



Newsletter 17 – 9th June 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

You know that we are in the final half term of the year when we are currently seeing the ‘hottest day of the year’ headlines. Luckily, our trust has installed some great canopies in the playground to provide some much-needed shade which the children are already enjoying using.

Learning Themes

Our learning themes are well underway and our Reception and Year 1 class are looking forward to the first trip of the summer term to the seaside!

- Reception: How can I sail the Seven Seas?
- Year 1: ‘Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!’
- Year 2: How are Ghana and the UK similar?
- Year 3: When was Egypt ancient?
- Year 4: Let’s ride with the Valkyries
- Year 5/6: All the world’s a stage

Please see the class curriculum newsletter (to be sent out shortly) for more details.

A special visitor!

Key Stage 1 welcomed a very furry, four-legged visitor into their classrooms this week. Usher, who was promoting awareness of guide dogs for the blind, was very informative and really enjoyed having his teeth cleaned. We would especially like to thank his owners for this amazing opportunity and to everyone who contributed to the fund-raising effort.



Sports Day

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to spectate at our sports mornings (weather permitting)!

These will take place on:

Friday 23 rd June am	Years 1 to 6
Thursday 7 th July am	Reception class

Further details including exact timings will be confirmed nearer the time.

Important Safeguarding Concerns

Unfortunately, despite regular reminders some parents are still not supervising their pre-school children at the end of the school day. Children are being allowed to play on the equipment which is not designed for small children and even more worryingly, parents are allowing children to get into our forest school area (which is fenced off and locked due to the risks associated with unsupervised access in this area). These instances have now increased in frequency and are observed regularly by staff from their classrooms. Failure to adequately supervise children will be logged according to our safeguarding policy.

Attendance Reminder

Attendance at school is a legal requirement and we therefore are unable to authorise holidays during term-time. The Pines' school attendance is monitored by our governing body, trust, Suffolk local authority as well as by the Department for Education. Unfortunately, under the legal guidance Covid related holiday issues are not considered to be 'Exceptional Circumstances' and therefore cannot be authorised.

If you need to travel abroad for visa and/or passport issues, please attach evidence to your Leave Request form.

We have a legal obligation to follow the attendance policy to help promote positive attendance.

More information on our attendance policy and the leave request forms can be found [here](#).

Dates:

Wednesday 17 th June	Reception & Year 1 trip to Hunstanton
Friday 23 rd June	Year 1 – 6 Sports Day (morning)
Thursday 7 th July	Reception Class Sports Day (morning)

Headteacher Awards

Our latest proud recipients:

