



Headteacher:  
Mr Wheeler

*“Shine like stars in the sky as you hold on to the word of life”  
(Philippians 2:15)*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

More busy and exciting times at Pamphill. The children continue to thrive as they get increasingly settled into the rhythms of school life. Stags have been working on some truly awesome non-chronological reports and are bubbling with excitement ahead of their Stonehenge trip on Monday. Foxes have been busy with all sorts of things, including learning how to use the chromebooks in school and about Judaism in RE. Owls continue to amaze me with how independent they are becoming and are learning their sounds so fast!

Unfortunately, it seems that the number of Covid cases are increasing locally as we approach half term and you may find you are contacted by Track and Trace in the coming weeks. The feeling among local schools is that as the winter bugs and colds have started to emerge, more people are getting tested and subsequently the number of known positive cases is increasing in the area. We encourage you to get a PCR test if you are contacted by Track and Trace, but want to reiterate that we continue to do all we can to make school a safe place with increased hand washing and keeping the rooms well ventilated. I would also like to reiterate that no child should be off school unless they are ill or are isolating following a positive test.

Have a wonderful weekend, stay safe and look after yourselves,

Mr Wheeler

### **Dojo Update**

The children continue to enjoy this aspect of school life and are now either close to, or have recently achieved their 50 certificate: a truly brilliant achievement in the short space of time we have been using it so far.

There's no doubt it is helping to ensure positivity flows through the veins of the school.

### **Information Evening and Open Mornings**

Thanks again to all of those who joined us for our information evening last Tuesday. (Year 1 parents you get the 100% attendance award - well done!) We were delighted with the turnout and have also welcomed 17 prospective new families to our open mornings this week.

Personally, at both of these events I have really enjoyed showing off what we have to offer here at Pamphill, and in a week we have been thinking about being thankful in our collective worships, I am enormously thankful to all of you who play such a key role in making the community around this beautiful school what it is.

### **Eco Update**



We've been thinking about showing love for our world this week and were lucky to have Kirsten Juniper come to talk to us, and the preschool, about recycling on Tuesday.

The Natural World is one of the important drivers behind our curriculum and these kind of events, alongside Mrs Legge's, Eco Ninjas are helping us to do our bit in looking after the planet.

**And finally, if you haven't already... check out our new website: [www.pamphillfirstschool.org](http://www.pamphillfirstschool.org)**

**All feedback welcome.**