



Newsletter 17 – 7th June 2024

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

The last half of the summer term is upon us and yet another year has passed in a blink of an eye. As usual, we have a jam-packed agenda full of inspirational learning experiences and wider curricular events happening which we will share with you over the coming weeks.

Learning Themes

Our learning themes are well underway and our Reception and Year 1 classes are looking forward to the first trip of the summer term to Lackford Lakes!

Reception:	How can I sail the Seven Seas?
Year 1:	‘Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!’
Year 2:	How are Ghana and the UK similar?
Year 3:	When was Greece ancient?
Year 4:	The river runs through it!
Year 5:	A more sustainable us?
Year 6:	The adventure continues...

Please see the class curriculum newsletters (to be sent out shortly) for more details.

A good innings...

On Thursday, some of our pupils represented the school in a Cricket competition against other schools in the Forest Heath Partnership. The team gave a great account of themselves and showed incredible collaboration and communication skills to work together. They encouraged each other superbly and gave one another helpful advice during the matches. Even though they did not win the overall competition, it was noted by staff from other schools that our team showed amazing sportsmanship and attitude throughout, which makes us feel incredibly proud of them.

A new team member...

We are delighted to welcome Ms Deborah Wilson to our Year 1 Team next week. Ms Wilson is a highly experienced teacher and will be working alongside the rest of our team over the next couple of weeks.

Green Fingers

Following on from the announcement in our last newsletter we have now received our RHS Level 1 Certificate alongside the goodies pictured here.

A huge congratulations goes to Miss Saunders and the rest of the gardening crew for all their hard work.



Staying safe when walking to school

As you may be aware some of the primary schools within our trust have had reports of suspicious behaviour in their vicinities. These alleged incidents have been reported to the police and they are investigating accordingly.

Although we have no current concerns, it is always advisable to talk to your children early on about scenarios they might face and how to stay safe. Attached to this newsletter is the NSPCC guidance on being 'Home or Out Alone' within contains a useful checklist of things to discuss with your child when they are out and about without adults.

Sports Day

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to spectate at our sports mornings (weather permitting)!

These will take place on:

Thursday 4th July (am) – Years 1 to 6

Friday 5th July (am) – Reception class

Further details including exact timings will be confirmed nearer the time.

Important Safeguarding Concerns

Unfortunately, despite regular reminders some parents are still not supervising their children at the end and start of the day and allowing their children to play on the grass around the bike sheds and along the fence areas. These areas have several health and safety hazards, some of which are not immediately apparent, such as loose surfaces, nettles, brambles and decomposing logs. Please do support us to keep your children safe by ensuring that they **keep to the path** and tarmacked areas at the beginning and end of the day.

Attendance Reminder

Attendance at school is a legal requirement and we therefore are unable to authorise holidays during term-time. The Pines school attendance is monitored by our governing body, trust, Suffolk local authority as well as by the Department for Education.

Unfortunately, although we appreciate the huge challenges faced by the cost-of-living crisis, under the legal guidance, holiday financial issues are not considered to be 'Exceptional Circumstances' and therefore cannot be authorised.

We have a legal obligation to follow the attendance policy to help promote positive attendance.

More information on our attendance policy and the leave request forms can be found [here](#).

News from The Pines PFA

Please make a note of the dates of these upcoming events. More information to follow soon....

Please also see the attached PFA newsletter



THE PINES PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 14	Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale Grab some Krispy Kreme doughnuts.
JUNE 22	The "Big Top" Event Community event at the red lodge pavilion from 12.00-19.00 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
JUNE 28	Rainbow Day Non-Uniform day- Bring in an item that matches your years assigned color.
JULY 11	Summer Fair We will have 4 bouncy castles, some games, raffles and snacks. More information about tickets to follow.



Headteacher Awards

Back soon.....

Dates:

Thursday 13 th June	Reception & Year 1 Trip to Lackford Lakes
Thursday 20 th June	Year 2 Artistry in Cocoa workshop
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 6 Away Day – Go Ape
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 5 Trip to Kentwell Hall
Thursday 27 th June	Year 5 visit to the National Stud and Newmarket Races
Tuesday 2 nd July	Wellbeing Café
	Year 3 Egyptian Day
Thursday 4 th and Friday 5 th July	Sports Mornings