



## Newsletter 6 –24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

We were delighted to be able to celebrate Thanksgiving yesterday with our school community and would like to wish all our families a great holiday.

The Pines staff team have spent today learning about our new spelling approach ‘Sounds and Syllables’ which we will be launching soon.

### Children in Need

We celebrated the end of our Kindness Week with a non-uniform and odd sock day to raise money for Children in Need. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Throughout the week, our Pines pupils reflected on ways to be kind and we celebrated all the various ways that our wonderful community support each other. Sometimes everyone needs a reminder to be kind, especially in the most challenging times. The children all managed to fill their ‘kindness buckets’ with plenty of positives!

### Christmas Celebrations and KS2 Carol Concert

We are holding our annual Pines Christmas Celebration Day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone will be invited to attend school in festive clothes and partake of our Christmas dinner with crackers.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm in the playground, all KS2 pupils will be singing some Christmas tunes along with our talented choir!

In addition we have plenty of PFA events to look forward to over the coming months including our ‘Winter Fest’ next Friday and Christmas Disco on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



## Wellbeing Café



Our next Wellbeing Café is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall from 9:00am. Please feel free to drop in for a hot chocolate and a gingerbread treat.

## Parent Survey

Just a quick reminder to that Anglian Learning Survey for parents is now live. Please click on the link here to find out more information.

## Online Safety

Keeping safe online is one the largest challenges facing children and young people today. Although we cover this as part of our curriculum, it is important that everyone keeps up-to-date with the ever evolving technology in order to protect our community.

Most apps and games have age ratings. For example:

- WhatsApp – 16yrs
- Roblox – 9yrs (although some content is 13yrs)
- Facebook – 13yrs
- Instagram – 13yrs
- Fortnite – 13yrs
- TikTok – 13 yrs

To find out more about age ratings please see this NSPCC webpage:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/app-age-rating/>

We will be running Online Safety workshops for our KS2 children and parents later this academic year. In the meantime, you can find out more information on our website here: <https://pinesprimary.org/about-us/safeguarding/> which includes animations that you can share with your children about how to stay safe.

## Headteacher Awards

We were delighted to celebrate those children who exemplified the 6C's (Character, Collaboration Citizenship, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking) with our Headteachers Awards last week:



## Dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

PFA 'Winter-Fest'

Wellbeing Café

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performances

Reception Nativity Performances

PFA Christmas Disco

Last Day of Term

PD Day (school closed to pupils)

First Day of Spring Term