

Pippins Weekly News

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SEE TOMORROW GROW

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a euphoric time in school this week, showcasing our excellency to other key personnel! On Monday I welcomed a headteacher from another school in Slough, who very complimentary of all that she saw. In addition, the governors were also in, who were delighted with the progress the school is making.

On Thursday, an executive headteacher from another Slough school undertook a routine annual visit on behalf of Slough Council, which was incredibly favourable of our direction of travel, in terms of education, leadership and vision.

As I always point out, this is indeed, OUR school, where we are collectively working to make it a better place for all our children. I thank all parents and community members, who acknowledge this, in supporting our mission and vision.

I reiterate my strategic plan: 'Good today. Outstanding tomorrow.' to guide us on our iterative journey. The success of the journey thus far, is based on our partnership, our greatest asset. Thank you.

Respect and courtesy strengthen this partnership. Can I please ask that we are mindful of these key core values when communicating with staff at school, whether it is a meeting in person, and or in writing via email. I am incredibly proud of all our staff at our school, who want nothing but the very best for all our children.

Dates for the Diary

29th November Aladdin panto trip

6th December Christmas Lunch and Jumper day

11th December Early Years Christmas Show

14th December PTFA Christmas Fair

15th December last day of term 1:15pm

3rd January 2024 Start of Spring 1

Attendance

Rec 87%
Y1 82%
Y2 92%
Y3 96%
Y4 93%
Y5 92%
Y6 92%

Whilst one may assume the school working day runs from 8.35 am - 3.10 pm, it is not the case for staff, who have to prepare meticulously outside of these hours to deliver exciting lessons.

Our school curriculum, along with school leadership is the strongest it has ever been, so let us be mindful of the commitment of our staff, and the respect they should be afforded. The same is true for all other staff who run and manage the school behind the scenes.

On this note, I personally wish to thank the many parents who have supported us with the temporary disruption to our lunches; your kindness and understanding has been noted. Thank you.

We are so very fortunate to have a fabulous staff, parent, and student body, so let us all collectively, take OUR school, to towering heights.

I wish you all a fabulous weekend,
Mr Jalaf

CATERING UPDATE

As you are no doubt aware, the catering contract is with an external supplier, so the provision of lunches has been strictly outside our control. Behind the scenes, the school has been exploring other catering contracts. Although the temporary measure has been disruptive to our school for only this half term, we have taken the matter seriously to warrant searching for other avenues to be explored, as a precautionary measure. In the interim we have been reassured by Twelve Fifteen this morning, that the Spring term 24 menu is being finalised, which will be shared with you next week. Equally, our school cook, Linda, is now back from leave, so normality will return to our lunches! The updated menu for the remainder of this term was sent out earlier this week.

As and when information has been received by the school from Twelve Fifteen (our catering supplier), it has been passed onto you. As and when information has transpired, it has been shared with you. Once again, thank you to all the parents and carers, who have been supportive of the school's position in this matter. It is our utmost responsibility that you receive value for money, and our children, a nutritious lunch. Despite the ongoing issues with the catering company which are easing, we will be having our celebratory Christmas lunch on Wednesday 6th December 23! This is something we very much look forward to, every year.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Shaikh.

GENERAL NOTICES

MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER:

Christmas Lunch orders need to be placed with the school office. Please call or email. This is the last day! And please could we have your orders for the packed lunch for Wednesday 29th November (Aladdin Panto Trip)

APPOINTMENTS:

If your child has an appointment during school hours you must give at least 24 hrs notice.

BOOK FAIR:

Monday 27th November - running all week.

You can pay in cash or by card.

It will be in the hall, every afternoon.

The more books you buy the more books the school gets for the children to share!

NURSERY PARENTS:

The deadline for applications for reception places at Pippins is January please check the Slough Borough website for further details.

THANK YOU PARENTS

We want to express our gratitude to Jason Pitman for his generous assistance in enhancing the playground fixtures and ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for the children at Pippins.

All the work you and other parents do is truly appreciated.





Pippins School presents
CHRISTMAS
FAIR & MARKET

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023
3:45 - 5:45 PM, SCHOOL HALL

TOY SALE . GAMES. HOT CHOCOLATE. COOKIE DECORATING
ORNAMENTS . SWEET TREATS . RAFFLE . PHOTOBOOTH

Children to be accompanied by a parent /
guardian. Christmas fun for the whole family!

Pippins School PTFA

YEAR 1

We have had such an exciting week at Pippins!

Matt an employee from HSBC Bank came into our school on Monday and Tuesday to run money workshops for every class.

From our nursery children learning about money through a cake sale to Year 6 children learning about how they can protect their bank accounts from criminals.

The different money workshops were fun, engaging, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Miss Purdy



NURSERY

Dear parents,

Nursery have been learning all about the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' this week, as well as counting to three they have been learning the difference between, small, medium and large.

We also enjoyed our visit from Matthew (from HSBC bank). He read us a story about some friends spending their money and we looked at lots of different banknotes and coins.

Best wishes,
Mrs Fowler.



YEAR 3

Hello Bramley Parents!

It has been an exciting Math week for year 3 as they continue to learn multiplication and division.

Additionally, the students were visited by HSBC bank and participated in a fun money workshop.

They learned how to create their favorite meals on a budget, as well as how to save money during shopping trips. The students were also very interested in learning about how banks work and how bank cards are used.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Khan

YEAR 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their workshop from HSBC on Tuesday. It was based on safe gaming.

All children took on board valuable information regarding hours spent in front of screens and the disadvantages of this on the body mentally and physically.







Children were reminded how to be safe online and lots of useful questions were answered.


Thanks,
Mr. Jawandha

Financial Education

Financial Literacy

Every day Tuska goes to the shop. **Fill in the missing letters for each day.** Then **add up how much Tuska spends each day** and write the total in each box.

M____day	 20p	+	 50p	<input type="text"/>
T____day	 10p	+	 20p	<input type="text"/>
W____day	 50p	+	 50p	<input type="text"/>

 How many weeks do you need to save for to buy your dream? _____

How much does your dream cost? £ _____

How much pocket money do you get each week? £ _____

How long will it take you to save up for it? _____ weeks

Here's an equation to work it out

Cost of dream + Pocket money = Weeks to save

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Reaching Your Goals: Saving for Things

Draw a picture of something that you want to buy.

