

NEWSLETTER 26th November 2020



“Head”lines

Thank you to everyone who donated online to Children in Need or brought in food items. Collectively Pixmore Junior School raised £298 – which is wonderful thank you so much!

There was some great writing work from Year 3 as well as pictures which I’ve seen this week. Congratulations to all the children who have participated in the E-safety poster competition. This week Year 6 had the opportunity to watch a ‘livestream’ performance of Macbeth and have also written their own rousing the troops ‘Macbeth’ speeches as well and will finish the week with a Pirate Day on Friday! Year 5 have had a great Victorian School Day today. Next week year 4 will have an Egyptian Day.



Parents and carers of Year 4 and Year 5 children will be sent their child’s ‘virtual’ Year group assemblies by the end of this week. The teachers and children have enjoyed putting these together to showcase the work and learning completed so far this term. We hope you enjoy spotting your child! The link will be sent via SeeSaw, MME and ParentMail, so please make sure you check these platforms for the link.



Staffing

Pixmore staff have welcomed into Year 6, a student teacher from the University of Hertfordshire, Ms. Mudholkar, who will be in school for the next few weeks, completing a placement in our school. She has been briefed on all our COVID safety and procedures and we are very happy to support the development of a new teacher into Pixmore.



PSA

The PSA have generously donated £30 per class for teachers to provide an end of term treat. It will be left to teachers and children to decide what they would like to do and I am sure the teachers will let you know what has been agreed with good notice. It might be in school or out of school but it will be held in the last week of term (week beginning 14th December). We are very lucky to have a generous PSA so please support them in your fund raising activities if you can. It is your child that benefits from funds raised.

We will be selling Christmas Raffle tickets soon, further details and information will be forwarded soon.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

The booking system for Virtual Parent Consultations will open at 6pm on 30th November via ParentMail. Please contact the school office if you require assistance. You will receive a 'join the meeting link' before your booked appointment.

If your child has an EHCP or SEND, there is no need to book an appointment as Mrs Willans will contact you directly to make a convenient virtual appointment.



Pix Sport

Sports News:

All the children in the school have been learning and practicing cricket skills this half term working towards a virtual competition. 32 children represented team Pixmore last Friday. The children took part in five different bowling, batting, and fielding activities, the teams did really well in the cold and wet weather conditions. We will have a wait for all the other local schools to submit their results to see how we got on.

The top point scores for the competition where:

Year 3 - Oliver and Lilly

Year 4 - Luis and Rosie-Grace

Year 5 - Ben and Malika

Year 6 - Max and Millie

Inter house competition:

Alongside the virtual cricket competition, we ran an inter-school cricket competition with another 32 children representing and earning points for their house.

The results are as follows:

Blue - 602

Yellow - 578

Green - 563

Red - 547



Christmas

A number of parents have asked me about the following things. Having looked into it the protocols are different this year but we think this is a good compromise and it follows HCC advice.

Cards

A Post box will be in each Year group area **from 1st December with the last day for posting being 9.30am on Tuesday morning 15th December.** Children need to put the child's name and last initial too plus their class e.g. Fred W 3J.

Cards will not be given out until Friday 18th December so they have been quarantined before being sorted.

Gifts

Where possible Christmas gifts for children or staff will follow the same procedure as the cards so please make sure gifts are clearly labelled and in by **Tuesday 15th December** in order for them to be handed out on **Friday 18th December.**

Christmas Concerts

Unfortunately we will not be able to do 'live' concerts but we hope to put together a Christmas concert video much like the assemblies to share with you all by the end of term. The link to the concert will be sent out via SeeSaw, MME and ParentMail on the last day of term as we are filming at the beginning of the last week of term.



School Council

When the school council met on 13th November, they were asked to design a new logo for the school council headed paper to replace the current one, which was designed by a pupil who is no longer at the school. They were also asked if they want to be involved in producing year group one minute videos where they talk about their experiences of life at Pixmore to share with families thinking about sending their child to our school. They were also asked to share information we have received from the Royal Mint, who are asking children to create designs for a new 50p on the theme of 'diversity'. All children in the school are welcome to create a design, which will be submitted by Mrs Willans next month. Thank you to the school councillors for their enthusiasm - we look forward to seeing the final video!



Regular Reminders



School Office

- The school office opens at 8.00 AM and remains open until 4.00 PM.
- The office gets very busy at the beginning and ends of the school day, so messages may go to the answerphone as the office staff are dealing with face-to-face or other telephone enquiries.
- You can contact the school office to report absences by email at admin@pixmore.herts.sch.uk, via your ParentMail account or by phone on 01462 620555 and leave a message on the absence option. Please give full explanation of illness or other reason for absence for our reporting.
- Reminder we are a Cash-Free school, any payments required for school activities should be made via your ParentMail account. Please contact us if you require any assistance.



Medication

If your child needs to take any medication during school hours, please ensure:

- Any adult brings any medication to the school office and collects it at the end of the day
- The adult completes a medication form
- **DO NOT** send any medication in with your child. This ensures that everyone is kept safe, to avoid any allergies or lose.

Ways to contact us



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Calendar Dates for year 2020-21

Academic Year 2020-21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

27/11/20	Year 6 – Treasure Island Day
03/12/20	Year 4 – Egyptian Day
14/12/20	Christmas productions (online)
16/12/20	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day for an optional donation for our School Council's choice of Charity £1.00 via ParentMail
18/12/20	Last Day of Term – Early Finish at 12 noon

SPRING TERM 2021

04/01/21	INSET Day (School Closed)
05/01/21	Children return to School
18/01/21	Year 4 – Anglo-Saxon Workshop
15/02/20-19/02/20	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
01/03/21	Year 4 – Viking Workshop
04/03/21	World Book Day
26/03/20	Last Day of Term – normal finish at 3.15pm

SUMMER TERM 2021

12/04/21	Children return to School
03/05/21	BANK Holiday (School Closed)
18/05/21	Class Group Photographs
31/05/21-04/06/21	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
21-25/06/21	Yr6 Residential Trip to Butlins, Skegness
16/07/21	Last Day of Term – Early Finish at 2pm
19/07/21	INSET Day (School Closed)
20/07/21	INSET Day (School Closed)
21/07/21	Occasional Day (School Closed)
22/07/21	INSET Day (School Closed)