

Friday 27th January 2022

Creativity/Independence/Determination/Aspiration/Resilience/Excellence

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Lunar New Year dress up day

Monday 21st February 2022

Half term (one week).

Monday 28th February 2022

Children back in school – Spring 2

**Monday 21st March –
Tuesday 22nd March 2022**

Parents Evenings (online)

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Parents Evenings – (online)
nursery only

Friday 25th March 2022

Mother's Day gift sale. 3.10pm at school

Friday 8th April 2022

Last day of spring term – school closes at 1.15pm

**Monday 11th April 2022 –
Friday 22nd April 2022**

Easter holidays

Dear Parents and Carers,

It just keeps on getting better! The buzz and excitement around school is getting louder and louder. This week, we have been liaising with local businesses who have come forward to support Pippins with a promotional video of the school. Watch this space! I am incredibly proud of the multiplicity of nationalities and cultures we have at Pippins, and what weaves us together, are stories; every story provides hope, happiness and allows us to visit imaginary lands. As it is **National Story Telling Week**, next week, I kindly ask as many of you as possible, to record stories in any language, and from across cultures and electronically send to the school office. They will be played in your child's class.

Our very first mental health coffee morning for parents was a success! I will pen in more dates to follow. This sits very beautifully with the school's new vision. Very shortly, I will be sharing this with you! I take this opportunity to wish all our families celebrating the Lunar New Year this week, much love and prosperity. May it bring forth peace, compassion and success for all. Mr Jalaf

What has been happening in EY?

Pixie class have enjoyed an art themed topic this week. We have been exploring 'The Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh. Together, we discussed the finer details of the painting, such as the colours, how the stars were made and we learnt that the pointy part of the church tower is called a 'spire'. The children took time to create their own version of The Starry Night, exploring light and dark shades of blue and painting the background; then adding the moon, the stars and the 'swirly whirly' wind. As a class each of the children coloured a section of the portrait using pens, pencils and oil pastels, we put them together to make a class collaboration of the portrait. The children were very excited to see it all come together. Great team work Pixie class! Mrs Bailey



Attendance

- F1 70%
- F2 86%
- Y1 96%
- Y2 83%
- Y3 94%
- Y4 93%
- Y5 100%
- Y6 95%



Lunar New Year – the year of the Tiger

Lunar New Year 2022, the Year of the Tiger, will be celebrated on 1st February 2022. The Tiger is considered to be brave and energetic. It is the symbol of power in Chinese culture. To kick start the 15-day new year celebration, we invite all children to dress up as tigers, or in red, to celebrate this special occasion. We kindly ask for a £1 donation from every child, which will go towards purchasing curriculum resources.

Please join us in making this a commemorative celebration 😊!

The learning continues ...

This week in nursery, we have been learning all about 'patterns'. We have looked at different patterns in the environment and have also had fun creating our own repeating patterns using different resources. Some of us made patterns with Duplo and Unifix bricks, whilst others made patterns with natural objects and loose parts. We also made patterns in plasticine and sand. Mrs Fowler.



PTFA

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Preet Gill and Mrs Rupinder Hundal have come forward to support Pippins with fundraising and restarting the Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA). Let's draw strength from their commitment to helping fundraise for the school; the school is only as good as it's community – please register your interest with the school office.

Parking

Thank you to all the parents who are parking away from school. We have seen a marked improvement in the children who are now walking to and from school every day. What a lovely opportunity to engage in conversation with your children at these times 😊

Uniform

Our school uniform sets exacting standards of behaviours and expectations for all our children. Please ensure your child attend is wearing the correct uniform with the school logo, and suitable footwear. Trainers are only allowed on PE days. We have now started uniform checks to ensure consistency, as we raise expectations in line with our new school vision.

Class funds

There are many classes across the school who have not received the £10 termly contribution – every penny helps fund learning resources. Please pay this directly to the class teachers.

Tissue box donations

Please continue to donate tissue boxes! They are proving concentric in keeping germs at bay in class – please send them with your child, or present them to me at the gate, in the mornings. Thank you.

