

## Pinchmill Primary School Update

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### Upcoming dates

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Squirrels Reading meeting 3:30pm**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept – Hedgehogs Reading meeting 3:30pm.**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept – Village Show**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Flu Vaccine – letter to follow**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Donations**

**Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Back to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Panto Trip**

**End of Autumn Term – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Start of Spring Term Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

### Head Teacher message

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer and made the most of the wonderful weather. It is lovely to have our Pinchmill Family back together and I would like to welcome all the children and families who are joining us for the first time. The children all seem settled and ready for the year ahead. Please remember that our doors are always open if you need a quick chat or would like to discuss any element of school life.

I am looking forward to the year ahead. Yesterday there was great excitement as the children had their school photos taken, these will be with you in the coming weeks. Please check the calendar as there are already dates for your diaries such as the **Village Show and Scarecrow Competition** on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. The church has asked for volunteers to judge the Scarecrow competition; children will need to be accompanied by an adult. If this you would like to join the judging team, please let Mrs Bailey know by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

This year we have chosen to join with St May's Church and support the Food Bank. Our **Harvest Festival Assembly** will be held at school from 2:30pm Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. We will be sending the Food Bank suggested shopping list home with each child and you can also find this on our website. If you would like to make a donation, please may we ask that these be sent into school between the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> October. We are also planning some exciting trips this year so please keep your eyes open for information regards times and dates.

It is once again time for the children to vote for their **House Captains**. If your child is in KS2 and would like to run for House Captain, they will need to prepare a presentation as to why they feel they would be good in the role. Each nominee will also put forward a local charity that they would like to support and ideas as to how the school can raise money to support their chosen charity. This can be in person or can be pre-recorded at home and sent to school on a named data stick. The voting will take place in our house assembly on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September.

Last year we had a fantastic **librarian** team, they did a great job keeping the library tidy and helping other children to find books that they would like. If your child would like to be a librarian, please may they write a letter (this can be handwritten or word processed) to Miss Sturman explaining what they think the role of a librarian entails and why they think they would be good at the role. Please may we have all letters in by Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

Children in Year 6 once again are invited to join Sue and Malcolm Whitehouse to monitor the quality of the river. The **Eco Council** members helped test the water and the data that was collected was then sent as part of a research survey to try to improve the quality of the Great River Ouse. If your child would like to join the Eco Council please may they create a poster to inform others about the importance of looking after our environment, particularly our rivers. Please may these be returned by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of September

Mr Phelan, myself and Mrs Willoughby will once again be interviewing for Sports Captains. The House Captains are responsible for support other children during sporting activities and helping out at Sporting events such as Sports Day. The Sports Captains will also be responsible for organising

our annual fun run. Any child who would like run for Sports Captain should speak to Mr Phelan who will give them the interview questions. The interviews will take place the week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

We will be changing the reading treat reward for reading three times each week. We will update you with more details soon!!!! Watch this space.....

This year Bedford Borough are celebrating 'A year of reading' and as a school we absolutely support this as we know the impact reading and in particular reading at home has on children's progress at school, not only with reading progress but in fact in all areas of the curriculum. Our school data clearly shows that those children who read at home at least three times a week (10 minutes is enough) not only make significantly more progress but are also able to access more learning.

**Miss Wren will be running a reading meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September and Mrs Boswell will be running a reading meeting for the Reception parents on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of September at 3:30pm.**

Hopefully you can now all access Class Dojo and have enjoyed the posts that have been shared. Can I please remind all parents that as a school we do not use Dojo as a communication tool, this is to safeguard both the children and staff. Therefore, I would please ask parents to not use Class Dojo to message teachers. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher please email [enquires@pinchmillprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquires@pinchmillprimary.co.uk) or give school a ring 01234 781371. Or even better, if possible, pop in to see us. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

We have a very exciting Christmas trip planned. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December we are going to see **Peter Pan** at the Royal & Derngate Theatre, a letter with all the details will be coming your way soon. The cost of this trip is £23.50 per child, we need all payments by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

This can be paid in instalments and you can arrange this with Mrs Perry. If you have any questions regarding this trip please speak to me and I would be happy to support in anyway I can.

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There is still time to order should you like to purchase a t-towel with your child's self-portrait.

Please send your orders through to [enquiries@pinchmillprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pinchmillprimary.co.uk)