

Friday 17th September 2021

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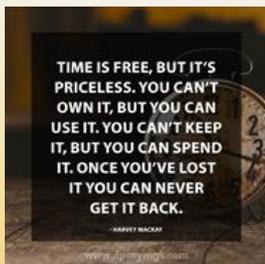
Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st September, 3.10pm
 Y4 Meet the teacher (in school)

Tuesday 21st September, 4pm
 Y5 Meet the teacher (via Teams)
 *Link to be sent to via email

Monday 27th September
 European languages – dress up day

Wed 6th October, 9.00 – 9.45am
 Come Work With Me sessions (whole school) – Nursery (8.30-9.00am)



Welcome!

Dear Parents and Children,
 As you are all no doubt aware, we have had a busy week in school, battling with the rising numbers of confirmed positive cases. As at today, we have 15 confirmed cases. As a school, we are following local and national guidance on next steps. **Can I please ask that you undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests at home, so that we can catch the asymptomatic carriers, to avoid further escalation of cases.** Lateral flow tests are freely available from the government website and from the local chemist in the village. Please start testing twice weekly as a family unit; this will keep us all safe, especially as we have siblings spread across the school.

I wish to thank my staff, who have worked tremendously hard in ensuring the delivery of quality remote education. As a school, we continue to work collaboratively. On that note, it has been so very delightful seeing many of you at 'meet the teacher' sessions. Have a great weekend and keep safe. Mr Jalaf

School renovation

Thank you for your patience at drop off and pick up times. As we move into next week, can I please ask that all parents (nursery and reception included) use the main gate in the morning and at pick up time. I am hoping the EY garden will be complete by the tail end of next week. Nursery parents, please wait by the main gate to be directed by Mrs. Fowler on Monday.

Take an author week at Pippins!

We have had so much fun at Pippins this week, with every class taking an author and creatively showcasing stories! Very soon, you will discover what creativity means to us at Pippins, when we display this work in the hall!

Year 6 are reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Stanley has been sent to Camp Green Lake, accused of something that he didn't do. While there, he is required to dig one hole every day. His hole must be 5ft wide and deep, no shorter: this is exhausting work in the hot climate of the desert.

We have been drawing and annotating maps using the description in the text, and using expanded noun phrases, similes, metaphors and other techniques to describe Camp Green Lake. We have also been using evidence from the text to describe what we think the warden might be like. Characters living at Camp Green Lake have spoken about this person but Stanley, the protagonist has never met the warden.

Mrs Davis



Attendance

- F1 75%
- F2 92%
- Y1 90%
- Y2 93%
- Y3 88%
- Y4 91%
- Y5 74%
- Y6 93%



Social and emotional wellbeing

Encourage children and young people to **think** of their mental health and wellbeing as something that is continually changing, like physical health. Some days we might feel better or worse than others but there are things we can do to improve our overall mental and emotional wellbeing. **Talk** to them about strategies they can use to take care of themselves. Some children may struggle to express their feelings or concerns. Use **language** that is appropriate for their age and developmental level. **Give them the time and support they need to understand what they're feeling.** (NSPCC, 2021)

Every child at Pippins is a global citizen ... a celebration of European language Day!

On **Sunday the 26th September** it is **European Language Day!** at Pippins, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate our diverse languages and really bring together different communities that flourish not only in Slough, but at Pippins as a school.

Each class will focus on a country within Europe and learn about, and celebrate their culture, food, language, history and art. We will share beliefs and practices within school with a child centred lead. This offers an exciting chance for us to as a school celebrate our amazing children and the cultures we have at Pippins.

It's a great learning opportunity and a way for children to really express their own culture in school. I would like to invite everyone to wear their **traditional clothing**, whether they're from Europe or outside, to really come together as one school on **Monday the 27th September**. Mr Jennings, MFL Lead.



Monkey Survey

A huge thank you to all the parents who have completed the parental engagement survey. I am delighted with the constructive feedback I have received. Your voice counts and I, along with the governors want to hear from you. I attach the link again for your information: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/77RK2SC>
The survey link will close on Friday 24th September.

Friends of Pippins – PLEASE!

A huge thank you to the **two** parents who have come forward ... We need more of you! In order to make this a truly community spirited school, we need you! I would like parents to come forward and initiate a PTFA. I want us to celebrate the wealth of local diversity, culture and community spirit, and bring it together to help fundraise for the next ambitious phase of the Pippins Journey! Please speak to the office if you are interested in setting up a group.

School Council and Eco warriors

We are indeed in the last stages of electing the last few members for the School Council. Once all elections have taken place, I will announce the names here. I am very keen for our pupils to be involved in the strategic running of the school!

Parking

Please park away from the school. We had a near miss incident earlier this week. Please keep our children safe.

School spaces

We are very excited to launch our publicity campaign this week, around Slough. We have the last few remaining spaces to fill across the school ... let it be known!



Rated 'Good' by Ofsted
Places available across the school now.
Contact us today to arrange a visit.

We are a small, single-form entry school with a big heart and strong community.
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