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WEEK COMMENCING 18TH NOVEMBER 2019

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for supporting our work on 'Anti-Bullying' this week.

"The 'Anti-Bullying Alliance' worked with 1,000 children to help choose this year's theme of 'change starts with us'. It was picked in order to promote the idea of working together to challenge bullying, to help people to start a conversation about it, and to help put an end to bullying altogether. Children highlighted where they thought change should start, with over three quarters (76%) of those polled saying that social media and gaming platforms should do more to change the way they address bullying.

More than four in ten (44%) of children said that the media and influencers had the power to reduce bullying. Lots of events will be taking place in schools across the UK to mark the week.

On Friday, the children wore odd socks to raise awareness of the campaign. The idea behind this is that it celebrates the fact that everybody is unique and different."

Additionally, Monday was, of course, Remembrance Day. The whole school came together for an assembly to discuss the importance of this event and why these special people must always be remembered. The school held a 2-minutes silence in the school hall, followed by a ceremony whereby key members of the school community laid poppy wreaths at the school Cenotaph.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Year 4 parents' evenings this week; Mr Church reported that it was a very positive week. Please can I take this opportunity to remind Year 5 and Year 6 parents to ensure they have booked their parents' evening appointments, ready for next week, and I look forward to seeing you all then.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Siggs
Principal



Attendance & Punctuality

11th November — 15th November 2019

	Authorised Lates	Unauthorised Lates	Total Attendances
Form	Number	Number	%
Jupiter	2	0	75.21
Form 6W	7	0	91.40
Saturn	1	2	91.46
Form 3S	1	0	93.89
Form 5P	4	0	94.33
Form 4M	1	0	94.46
Form 5J	3	0	95.19
Form 6D	1	0	95.70
Form 6C	0	0	95.83
Form 6ST	1	0	96.55
Form 4D	5	0	97.58
Form 3DP	0	1	97.79
Form 3F	0	0	98.08
Form 4F	0	0	98.21
Form 3B	3	0	98.48
Form 4H	0	0	98.62
Form 5M	0	0	98.89
Form 5O	0	1	99.64

**Our whole school attendance target is 97%, this week
the whole school achieved 95.88 %**

Well done to class 5O for achieving 99.64%

**Well done to all those classes for achieving
higher than our school target!**

**Did you know that every time your child is late or absent from school they are
missing vital learning time.**

1 full day absence equates to 2 absences AM and PM

Please note that each child's attendance and punctuality rate is monitored on a regular basis. If it is seen that a child's attendance or punctuality is below our expected requirement, then parents will be contacted either by letter or a mutually convenient appointment will be arranged to discuss the situation in order for us to offer support.

If your child is not going to be in school, please leave a message on the academy answer phone on each morning of their absence or email office@pickhurst.com stating their name, class and the reason for their absence as early as possible but no later than 9.30am.

Thank you for your cooperation

GETTING TO KNOW



When is your birthday?	2nd June
What is your favourite colour?	Burgundy
What is your favourite subject to teach?	IPC
What did you enjoy learning about the most when you were at school?	Art textiles
What is your favourite book?	Goodnight Stories For Rebel Girls
What is your favourite film?	Elf
What is your favourite food?	Sushi
What music do you enjoy listening to?	Country

POPPY APPEAL



Remembrance Assembly held on Monday 11th November.



Some fantastic pottery made by the children who attend the After School Pottery Club.



CHILDREN IN NEED



As part of 'Friendship Week' this week, children are encouraged to wear odd socks on Friday and donate £1, which will go to Children in Need

**BBC****Children
in Need**

NEWS FROM THE INCLUSION TEAM

What are The Zones of Regulation?

This week our Speech & Language Therapist introduced 'Zones of Regulations' to one of our classes.

Self-regulation is something everyone continually works on, whether we are aware of it or not. We all encounter trying circumstances that test our limits from time to time. If we are able to recognize when we are becoming less regulated, we are able to do something about it to feel better and get ourselves to a better place. This comes naturally for some, but for others it is a skill that needs to be taught and practiced. This is the goal of The Zones of Regulation (or 'Zones' for short).



We hope to share this throughout the school to enable all pupils to self-regulate.



We are currently arranging for our colleagues from Bromley Wellbeing to come in and host a workshop - 'Managing Your Child's Fears and Worries' – this is provisionally arranged for January 2020 – date to be confirmed.

Wednesday 27th November

Dyslexic people can change the world! With Margaret Rooke, book author

7.30 PM for 8.00 PM start, St Nicholas Church Hall, Church Lane, Chislehurst, BR7 5PE - For more information, contact: dyslexiawise@gmail.com

Next week is Anti Bullying week and we will be working with the children to talk about good friendships and how to sustain them.



