



# Pinvin Matters

## The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

July 2019

### Diary Dates:

#### September

Term begins                      Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Clubs start                        w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September

#### October

Flu immunisation R-Y6    Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Half term:** 28<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end and the summer holidays lie ahead of us. This half term has been incredibly busy and the pupils have enjoyed a wide range of new experiences and adventures.

We are delighted that the transition days went so well and the feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive. The Federation staff as a whole have worked really hard to organise and facilitate all of the events and a personal thanks from me for their dedication and hard work.

As always at this stage of term we do have some farewells to say and of course some thank yous.

Firstly we say goodbye to Mr Jim Kehoe. Jim has been part of St Nicholas School for many years and has played a key role in leading many events and success in many different roles. Thank you Mr Kehoe, we will miss you and thank you for all that you have done for the school.

Thank you too, to Ms Sarah Darby who will be moving onto pastures new in September. Ms Darby has taught many subjects and year groups since she started here as an NQT and I know she will be missed by many of us, staff and pupils alike.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Andrea Turner from Year 5 and Mrs Sally Coleman from the First School. Thank you both for supporting the school so well over the last few months. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

From the office team we say farewell to Mrs Anna Denne. Mrs Denne has been a stalwart of the office team and the wider school here for many years, working hard as part of the support network and we wish her every happiness in her new ventures. I also need to acknowledge Mrs Belinda Watkins who has been our Finance Lead for the last few years. Her expertise and thoroughness have been a huge bonus for the school and we wish her well with her plans next year too.

It has been a pleasure working with the school for the last term and I look forward to next year working with Mrs Chatterton and Mrs Jennings to deliver our school development priorities and make the Pinvin Federation a happy and highly successful place to learn.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on September 4<sup>th</sup> and hope everyone has a happy and restful summer holiday.

**Mrs J Tinsley - Associate Headteacher**

## POPS - Update

Thank you from POPS for supporting the event and well done to all the children who took part - you were all amazing and should be very proud of yourselves!!



On Friday 5th July we were in the POPStars talent show. We made up our own dance together to the song 'Shotgun' by George Ezra. We watched everyone else first because we were last on. We felt nervous but excited! We were nervous waiting for the results but WE CAME FIRST! We were so happy and really enjoyed taking part in the show.

## West Midlands Safari Park Trip

During this brief explanation of the West Midlands Safari Park I will highlight my favourite rides and the rides that terrified me the most; I truly hope you enjoy.

Throughout the safari park there was a whole variety of both animals and rides but in this paragraph I will be specifically covering the animals. My personal favourite animal was the wild dogs cute yet extremely vicious. Though you would never want to encounter one in the wild, seeing one through glass was a fun experience you would not want to miss out on. Other very popular animals were the elephants, lions and rhinos.



### Rides.

One of the most popular rides was the very ride that I never want to go on. It is a horrifyingly high rise and then a ginormous drop all the way down to the ground. My personal favourite ride was the rapids a very fun and wet water ride. Where your raft starts to spin whilst going through splashing water. Remember to cover yourself on the off chance you get soaked. Other personal favourites were the snake slides and the Hurtling Hippos.

Overall the West Midlands Safari Park School trip was extremely enjoyable and I would definitely go again and I hope everyone else enjoyed it as much as I did. By Victor M PS they should add Platypi.

### **Parking round school**

Please remember to park with consideration for residents who live round school at the end of the day. Please DO NOT block our neighbours paths and driveways.

# Sports Roundup!

## Table Tennis St Nicholas v St Egwin's

On June 25th, Mr McKay's table tennis group played in a series of matches against St. Egwin's, Evesham. The boys won 28-2 demonstrating just how much they have all developed in their technique and skill. Mr McKay is looking forward to next year, when he has some more fixtures lined up! Well done boys!



## South Worcestershire in the Minor Counties Athletics Championships

A huge congratulations to the 5 children who represented South Worcestershire in the Minor Counties Athletics Championships, at Nunnery Wood Athletics Track- Alice L, Alice S, Sam, Will and Izzy.

You all competed to the highest standard and should feel extremely proud of yourselves. For any child wanting to join an athletics club, Worcester Athletics Club run on a Tuesday and Thursday night 6-7pm.

## South Worcestershire Schools Year 6 Cricket Tournament

A huge well done to both the Year 6 girls and boys cricket teams who each won in their tournaments at Pershore Cricket Club. A real team spirit was displayed and lots of fun too!

## Worcestershire School Summer Games, Bromsgrove School 2019

On July 2nd the Pinvin Federation represented South Worcestershire at the School Summer Games in three sports. Class 2 performed their hearts out at the Dance Showcase with their 'Fire' dance and were lucky enough to have a go at rock climbing. The Year 6 swimming team came an amazing second in county,



picking up silver medals and Alex R was part of the bronze winning team for indoor rowing. It was a truly special event to be a part of, with 1300 children from across the county taking part. Well done on such super effort and a particular thank you to Ceris Styler who helped

support our swimmers on the day.



## "Friends" Update

Thank you to our wonderful parents and carers who have given their support to the "Friends" events this year. From assisting at discos, sending in donations and baking cakes to attending events like the Chocolate Bingo, we are very grateful. Currently we are raising funds to assist with the playground makeover; this project starts over the summer holidays. In September, we will be losing several of our Committee members; please, please consider joining. We don't hold endless meetings and it is enjoyable organising events for our children and families. Contact school if you are interested or need further information.

### School Lottery

Both parents and staff have been lucky in the school lottery weekly draw. It costs approximately £4 a month and you have a good chance of winning. Visit the school website and click the school lottery link to join.

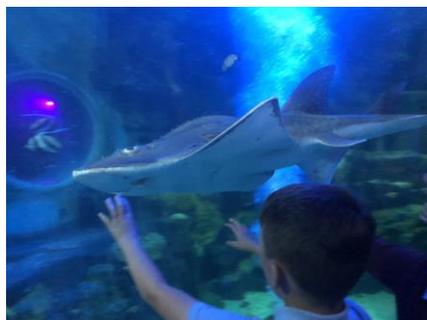
It could be your turn next week!

## Safeguarding Arrangements

From September the key staff members responsible for Safeguarding will be Designated Safeguarding Leads: based at First School - Mrs R Chatterton, Miss L Newman and Mrs J Groves. Based at Middle School: Mrs J Tinsley, Mrs S Jennings and deputies will be Mrs M Brown and Miss C McSwiney.

### A fishy experience:

Class 2 had an exciting trip to Birmingham's Sea Life Centre, as part of their topic on Oceans and Continents. The day



was full of awe and wonder- especially when we went through the underwater tunnel! We were also treated to a 'behind the scenes' tour where we got to see baby sea creatures and the types of food that are fed to the animals.

## Focus on Attendance

By now you should have received our updated Attendance Policy by email; please let us know if not and we can arrange to re-send. The policy is also available on the school website.

If your child's attendance is below 90% at the end of the year, they are classed as a Persistent Absentee which is a serious matter because of the impact their attendance is having upon their learning. We will be contacting all parents and carers whose children fall into this category.

## Year 7 triumph at No 8!



A stunning performance of Rock Bottom took place at No 8 in Pershore on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Parents and carers enjoyed the show which was the result of many hours of rehearsals and a lot of hard work by staff. Congratulations to the whole cast for a wonderful show. Special thanks to Mrs Hooper for all the effort and expertise she has put into producing such a marvellous show.

The pictures show the cast performing to the rest of the school.

