



## Newsletter 2 –22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

We’ve come to an end of a very blustery week at The Pines but luckily the rain has held off for the most part and the children have continued to enjoy their outdoor learning. The Year 3 have been continuing with their orienteering and Year 2 are enjoying their forest school challenges.

### Summer Reading Challenge

A huge congratulations to all our pioneers who took part in the Library Services Summer Reading Challenges. We really enjoyed celebrating with the proud recipients in today’s assembly. As Walt Disney once said

***“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”***

Which makes our award winners very rich indeed....



Any children who did not receive their certificate in assembly will have them presented next week.

## Harvest Celebration

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our Harvest celebration assembly on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October for our pupils. The Pioneers have already been singing 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' with great enthusiasm during our singing assembly.

As part of this celebration we will be inviting children to bring in a donation of a non-perishable food item which will be taken to the Red Lodge Lightwave foodbank. This donation will be entirely voluntary and we will be providing more details nearer the time.

## Bags

Just a reminder that our policy on uniform can be found on the website here. Also our policy on jewelry in school can be found [here](#)

Due to the size of the cloakroom areas, we can only allow draw string bags and book bags. As the children are wearing their PE kit all day, there is no need to bring in additional bags unless a change of clothes is required.

Year 6 are currently allowed to bring in bags if they require additional equipment due to lower pupil numbers.

## Special Menu Days

We have a very exciting special menu planned for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October!

Please order in the usual way, selecting the main option for Meatballs, and the vegetarian option for Pizza.

We will also be holding our annual Pines Thanksgiving Menu on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and are currently in the process of making final adjustments to the menu.



*Our Space-themed menu*

## Online Safety

After the success of our online safety course for parents last year we would like to remind you that there is lots of helpful information on our webpage [here](#).

Keeping safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing our children today and we all must do everything we can to keep them safe in a rapidly evolving digital world. We are hoping to run another online session for parents this year and will provide further details when we have date.

## Drop off Zone

We are really lucky to have a drop off area for use of our parents in the morning and afternoon, which as we have grown has got increasingly busy. If you are using this area please can we remind you to park considerately and as close as possible to maximise use of space. Unfortunately, as it is a designated 'drop-off' zone, it's not possible to put in car parking bays so we have to rely on user cooperation. Many thanks for your support.

## Headteachers Awards

This week's proud recipients:



## Dates

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Celebration  
Parent Consultations  
PFA Halloween Dress-Up Day