



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

## 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024



'Transforming lives through inspirational learning'

### WELCOME BACK

What a wonderful beginning to the new term! The children have displayed remarkable enthusiasm for learning in their new classes, and we've loved hearing about their summer adventures.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new families joining us this week. I hope your children are enjoying the start of their learning journey here at The Pines. As I've visited the classrooms this week, I've been truly impressed by how quickly our new arrivals have integrated into The Pines family.

I apologise for the length of this newsletter, but there are many important updates and pieces of information to share as we embark on this term together!



# ENGAGE AND EMPOWER DAYS...

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new 'Empower and Engage' days, set to take place on the first day back after each half-term break. At The Pines, we are committed to providing our children with a well-rounded curriculum that nurtures both their emotional well-being and academic growth.

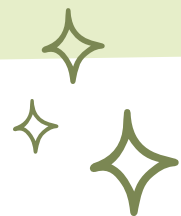
Each 'Empower and Engage' day is designed to welcome children transition back to school after time spent with their families. We understand that returning after a break can be a challenging and sometimes anxious experience for many children. To address this, we have introduced the Empower component, where children will participate in nurturing and mindfulness activities, along with exploring one of our six essential C's. This focus will help bolster their self-esteem and confidence as they re-enter the school environment.

The Engage part of the day will feature an exciting 'hook' that connects to the theme of the term. This engaging introduction will not only ignite curiosity among our learners but also set a lively tone for the learning experiences awaiting them in the weeks ahead.

We are excited about the positive impact that these dedicated days will have on our students and look forward to fostering a supportive and engaging atmosphere as they embark on their learning journeys.



In Year 6 we explored flight in preparation for our theme on The Great Air Race. The class designed and tested paper airplanes for distance and accuracy. We also took part in some teamwork activities based on pilots and navigators where the children guided their blindfolded partner through a series of obstacles.



## MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS

Our Meet the Teacher sessions will take place over next week. These short informal afterschool sessions will allow you to find out more about what is happening in your child's class this year, including rules and routines, and provide you opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

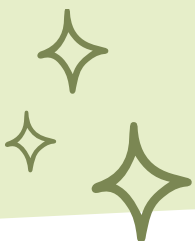
Please note the new dates for Year 4-6.

The sessions will be a maximum of 30 minutes long and will take place on different days next week at 3.30 to allow those with siblings in different classes to attend:

- Year 1 Ms Wilson - Monday 9th September
- Year 2 Mrs Stopps - Tuesday 10th September
- Year 3 Mr Weller - Wednesday 11th September
- Year 4 Mr Sloane- Thursday 12th September
- Year 5 Miss Challis - Thursday 12th September
- Year 6 Mr Cocks - Thursday 12th September
- Year 4 Mr Sloane- Friday 13th September

## COLLECTION AFTER SCHOOL

If someone new is collecting your child after school, please can you let the school office know ahead of collection time so a message can be passed to the class teacher.



# IMPORTANT – ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY INFORMATION

As you may have seen in the press, the government are committed to raising school attendance and improving punctuality and the new statutory requirements came into force on 31st August. Educational research clearly shows that children who are persistently absent and those who are regularly late face considerable disadvantages in their education.

Children need to be in their classrooms for 8.55am for registration. The gates are locked at 9am to give parents chance to leave the grounds. Children who arrive after 9am will be marked as 'Late' and those who arrive after 9.30 will be marked as 'Unauthorised Absence'.

No holidays will be authorised and parents will receive a fixed penalty notice if holidays are taken during term time.



## COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

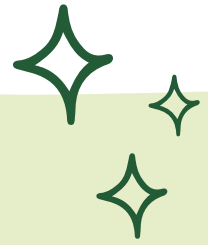


As our numbers have grown once again it may be helpful for you to have an update on ways to talk to us...

If you have a concern please always talk to the class teacher in the first instance as they are best placed to help. You can email or telephone the school office: [office@pinesprimary.org](mailto:office@pinesprimary.org), who will ensure that the message is passed on as soon as possible.

And of course, we have Racheal Cox our family well-being lead! Racheal will continue to run the well-being cafe this term. Please see the well-being hub on our website [here](#) for further information

## THE PINES BREAKFAST CLUB



Start your child's day off right with our Breakfast Club! Open from 8am each morning until the start of school, our Breakfast Club provides a warm and welcoming environment where children can enjoy a nutritious breakfast before school starts. With a variety of healthy options available, children can fuel up for their day of learning while playing with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Our friendly staff ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

To book sessions please go to MCAS and look under 'Clubs'.

## PREMIER EDUCATION AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are pleased to announce that bookings for the After School Club are still open. The club kicked off with a fantastic first week of term, filled with lots of fun activities for the children to enjoy.

To secure your spot, please book [here](#).

## PE DAYS

Reception - Wednesday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday

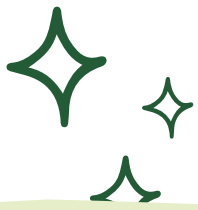
Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Swimming on Fridays

Year 6 - Friday



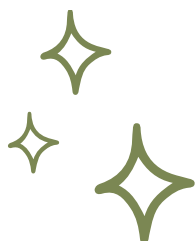
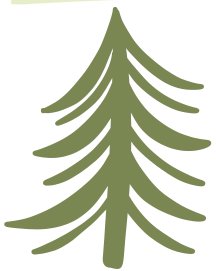


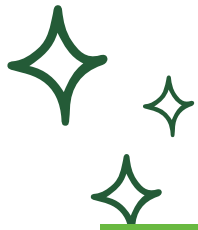
## IMPORTANT UPDATE ON LANDSCAPING

We are excited to announce that the landscaping work for the Pine Cones garden will be completed next week! The progress so far looks fantastic, and we can't wait to reveal the final design. However, please be aware that there will be workers, machinery and materials in and around the staff car park during this time. While this activity will not affect the children during the school day since there is no pupil access to these areas, we kindly ask that you ensure your children remain with you at all times. Please avoid allowing them to play near these work zones during drop-off and pick-up times. We appreciate your co-operation and support, and we look forward to sharing the beautiful finished garden with all of you soon!

## PHOTO CONSENTS

Remember to provide your consent for photos and videos or choose to decline. You can do so [here](#). Without authorisation, we cannot use your child's photos for newsletters, social media, or events.





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## TEA AND TISSUES

The Pines Parents and Friends Association warmly invites Reception parents to join us for a hot drink and a chat after drop-off on the 16th of September



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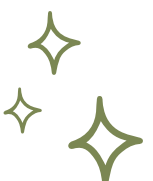


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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



wc 9th  
Sept

Meet the teacher - See individual dates above



16th  
Sept

Reception Class starting full time  
PFA Tea and Tissues after drop off

19th  
Sept

Flu Vaccinations



23rd  
Sept

School Photos