Free #BeKind keyrings are available at Smiggle stores until stocks last

What We Have Been Doing in the ARP This Week

We had a lovely start to the week as on Monday, some children from Saturn and Jupiter class went to the Remembrance Day assembly. It was a wonderful assembly and all children took part in the two minute silence.



Saturn class made some beautiful Poppies using coloured card and tissue paper in light of Remembrance Day. The children really enjoyed this arts and crafts activity.



Saturn class also really enjoyed our Coca Cola and Mentos Rocket activity. Mentos were dropped into the Coca Cola and all children watched as the Coca Cola bubbled up and squirted out the top of the bottle. All children were really engaged in the activity.



Jupiter class had fun in PE with Coach Michael on Thursday where they played hockey. All children done so well in following the correct positions and rules of the game and all had a great lesson.

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week and Jupiter class have been talking about what things are kind and unkind. The children had to create an Anti-Bullying poster to explain and show what they think Anti-Bullying is about. Fantastic posters were created by all.



Have a lovely weekend,

The ARP Team.

WELL DONE

DINER OF THE WEEK

The Diner of the Week is nominated by the Dining Hall Team and pupils are judged on their politeness and impeccable table manners.

THIS WEEKS DINER OF THE WEEK IS BEAU H (5M)



CONGRATULATIONS

THANK YOU

A massive thank you to Mrs Counsell for tiling the dining hall with the ceramic tiles from Emma's Pottery Parlour. It looks amazing !!



NOURISH

THEME DAY CALENDAR 2019/20



MAY

BOARD GAMES DAY



JUNE

SUMMER SEASIDE DAY



JULY

ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MOON LANDING DAY

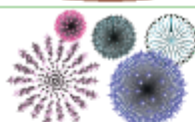
SEPTEMBER

MAKING FRIENDS DAY



OCTOBER

MR NOURISH'S BIRTHDAY



NOVEMBER

FIREWORKS DAY



DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY



JANUARY

CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY



FEBRUARY

PANCAKE DAY



MARCH

WORLD BOOK DAY



APRIL

ST GEORGE'S DAY



PICKHURST CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP SHOP



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have seen in the dates for your diary, Pickhurst Academy will be supporting Save the Children by taking part in their annual Christmas Jumper day. Children are asked to wear a Christmas Jumper in exchange for a £1 donation.

This is to be held on our Festive Friday, Friday 13th December.

This Friday includes Christmas Jumper Day, The Pickhurst Christmas Bake Off and Santa's Apprentice Christmas Fair after school! All things Festive crammed into one day!

In line with both the School and PTAs continuing pledge to be more environmentally friendly we are introducing the Christmas Jumper Swap Shop!

We are asking that you donate all those unwanted Christmas Jumpers from years gone by for others to use over this festive period. This stops the need to buy new jumpers, both helping to save money and the planet in one step.

There will be a Christmas Jumper drop off box located in the reception foyer from now until Thursday 5th December. The PTA will collate and store these donations. (We ask that jumpers are clean and presentable)

We will then hold a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop in the school hall on Friday 6th December, straight after drop off.

All parents/carers are invited to come and choose a donated jumper. This will obviously be on a first come, first served basis.

We hope you will be able to support us in this venture.

Many Thanks

The PTA



Pickhurst Academies Carol Concert Ticket Update!



Pickhurst Infant
Academy PTA



Dear Parents/Carers

The tickets for the Pickhurst Academies Carol Concert, on Friday 6th December, are selling fast! This event is a joint event for both Junior and Infant schools.

We have currently sold over half the tickets and only have approximately 100 tickets left.

If you are thinking of coming, we suggest you purchase your tickets ASAP as once tickets have sold out there will only be a very limited number of standing room only tickets on the door.

Tickets can be bought at www.pta-events.co.uk/pickhurstjuniorpta

Adults: £3.00

Children Free

(We would kindly ask that you include the voluntary fee into your ticket, as otherwise this cost is passed to the PTA)

Hope to see you there

The PTA



THE PTA: HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

<p>TREASURER A position that can be shared</p> <p>WEBSITE COORDINATOR Dealing with the PTA-Events website</p>	<p>SECRETARY A position that can be shared</p> <p>DONATIONS COORDINATOR Fundraising for raffles and Auctions</p>
<p>COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR Dealing with Facebook and the Newsletter</p>	



