



## Newsletter 9 – 26<sup>th</sup> January

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

The Pines this week has been filled with the harmonious voices of our children singing ‘The Moment’ while rehearsing for our Trust virtual singing concert. It was absolutely delightful to hear all the voices joining together in such a fabulous performance.



### Planetarium visit

The children experienced a truly ‘out of this world’ event this week when the Wonderdome planetarium visited Reception and Year 5. Dr Dave took the children on a tour through our solar system and beyond, teaching them about our planets and the moon.



## School Uniform

At The Pines we appreciate that the current economic situation is having a considerable impact on our community. Our school uniform aims to be as unrestrictive and as low cost as possible and much of it can be purchased directly from supermarkets. We also have regular, pre-loved uniform sales.

We understand that there may be situations where a child is unable to wear the complete uniform due to unexpected circumstances. In such cases, we kindly request that you let us know and we will try and support you in any way that we can.

## Parent Consultations

Our parent consultation booking system goes live on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm and will close on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. The sessions will take place in person after half term and will be a chance for you to hear about your child's progress at this midpoint in the year.

After considering feedback, we will be holding the Parent Consultations in the school hall and entry will be via the door next to our main entrance. As always, please do not bring children with you to these appointments.

## 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.

Unfortunately, some of our children are accessing inappropriate games and content at home which is negatively impacting on behaviour and social relationships within school. We kindly request that you support our online safety approach to ensure the continued safety of all 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:

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

We will be running Online Safety workshops for both 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/> and include animations that you can share with your children about how to stay safe.

## Headteacher's Awards

Our latest proud recipients:



## Dates:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Number Day  
Safer Internet Day  
Half Term  
World Book Day