



Newsletter 16 – 19^h May 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

What a frantic fortnight we have had at the Pines. I’m sure that if you’ve been following us on social media, your feed has been filled with smiling Pines Pioneers.

The Royal Coronation

Despite the weather we had a wonderful afternoon celebrating the Coronation. Our ‘inside’ street party was a huge success and the afternoon tea parties were fit for a king! A video of some of our singing can be found here: <https://youtu.be/ipy2O6uWv74>
If you study the photos carefully, you may even spot Charles himself...



Year 2 Cricket

Several of our Year 2 children got the opportunity to participate in a Cricket Tournament on Wednesday. This opportunity was designed to develop an early love of the game! Our children threw themselves into the game with enthusiasm and showed great collaboration throughout the afternoon. Well done Team Pines!



'Prime' Property

Prime Hydration and Prime Energy drinks are the new must-have accessory for many of our young children and are marketed directly at them. Due to their huge popularity, children are now bringing the empty bottles (which are also in great demand) into school as water bottles. However, this is beginning to negatively impact on the children's learning due their distress when the bottles get lost or broken.

Disposable plastic bottles are not designed for constant reuse and break very easily so please can you avoid sending these into school. Thank you for your support with this.

School Dinner System

As of the end of this week, Innovate will now manage the lunch ordering through their own online system. This means that the school office will no longer be able to order or amend your child's lunches for you, and this will need to be done directly with Innovate.

You have been sent details of how to set up your account, which many of you have now done. If you have not yet registered, please do so here:

<https://innovate2020.cashlesschool.co.uk/>

Please be aware that lunches for next week must be ordered and paid for no later than midnight on Saturday.

We will begin refunding credits from the old system next week.

Wraparound Care at The Pines

Please do remember to fill out the Premier Education survey to look at the viability of running a before and after school provision at The Pines. We have tried to launch wraparound care several times previously but there wasn't enough demand. There is more information on our webpage [here](#). A link to the survey can be found in the letter sent out earlier.

Year 5/6 Residential

Our Year 5/6 had a fabulous time on their residential this week. The sun shone and the water sparkled and everyone (including the intrepid Pines staff who accompanied them!) embraced new challenges and demonstrated every single one of our 6 C's learning values.



Headteacher Awards

This week's proud recipients:



Dates:

Monday 22nd May
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd June
Monday 5th June

New school dinner ordering system starts
Half Term
Reception, Y1 & Y2 Guide Dog visit