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Dates for your Diary 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019		
Week	Date	Event
6	Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th October 2019	Dyslexia Awareness Week
	Thursday 10 th October 2019	World Mental Health Day
	Friday 11 th October 2019	9:15am Harvest Festival
7	Tuesday 15 th October 2019	9:00am – 10:30am Year 3 Entry (2020-2021) Open Morning
	Tuesday 15 th October 2019	Flu immunisations
	Tuesday 15 th – Thursday 17 th October 2019	Year 3 Parents' Evening
	Thursday 17 th October 2019	Jupiter / Saturn Parents' Evening
	Friday 18 th October 2019	Stand Up 2 Cancer Day (tbc)
	Friday 18 th October 2019	5:30pm – 7pm Halloween Glow Disco (PTA event)
	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th October 2019	Half-term – school closed
8	Monday 28 th October 2019	INSET Day – school closed to children
	Tuesday 29 th October 2019	Children return to school
	Thursday 31 st October 2019	9:00am – 9:45am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning (Dyslexia)
	Friday 1 st November 2019	Pupil Portrait Photos
	Friday 1 st November 2019	6:30pm – 8pm Fireworks (PTA event)
10	Monday 11 th – 15 th November 2019	Friendship Week (Anti-Bullying Week)
	Tuesday 12 th – Thursday 14 th November 2019	Year 4 Parents' Evening
	Tuesday 12 th November	Year 6 Road Safety Talk
	Friday 15 th November 2019	Children in Need (£1 donation)
	Saturday 16 th November 2019	Year 5 / 6 Cross Country
11	Tuesday 19 th – Thursday 21 st November 2019	Year 5 / 6 Parents' Evening
12	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th November 2019	Elf Shop (PTA event)
	Tuesday 26 th November 2019	Year 4 Trip to Globe Theatre
	Thursday 28 th November 2019	9:00am – 9:45am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning (Maths)
	Thursday 28 th November 2019	1:30pm – 3:00pm Music Concert to parents
13	Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th December 2019	Life Bus in school
	Friday 6 th December 2019	3:30pm (doors open) – 5:30pm Carol Concert (PTA)
	Saturday 7 th December 2019	3:30pm – 5:00pm Choir at Big Sing (St Francis of Assisi, West Wickham)
14	Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th December 2019	Elfridges – Secret present room (PTA)
	Monday 9 th December 2019	Year 5 Trip to Inmarsat
	Monday 9 th December 2019	9:00am Year 6 Christmas Production
		2:00pm Year 3 Christmas Production
	Tuesday 10 th December 2019	9:00am Year 4 Christmas Production
		2:00pm Year 5 Christmas Production
	Wednesday 11 th December 2019	9:00am Year 3 Christmas Production
		2:00pm Year 6 Christmas Production
	Thursday 12 th December 2019	School Closed to children – General Election Polling Station
	Friday 13 th December 2019	9:00am Jupiter & Saturn Christmas Production
15	Friday 13 th December 2019	Christmas Fair (PTA)
	Friday 13 th December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for Save The Children)
	Tuesday 17 th December 2019	9:00am Year 5 Christmas Production
		2:00pm Year 4 Christmas Production
	Thursday 19 th December 2019	Last day of term – school closes at 1:30pm
	Friday 20 th December 2019 – Monday 6 th	Christmas Holidays – school closed

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2020		
Week	Date	Event
1	Monday 6 th January 2020	INSET Day – school closed to children
	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Children return to school
2	Thursday 16 th January 2020	9:00am – 9:45am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning (English)
	Monday 20 th & Tuesday 21 st January 2020	Y5 Trip to Royal Observatory
3	Friday 24 th January 2020	Chinese New Year
	Tuesday 28 th January 2020	Y3 Trip to Natural History Museum
5	Wednesday 5 th February 2020	Year 6 Splattermake
	Friday 7 th February 2020	Quiz Night (PTA event)
6	Tuesday 11 th February 2020	Year 6 Splattermake
	Tuesday 11 th February 2020	Safer Internet Day
	Wednesday 12 th February 2020	Year 6 Splattermake
	Thursday 13 th February 2020	9:00am – 9:45am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning (Science)
	Friday 14 th February 2020	Valentine's Disco (PTA event)
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February 2020		Half-term – school closed
7/8	Monday 24 th February – 6 th March 2020	Fairtrade fortnight
8	Tuesday 3 rd – Thursday 5 th March 2020	Year 3 / 4 Parents' Evening
	Thursday 5 th March 2020	World Book Day (Dress-up day)
9	Tuesday 10 th – Thursday 12 th March 2020	Year 5 / 6 Parents' Evening
10	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th March 2020	Mother's Day Sale (PTA event)
	Thursday 19 th March 2020	9:00am – 9:45am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning (IPC)
11	Friday 27 th March 2020	2:30pm Earth Hour
12	Thursday 2 nd April 2020	World Autism Day (£1 donation)
	Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Year 4 Carnival Day
	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Last day of term – school closes at 1:30pm
	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Chocolate Tombola (PTA event)
Monday 6 th 2020 – Friday 17 th April 2020		Easter Holidays – school closed

