



Newsletter 8 – 12th January 2024

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a good holiday. It has been wonderful to hear the children talking about their Christmas celebrations with friends and families.

We would also like to thank everyone for their kind wishes at the end of last term. It was lovely to see so many parents at our nativities and at the outdoor musical performance.

A huge thank you goes out to our PFA and the wonderful DJ duo who ran a hugely successful Christmas disco. The money raised has funded our World Book Day events (further details to follow nearer the time).

Inspirational Learning

Our children have started their new learning themes and you will find more detail of these in the class newsletters that are being sent out:

- Reception: What happens when I fall asleep?
- Year 1: I wonder where all the dinosaurs went?
- Year 2: Who was Amy Johnson?
- Year 3: What is special about our area?
- Year 4: Anglo-Saxons: Battles, betrayal and bloodshed?
- Year 5: How does Greece compare to the UK?
- Year 6: Our world, our responsibility.

The Pines Website

We do our best to keep you as updated as possible with news and events, and as well as this fortnightly newsletter, class communications and Facebook, we regularly update our school website.

Our [Term Dates](#) page also includes the next academic year (2024-25). We appreciate that many families are considering their travel arrangements for the next 12 months so please check these dates before booking as we are unable to authorise holidays and/or personal travel during term times.

Tiny Toes...

We would like to send our congratulations to Mrs Claringbold and her family on the safe arrival of the beautiful Adelaide Pearl on the 22nd December – what a wonderful Christmas present!

In addition, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Poynter is also expecting a new arrival in the summer term. We will let you know further details nearer the time.

Well-Being Support for our children and families.

At the Pines, we focus on well-being both within the curriculum and through the wider aspects of school life. Lots of information can be found on our website [here](#) which gives you a link to our 'Well-Being Hub'.

Our next Well-Being café is on Tuesday 16th January at 9am in the school hall. All are welcome (feel free to bring younger siblings) and there will be refreshments and a pre-loved uniform sale.

SAVE THE DATE...

On Thursday 2nd February at 2pm I will be holding a session on supporting children with worries and anxieties. This is open to all, and I hope to provide tools and ideas to support your child at home, as well as offering an insight into what is offered in school, in the way of wellbeing sessions and ELSA.

I would really like to get an idea of numbers, so if you are interested in coming along, please do drop me an email : rcox@pinesprimary.org

Breakfast Club

Our new Breakfast Club, led by Miss Saunders and Miss Carter has had a great start. The children have enjoyed a range of breakfast cereals, toast and juices and have great fun engaging with a range of arts, crafts, games and of course the ever popular Lego.

Breakfast Club runs from 8 to 8.45am and as from Monday 15th January, it will take place in our Pinecones setting (which will also provide access to outside space in the warmer months). Sessions can be booked through MCAS.

Choir

I'm sure that those who attended our musical performance at the end of term will agree that our small but mighty choir gave a great performance and huge thanks go to Mrs Kuckelhaus for running this group.

The Friday sessions begin promptly at 8.15 and are great fun for the participants!

Headteacher Awards

Our latest proud recipients:



Dates:

Thursday 18th January

Friday 2nd February

Tuesday 6th February

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February

Special 'American Diner Day' Lunch

Number Day

Safer Internet Day

Half Term