

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 16

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‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’ 

We are already at the end of the first half of the summer term. It has been great to share some wonderful learning experiences together. Huge well done to our amazing Year 6 for completing their SATs assessments. They behaved so well and worked so hard.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back for Summer 2 on Monday 1st June for our Engage and Empower Days. This half term will be a busy one, packed full of fun and joy!

HEDGEHOG HUNGRY CATAPILLAR PICNIC



Hedgehogs had great fun on Wednesday afternoon at our Very Hungry Caterpillar picnic! The children got ready for the picnic by making their very own fruit kebabs using the fruits that the Hungry Caterpillar eats in the story. They also made a caterpillar hat to wear to the picnic. We had lots of families join us to eat the fruit kebabs and some yummy chocolate caterpillar cake. After that, the children and their grown-ups made grass caterpillars together that they have taken home to grow. We look forward to seeing the results!

YEAR 2 TRIP TO WANDLEBURY

Year 2 had a wonderful day at Wandlebury on Wednesday this week. The children took part in a bug hunt, meadow sweeping, pond dipping and a wild flower hunt where they made a bookmark. We found lots of really interesting creatures and the children showed off their Six C's throughout the day identifying the different creatures and answering questions. We would also like to say a big thank you to the staff at Wandlebury for such a fantastic learning experience.





BEE DAY!



This year at The Pines, we were excited to celebrate Bee Day! The children enjoyed taking part in a range of fun and educational activities, learning all about the important role bees play in our environment. From creative crafts to exploring how bees help plants and flowers grow, it was a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness about caring for nature and protecting our pollinators. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a success!



THE PINES' GOT TALENT! 🌟🎵🎭

More details will follow soon, but it's time to start thinking about whether you would like to perform! Singing, dancing, comedy, magic tricks, gymnastics, music or something completely unique — we can't wait to see the amazing talents our children have to share.





Earlier this week, Lightwave hosted a successful slow-cooking event at the school for local families. Each participating family received a slow-cooker to take home, along with ingredients and easy-to-follow recipes.

The sessions gave families the opportunity to learn new cooking skills, try healthy and affordable meals, and spend time together as a community. Children also enjoyed helping to prepare ingredients safely with parental supervision.

Families shared ideas and feedback on recipes, helping to create a community recipe collection for everyone to enjoy.

CAR PARK

Recently, we have seen a significant increase in parents requesting to use the staff car park. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow access to parents unless it is an emergency situation.

As part of our planning permission, the staff car park is not permitted for public use due to safety regulations.

If you need to drop your child off late, collect them early, or bring something into school, please use the car park at the top of the path and walk down to the school entrance.

We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us keep the school site safe for everyone.





We are disappointed to share that the after-school club run by Premier Education will unfortunately be closing due to low pupil numbers at the end of the summer term. We have worked closely with Premier Education throughout this year to try to keep the club running and to maintain this valuable provision for our families.

We know that many children have enjoyed taking part in the activities and we would like to thank Premier Education for their support and enthusiasm during their time working with our pupils. Unfortunately, with the current level of uptake, there is no financially viable way to continue running the provision at this time.

We are always keen to provide enriching opportunities beyond the school day and appreciate the support of families who have engaged with the club. Should there be enough future interest, we would be very happy to explore similar opportunities again.

Further information about available childcare options can be found here:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=1>

PFA NEWS



TEDDY DONATIONS!



The PFA will be taking part in the Red Lodge Round Up Fun Day on 20th June at the Sports Pavilion. We will be running a Teddy Tombola! If you are having a clear out over half term, please send us your teddies and stuffed toys so that we can repurpose them as prizes! Please send donations in a carrier bag by Thursday 18th June. Thank you!

TUCK SHOP!

When the weather is expected to be nice, keep an eye out for freeze pop treats in addition to our regular favourites!

Future Tuck Shop dates:

12th June

3rd July

10th July

COMING SOON – RED LODGE COMMUNITY LITTER PICK! AFTER THE SUCCESS OF THE LAST LITTER PICK, WE HOPE TO ORGANISE ANOTHER ONE BEFORE THE END OF TERM.

Save the Date! PFA Summer Disco – Friday 26th June – volunteers needed, further details to follow!

SUMMER OF FUN....

Friday Fun Music - Every Friday lunchtime on the playground

25th-29th May - Half Term

WC 1st June - Y4 Multiplication Check

3rd June - Lightwave Slow Cooking Event Part 2

WC 8th June - Y1 Phonics Check

9th June - Reception Class Sports Day

15th-17th June - Y6 Residential

26th June - Y5 Kentwell Hall Trip

26th June - PFA Summer Disco

1st July - 9.15am-12.30pm - Sports Day

15th July - Move Up Day