

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Creativity/Independence/Determination/Aspiration/Resilience/Excellence

### Dates for your Diary

 **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

What is mental health? A coffee morning for parents at school.

 **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

Half term (one week).

 **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Children back in school – Spring 2

 **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Last day of spring term – school closes at 1.15pm

 **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 –**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

Easter holidays

### Dear Parents and Carers,

The spring term has got off to a jolly good start at Pippins. I am pleased to announce the addition of two new experts, who have joined our governing board: **Mrs Jean Pinkerton OBE** and **Mrs Raminder Bath**. They both bring a fabulous skillset to our strategic leadership team, to support us, in seeing tomorrow grow. Please join me in welcoming them to our Pippins family.

I have been busy this week listening to our smashing children, asking them about their learning and school experience; I say with great fervor, our greatest asset to Pippins, is indeed our children. Please ask them the same, and see for yourself! Thank you for parking away from school. It reassures me that the children can safely walk in and out of school. Please see below, some of the key benefits of walking for children. Let's all make it our intention for 2022 – walking to school. Have a restful weekend, and do keep safe.

Mr Jalaf

### What has been happening in class? 🗨️

Over the past two weeks, **Crispin class** have been reading and enjoying nonsense poems by Spike Milligan. We have been working on our performance techniques, thinking about our tone, intonation and volume and the impact that these have on the audience. We have also been imitating his poems in our writing, using the rhyming structures to create our own versions. I have copied a couple of different verses below for you all to read and enjoy. Miss Hendry

Simar:

Ball will rhyme with hall,  
But that my friend is all,  
You can kick a football in a match,  
But not in a school hall.

Jasmine:

On the Sping Splang Splong,  
Where the bananas go chong,  
And the oranges all say hoo!  
There's a Blong Blang Bling,  
Where the peas go sping,  
And the lemon pots blibber blabber bloo!  
On the Hong Hing Hang,  
All the watermelons go bang,  
And you just can't watch them when they do!

Shayna:

In the land of the Dumbly Doo,  
You can buy shiny shoes at the zoo,  
They give away soxes,  
In little pink boxes,  
And bottles of bunny stew.

### Attendance

- F1 82%
- F2 93%
- Y1 93%
- Y2 87%
- Y3 94%
- Y4 96%
- Y5 90%
- Y6 94%

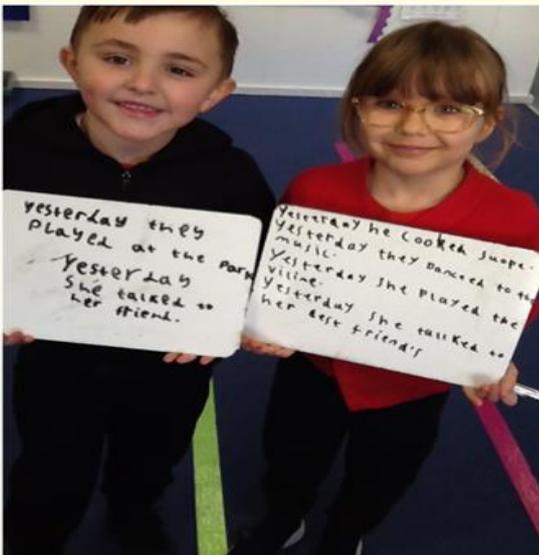


### Kids love walking because:

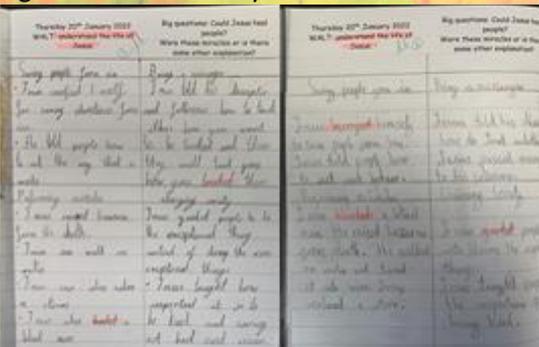
- **It's fun and interesting** – you get to notice things along the way and meet people in your neighborhood;
- **It's sociable** – children love walking with their friends, especially on the journey to school;
- **It makes them feel good** – the exercise makes them feel calmer and happier and it improves their concentration, making it easier to focus in school;
- **It promotes independence and freedom** – children can make more decisions about their journey than they can in the car. They can choose to stop and look at something along the way and they can start to make decisions about road safety. For older children, walking independently offers some time to themselves.

### The learning continues ...

In **Elstar class** this week we have learnt a new word in English. Year 1 unpacked what a 'verb' is and how to write a verb in the past tense and which rules to follow. They worked really hard to write their sentences with their partners. Can you guess what a verb is? Miss Nasir



This week, all the children in **Bramley class** enjoyed reading interesting facts about Boudicca, a fierce queen, who was alive during the time of the Roman Empire. Alongside her story, year 3 have also begun reading Alice in Wonderland for guided reading. We have all enjoyed Alice's journey so far. For R.E we are looking into the miracles Jesus performed and how they are significant to us today. Miss Sufi



### We are well underway with our new Reading Scheme Read Write Inc!

Our aim for children at Pippins is to develop a lifelong love for reading and become independent, confident readers. These are vital skills that will help them succeed in all areas of school life and their futures.

For this reason, we chose to invest in the Read Write Inc Scheme, which is devised for primary school children learning to read. Its systematic approach ensures that all children have the best chance of success with learning to read.

The staff have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to implement the scheme and it is so lovely to see the children engaged in phonics lessons.

All teachers and support staff are highly trained in delivering the phonics lessons and have noticed the amazing impact it is having on our children's reading and comprehension.

We hope to open our doors soon to parents to come and watch the children and staff in action and to see just what a great impact it is having at Pippins! Mrs Rehinsi, Mrs Jones and Miss Ly

For more information on Read Write Inc, please visit the link below

<https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

