# **Pippins Weekly News**

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## **SEE TOMORROW GROW**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The pleasure really was ours to have met you all at target setting evenings, this week. No doubt you will agree, the children's learning has got off to a great start this academic year. Please do keep an eye on your child's class page on the school website, as we utilise the space for detailing the learning in each class. I have noted that only 104 out of 205 parents have downloaded the school app: School Spider. Please do so, as we be moving over to this platform of communication in due course. The parent survey has come back overwhelmingly positive! I personally wish to thank all parents who completed the survey. It is the most positive results received to date; thank you!

Behind the scenes, I have been working closely with the DfE and Slough BC. You will pleased to note that the temporary bracing to the roof means we will be able to make full use of the hall and all office spaces from the first day back after half term! Please join me in thanking Heathrow, who have generously donated nearly £15,000 emergency funding to the school, to ensure there was no lost learning as a result of RAAC. They have been incredibly benevolent in their kindness to the school. Additionally, we have secured £4000 in funding for the new English scheme which we have adopted this year! Despite an unpredictable start to the school year, we have already achieved a great deal in such a short space of time!

I wish you all a lovely half term, and very much look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 30th October, at 8.30am.

With all good wishes, Mr Jalaf

# Dates for the Diary

20th October INSET Day - school closed to all children

23rd October - 27th October Half Term

30th October School reopens for all children

Ist November Flu
Immunisation - please
sign and return consent
form.

6th November Individual school pictures

10th November come read with me

13th November KSI and KS2 school church visit

16th November Y3 and4 Heathrow workshop

29th Niovember panto trip

15th December last day of term 1:15pm

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

Please do not walk across the school car park as we have had near miss incidents with children hiding behind cars, whilst leaving school.

If you have not already done so, please make payment for the Aladdin panto soon, as we too need to make a payment to the theatre.

last few tickets remaining for the Bath trip are available - please make your purchase asap.

Calling all dads! I want to start a dads talking group once every half term. If you are interested in being part of this innovative project, please speak to me directly. Mr Jalaf

Calling all book lovers! If you would like to form a monthly book club, please speak to Mr Khalid, as we would love to start this at at Pippins School - to meet once every month, after school.

#### **Attendance**

Rec 93% YI 95% Y2 92% Y3 85% Y4 88% Y5 91% Y6 94%

Pippins Christmas trip to Bath is now full.

Spelling homework is on Sumdog

Please ensure all personal items are labelled.



### PIPPINS READING CHALLENGE

At Pippins we love to encourage our children to read! For this October half – term we would like to set a reading challenge! The aim of the Challenge is for children to read as many books as they possibly can over the October half-term. We will be selecting one child per class who has read the most over the October half-term for a £10 book voucher from Mr Jalaf!

Please record all of the fantastic books that they have read over the October half term.

The template was sent with last week's newsletter.

Have a great half-term reading! Mr. Khalid



	Title	Review	How many pages in the book?	What marks do you give the book out of 10?
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# SEND AND FAMILY LINK UPDATES

The Slough Family Information Service offers FREE impartial information and guidance about a wide range of services for children, young people, and their families.

They provide information on:

- support and advice for families with children and young people
- childcare for children aged 0-13
- financial support and help with childcare costs
- free early education for 2, 3, and 4 year olds
- · children's centres and family services
- schools and school-based family services
- activities for children, young people aged 0-19, and families
- The Local Offer including activities and services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- · adult education and employment.

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You can speak to them in person at regular outreach sessions which are held in community venues such as libraries, children's centre, or schools. You can use the <u>Slough Family Information Service website</u> for information about services and activities in Slough, email them on fis@slough.gov.uk or call them on 01753 476589. The information line is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Have a lovely half-term, Mrs Emily Manners SENDCo DSL

### **NURSERY**

Dear Parents,

Nursery had a wonderful 'Autumn walk' trip to Black Park last week. We walked around the lake, saw lots of ducks and even saw some squirrels!

We had fun climbing trees and exploring in the play area. We collected lots of interesting natural objects such as leaves, acorns and chestnuts.

We then investigated them back at nursery and used the objects to make art work.

Best Wishes, Mrs Fowler.



### YEAR 2

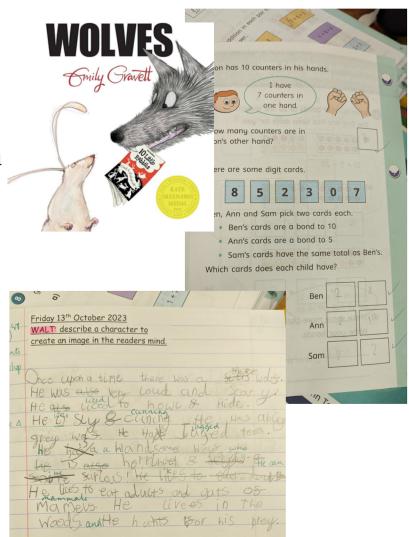
We have been working really hard this week in Honeygold.

We have been focusing on adjective work in our English lessons, creating character descriptions of good and evil wolves based on our book Wolves by Emily Gravett. We have also been learning the difference between fact and fiction.

In maths, we have started our addition and subtraction topic. We are focusing on our number bonds to 10 and using 10 frames to help us add two 1-digit numbers together.

Our phonics groups will be changing after half term so books will be changed then. Over the holidays please do attempt the reading challenge and make use of Oxford Owl.

Have a lovely half term, Miss Punja

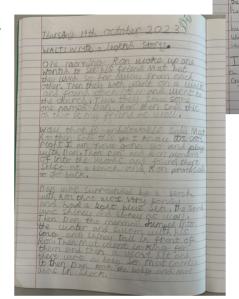


### YEAR 4

This week we had a fab time writing our own legend story based loosly off of the text we are reading in class, called The Mermaid of Zennor. We learnt how to use noun phrases in our writing to make it more descriptive.

Here is an example of some our our work.

Miss Sufi



### YEAR 6

End-of-term writing in Jazz class was based on the book The Arrival by Shaun Tan.

Here is a taster of their work:

'Grasping breath, she woke up from her mysterious dream. As her feet reached the floor, she heard the creaking of the floor-bored. Carefully, she made her way down the chocolate-coloured stairs, squinting to see the end of the stairs. When she went to the dining table she spotted the tense environment between her parents.'

Miss Kang and Mr Khalid

