

Pixies news

Happy Holidays!



You need only to look at nature and the seasons around us to appreciate patience



Value of the month

Although this has only been a short month with the pending arrival of the summer holidays, we have had time to think about the value of **Patience** and how we can develop skills in fostering this. The children enjoyed looking at work by artist, Dalton Ghetti who creates tiny pieces of art out of pencil leads such as the works in the photograph above. I'm sure we can all imagine how much patience this took and how many failures along the way Dalton experienced to be able to do this. We have also taught the children some breathing exercises and techniques to enter a calm, patient state. In September, we will be reviewing all our Values as we will be doing a full review of Values based Education which we do every 3 years and this may result in us changing some of our monthly themes. However, we will start the year by focusing on **Quality** as the children return to school refreshed and ready for another fantastic year.

Martin Smith, Headteacher

Time for new beginnings

It is always a slightly empty feeling when the Year 6 cohort exits the school on the final day of school ready to meet the challenges and excitement of beginning a new school life. This Year 6 cohort have been one of the most mature groups in recent years with wisdom beyond their years and they have grasped all the many opportunities presented to them. We are extremely proud of all the hard work they have put into their school performance, the social side of school and their record breaking results (see next page).



It is also time to say goodbye to Mrs Savaniya who has worked really hard all year with our Year 2 children and we wish her well as she moves on to pastures new at the conclusion of her fixed contract.

Upcoming events

Mon 3rd Sept

INSET Day

Fri 7th Sept

School Council Elections

Thurs 13th Sept | 3.30pm & 4pm

Meet the Teacher

Fri 14th Sept

Swimming Starts Y5 & Y6

Mon 17th Sept | 7pm

Governor Business Meeting

Wed 19th Sept | 5-6pm

Phonics Workshop

Thurs 20th Sept

GB Athlete Visit

Thurs 27th Sept | 9.15am

Year 6 Class Assembly

Thurs 4th Oct | 9.15am

Year 5 Class Assembly



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We love to learn
and learn to love!

We are the champions! Again!

Well done to our sporting heroes! Last year, we won the Dacorum Inter-school sports event after competing against many other schools in the area for the first time. This year, we've won it again to retain the trophy which we will have engraved.



Phonics Workshop

If you are in EYFS, KS1 or you're a curious parent in KS2, please put Wed 19th Sept 5-6pm in your diary for the annual phonics workshop.

The workshop this year will be quite different from previous years as we introduce you to our new phonics scheme (Read, Write, Inc) which we have been using since last January. It's been very successful so do come along to find out more!



Stars of the week



Week of 06/07/18

Reception: **Alfie Garner**
 Year 1: **Zack Auld**
 Year 2: **Georgia Harris**
 Year 3: **Sullivan Hatchett**
 Year 4: **Ollie Jackson**
 Year 5: **Grace Deane**
 Year 6: **Jack Lee**

Week of 13/07/18

Reception: **Leo Marrin**
 Year 1: **Whole Class**
 Year 2: **Maison Sanders**
 Year 3: **Kayne Derham**
 Year 4: **Izzy Hall**
 Year 5: **Callum Christie, Zack Broadbent & Hayden Marsh**
 Year 6: **Matthew Baker**

News in Brief

- Miss Gemma Shaw will be joining the team from November onwards to cover Miss Best's maternity leave. She has taught across several year groups for 5 years and most recently has spent a year in Spain teaching in English to Spanish children.
- We are looking forward to welcoming a member of Team GB athletic team in Sept to talk to the children about their sporting journeys and to inspire our own athletic team to a 3rd straight win in next year's Dacorum Inter-Sports Competition!
- Building works will be starting in September. Every piece of window walling is going to be replaced following a successful building grants bid. It'll cause 12 weeks of disruption but we feel the benefits will be worthwhile and lead to a more environmentally friendly building. Mr Woods is also going to replace all the lights in the hall to environmentally friendly LEDs over the summer holiday.



KS2 SATs Results

Not only have Year 6 equalled the results we had last year which were the highest of any school in Dacorum, they've also set new records with the greatest number of children reaching the greater depth levels of attainment. Well done Year 6! We have posted up the full results on the website ...we're just waiting for some 2018 national figures to come through on greater depth.

	Pixies Hill	National	Difference	Pixies Hill (Average Scaled Score)	National (Average Scaled Core)	Difference	Pixies Hill (RWM Combined)	National (RWM Combined)	Difference
Reading	93%	75%	+18%	109	105	+4	86%	64%	+22%
Writing	86%	78%	+8%	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown			
SPAG	89%	78%	+11%	110	106	+4			
Maths	89%	76%	+13%	108	104	+4			

GDPR Consent Reminder

A polite reminder that we will require a consent letter completed for each child ready for September. The implications of not having consent will mean we will be unable to produce a newsletter in the same format, parents will not be allowed to take photos at assemblies/events, all website photos will need to be removed, etc. If you need to withhold consent for good reasons then please feel free to do so but please ensure you have considered this carefully.

See you there!

School will resume on Tuesday 4th September at the usual time

Well done to everyone!

