



Newsletter 7 – 8th December 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

As we look towards the end of term we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a great holiday season filled with wonderful memories and happy times. Our last day of school is Wednesday 20th December and the children return on Friday 5th January.

Christmas Celebrations

We would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who came, donated and helped make the PFA Winter Fest a huge success. A special thank you is due to the fabulous PFA who worked tirelessly before, during and after to create such a wonderful event for our school community as well as raising much needed funds to support The Pines. They managed to raise over £1000!

We would also like to thank everyone who donated to our Christmas Hampers and for your positive responses – your generosity has meant so much to the school and families withing it, and has enabled us to gift a number of substantial hampers.

We are holding our annual Pines Christmas Celebration Day on the last day of term (20th December). Everyone will be invited to attend school in festive jumpers if they wish and partake of our Christmas dinner with crackers.

After School on Friday 15th December we would like to invite you all to stay and enjoy our short KS2 musical presentation in the playground. All KS2 pupils will be singing some Christmas tunes along with our talented choir!

We also are looking forward to our wonderful KS1 and Reception classes nativity plays next week.

And of course we have the wonderful PFA School Disco on Tuesday 19th December. Please follow their Facebook page for more information.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club Provision

We are delighted to announce that our Breakfast Club provision will begin after Christmas. If you are intending to use this resource, please can you sign up via MCAS by Friday 15th December.

Premier Education have also launched their Afterschool club provision from January and more details are attached.

Well-Being at The Pines

Your child's emotional health and wellbeing are very important to us here at The Pines. Whilst much of our wellbeing work is delivered in class, often through PHSE, from time to time your child might get an invite to participate in a small group session or programme of sessions around managing emotions, supporting friendships and building positive relationships. Sometimes this will be because they have been identified as needing a little support, at other times its simply because we feel they are a positive role model for the group, and this can help to develop their own personal skills and resilience.

The sessions run throughout the school year and are facilitated by either Rachael Cox, Family Wellbeing Lead or Louise Nickerson, Emotional Learning Support Assistant (ELSA) and always in liaison with the class teacher. Of course, we will let you know as and when the groups are taking place and there will always be an opportunity for you to opt your child out or for you to ask questions should you wish to do so.

Small group work is very popular with the children, and sessions are usually a mix of creative and guided activities, which are known to have a positive impact on emotional health and wellbeing.

For any further questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with Rachael Cox, Family Wellbeing Lead via rcox@pinesprimary.org

Illness

You will be aware that we have a lot of illness in school at the moment as viral season is in full swing.

Please help us keep contagion to a minimum by not sending your child to school if they have been feeling unwell and if a child has a temperature, please keep them away from school for 24 hours.

A sad farewell...

We were sorry to say goodbye to the highly talented Mrs Warr on Thursday. She has been part of the team since before we opened and was instrumental in creating a wonderful dining experience for our Pines Pioneers. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.



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 this week and last week.



Dates

Thursday 4th January
Friday 5th January

PD Day (school closed to pupils)
First Day of Spring Term