Summer Term 2020		
Week	Date	Event
1	Monday 20 th April 2020	INSET Day – school closed to children
	Tuesday 21 st April 2020	Children return
	Thursday 23 rd April 2020	St George's Day
2	Thursday 30 th April 2020	9:00am – 9:45am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning (EAL)
	Saturday 2 nd May 2020	Circus (PTA event with infants)
3	Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th May 2020	Year 4 PGL
	Friday 8 th May 2020	VE Day (Bank Holiday – school closed)
4	Saturday 16 th May 2020	Colour Run (PTA event)
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2020		Half-term – school closed
6	Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June 2020	Year 6 Residential to Wales
7	Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June 2020	Healthy Eating Week
	Tuesday 9 th June 2020	Class Photos
	Wednesday 10 th June 2020	Year 5 to Lion King
	Thursday 11 th June 2020	9:00am – 9:45am Parent/Carer Coffee Morning (Review of the year)
8	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th June 2020	Science Week
	Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th June 2020	Father's Day Sale (PTA event)
	Tuesday 16 th June 2020	Great Science Share (dress-up day, £1 donation)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Wednesday 17 th June 2020	Year 6 to Lion King
10	Monday 29 th June 2020	Year 6 Production (matinee)
	Tuesday 30 th June 2020	Year 6 Production (evening)
	Thursday 2 nd July 2020	Year 6 Production (evening)
	Thursday 2 nd July 2020	1:30pm – 3pm Music concert to parents
11	Tuesday 7 th July 2020	Year 5/6 Sports Day
	Wednesday 8 th July 2020	Year 3/4 Sports Day
	Friday 10 th July 2020	Pickfest
12	Monday 13 th July 2020	Reports go home
	Friday 17 th July 2020	1:30pm – 3:00pm Open Afternoon
	Friday 17 th July 2020	Year 6 Leavers Disco
13	Monday 20 th July 2020	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	Monday 20 th July 2020	School closes at 1:30pm
	Tuesday 21 st July 2020	INSET Day – school closed to children
	Wednesday 22 nd July 2020	Summer Holidays start



SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES



PICKHURST ACADEMY

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2018-2020

2018			
Autumn Term 1 st Half	Half Term	Autumn Term 2 nd Half	Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 5 th September to Friday 19 th October	Monday 22 nd October to Friday 26 th October	Monday 29 th October to Friday 21 st December	Monday 24 th December to Friday 4 th January 2019
2019			
Spring Term 1 st Half	Half Term	Spring Term 2 nd Half	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 8 th January to Friday 15 th February	Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February	Monday 25 th February to Friday 5 th April	Monday 8 th April to Monday 22 nd April
Summer Term 1 st Half	Half Term	Summer Term 2 nd Half	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April to Friday 24 th May (Bank Holiday 6 th May)	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	Monday 3 rd June to Thursday 18 th July	Wednesday 24 th July to Friday 30 th August
Autumn Term 1 st Half	Half Term	Autumn Term 2 nd Half	Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 4 th September to Friday 18 th October	Monday 21 st October to Friday 25 th October	Tuesday 29 th October to Thursday 19 th December	Friday 20 th December to Friday 3 rd January 2020
2020			
Spring Term 1 st Half	Half Term	Spring Term 2 nd Half	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 7 th January to Friday 14 th February	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Monday 24 th February to Friday 3 rd April	Monday 6 th April to Friday 17 th April
Summer Term 1 st Half	Half Term	Summer Term 2 nd Half	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 21 st April to Friday 22 nd May (Bank Holiday 4 th May)	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Monday 1 st June to Monday 20 th July	Tuesday 21 st July to Wednesday 2 nd September

Year 6 Induction Day 2019 = Tuesday 2nd July

INSET DAYS (PUPILS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL)

Academic Year 2018/2019	Academic Year 2019/2020
Monday 3 rd September 2018	Monday 2 nd September 2019
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
Monday 7 th January 2019	Monday 28 th October 2019
Friday 19 th July 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020
Monday 22 nd July 2019	Monday 20 th April 2020
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Tuesday 21 st July 2020