
Friday 14 th January	<p>Year 1 phonics meeting for parents</p> <p>Swimming starts for Year 4</p> <p>Swimming assessment Year 6</p>	<p>Virtual at 9:15 on Google classroom – look out for a letter with more information next week.</p> <p>Year 4 children will go swimming every Friday for the <i>rest of this academic year</i></p> <p>Year 6 children – this will be their <i>final</i> swimming session.</p>
Monday 17 th January	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents	Virtual at 9:15am Google classroom
Friday 21 st January	Swimming recommences for Year 5	Year 5 children will start swimming again and will go for the <i>rest of this academic year</i> .
Monday 31 st to Wednesday 2 nd January	Shakespeare Workshops: Twelfth Night	https://westendsinschools.org.uk/ The theatre company West End in Schools will be in working with all children from Year 1 to Year 6 . Follow the link for more information about the company
Tuesday 1 st February		<p>Children will be learning about Chinese New Year.</p> <p>Do you know the animal for the year you were born?</p>
Monday 14 th February	<p>Valentine's Disco</p> <p>Children can come to school in their disco outfits.</p>	<p>The discos will be held in the hall and snacks will be provided.</p> <p>We would appreciate a 50p donation towards the snacks.</p>
Friday 18 th February	BREAK UP at 3:20pm	
Monday 28 th February	Return to school	
Friday 4 th March	Year 2 SATS meeting for parents	Virtually or in person – we will decide closer to the date.
April	Easter activities: details will be confirmed	
Friday 8 th April	Break up at 3:20pm	