

## Pinecones Preschool Summer Newsletter

### May 2025

Hello everyone! Welcome to our Summer Term. We have had a taste of what summer weather feels like and hopefully we will be enjoying some more sun going forwards! This term is a busy and exciting one which normally means that it goes by in a flash. Our curriculum theme is 'Amazing Adventures' and we will have lots of fun learning about travelling and exploring but also going on our own personal adventures, like starting 'big school'. This is an exciting time for our older children, and we will start to have transitions with the local schools and arrange visits from new teachers. We want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we will ensure all children have a good transition regardless of which school they got a place at. It's important to us that this is a positive experience and that the children leave here excited for their next adventure! If you have any queries, concerns, confusions or just need to talk we are here. For those of you who got a place at The Pines there will be some information coming soon regarding our transition process.

### Warm Weather

We are so lucky to see the wonderful sun so early in the year. We recommend that you provide your child with a NAMED suncream and hat that can be left here. Please apply it in the morning before school and we will then top it up after lunchtime if necessary. Please also provide your child with a water bottle as we will take them over to Forest School when we go. We will of course still provide water and milk, but the bottles are more readily transportable. Thank you.

### Curriculum

This term our theme is 'Amazing Adventures', looking at transport and growth in the first half and transitions and travelling for the second. The books we will focus on will be, 'The Three Little Pigs', 'The Runaway Train', 'Ten Seeds', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Martha Maps it Out' and 'The Koala Who Could'. We will be exploring lots of transportation and looking at places in the world we have travelled to and would like to visit. If any parents would like to share photographs of holidays they have been on or vehicles they have travelled in, we would welcome them to add to our display! We are planning to have a Father's Day Event in Forest School which will be on Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> more information will follow.



### Team Update

We would like to introduce you to our newest member of the team, Brittany Benton. Brittany has already made a big impact on our children, and they are probably already coming home talking about her. Brittany has a lot of experience in outdoor learning and comes from a Forest School background. We are very excited about her joining team Pinecones!

### Junk Modelling Resources

We would really appreciate any donations of clean cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic bottles etc. We have a very limited supply of junk modelling now! Thank you.

### Thank you

This is a lovely term, which although it can be busy, we try to appreciate every moment of it as for some of our Pinecones this will be their last with us. We are always so grateful for our supportive families and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity and kindness. If there is ever anything we can help with or provide guidance for please ask.

### Dates for the Diary

- 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May Half-Term
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Father's Day Forest School Session
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – Pines Primary Reception Open Event 6-7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Preschool Leavers Celebration Event 3.30pm-5pm