

Pinchmill Primary School Update

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Upcoming dates

Sunday 21st Sept – Village Show

Wednesday 24th Sept – Flu Vaccine

Monday 29th Sept – KS2 to come into school in PE kit.

Monday 6th Oct – Harvest Donations

Friday 10th Oct – Harvest Assembly
2:30pm

Thurs 23rd Oct – Squirrels Class Trip

Thurs 23rd Oct – Foxes Stone Age Day

Friday 24th Oct – Owls Stuarts Day

Half Term – Monday 27th Oct – Friday
31st October

Back to school Monday 3rd November

Friday 7th November – Break the Rules
Day

Friday 5th Dec – Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 9th Panto Trip

End of Autumn Term – Thursday 18th
December

Start of Spring Term Monday 5th January

Head Teacher message

Already we have lots of exciting activities happening in the school Squirrels class looked amazing in all their Princess and Prince costumes and I know they had great fun trying to find the allusive pea! Foxes have a fun day next week with lots of outdoor learning that will hook them into their new topics. I am not going to say any more just in case I spoil any surprises. Hedgehogs have been hunting for the Gruffalo and ventured out with Preschool for an Autumn walk and picked lots of juicy blackberries. Apparently these are not for eating but for creating art with. I am interested to see the results. Owls are having a Stuarts day which I am sure will be very interesting. Doublets, breeches, ruffs and bodices at the ready!

I would like to start by saying thank you to all the parents that attended the reading information evenings. As talked about at the end of last year, reading is not only a key focus in Pinchmill Primary School but also across the whole of Bedford Borough. Research is beginning to show that since lockdown there has been a noticeable decrease in parental engagement with reading which is a real concern, as this is such a vital part of the children's success to learning to read.

'Only slightly more than half (50.5 per cent) of parents said they read with their child daily in 2024, a decrease of 15.6 percentage points compared with 2019 when 66.1 per cent did so.' [National Literacy Trust reveals shocking decline in parental engagement with children's language development - Educate magazine](#)

Current research is beginning to show that this figure may have dropped again. We are hoping with all our lovely new reading books; the children will be excited to share their reading with you. We ask that you please hear your child/children read for a minimum of 10 minutes three times a week. For Reception children this looks slightly different due to their ability to concentrate and focus, so five minutes per day would be the most beneficial. Our new reading treat has begun and we are hoping that all children will be able to enjoy this.

This weekend (21st September) is the Village Show. All the children have entered a piece of art into the show, so why not pop down and have a look. The PSA will be serving their delicious cakes and lots of cups of tea and coffee. It would be great to support this community event.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to accompany their children to judge the **scarecrows**. Reverend Paolo has asked that on **the 21st of September, you meet him at St Mary's Church at 1pm.**

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 10th 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 6th and the 9th October. We are also planning some exciting trips this year so please keep your eyes open for information regards times and dates.

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 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.

PSA School 2024 -2025 - T-TOWELS

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