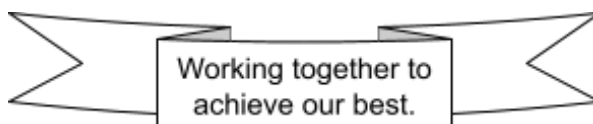




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Open Days for Parents of Children Due to Start School in September 2022

We will be holding open days for parents of children who are due to start school in **September 2022**. See the poster attached.

- The open days are on **Tuesday 6th July** and **Wednesday 14th July**
- Tours will run from 9.30am and 1.30pm on both days.
- Please telephone the school office on 01525 402735 to book your appointment if this is relevant to you - thank you.

It will be so exciting to be able to have visitors come in again and see our fantastic children working hard in school... we can't wait to see you on our open days!

Reception Year Football

Dear Pine Parents

Under normal circumstances, we would have been approaching the end of the first season for the Reception year of the Firs football team. However, as we all know this hasn't been a normal year and we haven't had the chance to bring the kids together to have some fun playing football.



With things starting to open up again, we have the opportunity to run some training sessions at Redborne before they close down for the summer holidays. We'd like to get some indication of interest for this before booking the pitch and arranging the sessions. We are of course planning to run sessions for the same cohort of children starting in September as they start year 1, but thought they (and their parents!) might benefit from some introductory sessions this term. We would be aiming to start Saturday 5th June until the end of July. If we are unable to book Redborne we also have an option to book a pitch at the Leisure Centre.

The focus will be on fun, and we welcome all kids who are keen to learn some new skills - it should go without saying (but I will say it anyway) we would love to see a good mix of boys and girls coming down. Friendly matches don't typically start until Year 1 and clearly we will be behind the curve due to Covid. We are hoping these initial training sessions will help us to get back on track.

In order to secure the training facility, we will need a commitment from at least 10 parents to cover pitch costs (once we have confirmed interest, we can give more detail on costs but these should be minimal). If you would like your child to take part please email cartwright.james@googlemail.com and let us know if you would want to start this term, or wait until September.

There are 3 of us volunteering this year and what we lack in experience we make up for in enthusiasm! However we would welcome any extra support and especially any female influence. Again just reply to this email if you think you can help or if you just have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you at training soon!

Scott (Diego's Dad), Chris (Corey's Dad) and James (Sam's Dad)

Pine Plea

If your child has any unwanted matchbox cars we would love to have them for our children to play with in Pine!



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Our Value for May - Responsibility

At school, we have explained to the children that responsibility is about accepting they have a role to fulfil in the world around them. A child who is responsible is eager to play their part; they use their growth mindset to work with others well, persevere to do their best to achieve goals.

In assemblies we have talked about the responsibility shown by astronauts like Tim Peake, we learned about the [Starfish story](#) and next week we will be creating a list of what the children are responsible for in each class.

We are asking parents/carers at home to send in a note if they think their child has demonstrated responsibility, describing how they demonstrated this value. We will celebrate some of their achievements in assembly (if they are happy with this). Examples of responsibility might be:

- Taking responsibility for doing things at home e.g. making their bed in the morning, laying the table at meal times.
- Taking care of things e.g. watering plants, feeding the goldfish.
- Helping others when they need it e.g. if mum is not feeling well, offering to do extra jobs to help out.
- Helping to make a better world e.g. taking care not to drop litter, making sure to recycle, being happy to walk rather than expecting to go by car.



If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.

Les Brown

Photograph Orders

If you would like to bring your photograph orders into school, please do so by Thursday 20th May. You can also order online if you prefer - thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Adam J G Campbell", on a light blue background.

Adam J G Campbell
Headteacher