

Autumn Term 2016 – Newsletter Number 10



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Letters and communications out this week

- Saracens Rugby match
- After School Clubs
- Year 6 Cake Project
- School Closures
- Junior Choir VIAM Concert

Next Week

28 th November	Assembly with local vicar, Rev Waddell
29 th November	Christmas tree decoration - FOTW
2 nd December	Non uniform day for Christmas Fayre
4 th December	12 – 2 pm FOTW Christmas Fayre

Autumn Term 2nd half 2016

6 th December	Year 6 Trip to RAF Museum
13 th December	Watford Schools Trust R.E Workshops Reception
13 th December	KS1 Christmas play to parents/carers – 9.30am
14 th December	KS1 Christmas play to parents/carers – 1.45pm
15 th December	Reception Christmas play to parents/carers – 1.45pm
16 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert – daytime – for children only
16 th December	Nursery Christmas Carols 9.15am
19 th December	KS1 Christmas Pantomime trip – return 5pm
19 th December	EYFS Children's Entertainer
21 st December	Term ends – early finish – 1.30pm

2017 Class Assembly Dates – 9am

Class	Date
Maple	January 26 th
Larch	February 9 th
Juniper	March 16 th
Holly	March 23 rd
Fir	April 27 th
Ash	May 11 th
Beech	May 18 th
Cypress	June 15 th
Elm	June 22 nd
Apple	July 6 th

Parent Workshops in Early Years

Just a quick reminder that all parents in Early Years have recently received an invite to attend a phonics and reading workshop which is taking place next week. Exact dates and times were confirmed in your individual letter. We know you will find the information helpful in supporting your child's learning and look forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Concert for Key Stage 2 classes

Following feedback from some parents, we are now inviting you to watch the children perform on the 12th January 2017. The songs are based on musical theatre and are not related to Christmas. Please note we will continue with our original concert, as well, in December for children only.

Years 3 and 4: 6-6.45pm

Years 5 and 6: 7-7.45pm

Further details will follow in a letter in the coming weeks.

Message from the school office-Sending In Money

When you are sending in money/paperwork for different trips/events, please ensure they are put in **SEPARATE** envelopes clearly marked with your child's name and class. Please also make sure they are sufficiently sealed as loose coins have a habit of slipping through the gaps! Thank you.

Non Uniform day – Friday 2nd December

Children can wear non uniform in exchange for bringing in sweets/chocolate (Nursery and Reception) or a bottle of alcohol (Years 1 – 6). Please note that this can be Christmas colours or a Christmas jumper. Football kits should not be worn. Please ensure your children wear appropriate footwear.

Football results

On Tuesday the 8th of November, our school football team were in action against Divine Saviour. It was a closely fought match with the final score being a 1-1 draw. The team played with great determination and energy- well done to all involved.

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red Less than 95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	86.9		
Ash	86.7		
Beech	85.7		
Cypress			96.3
Elm	90.7		
Fir	91.0		
Holly	88.3		
Juniper			97.2
Larch	94.7		
Maple		95.9	
Oak			97.0
Pine	92.6		
Rowan			96.3
Spruce			96.4
Willow	93.0		

Attendance

We have been affected by illness in school this week, with a higher than usual number of pupils across the school having had one day or more off school as a result of illness. As a result our attendance for the whole school has dropped. While understandable, given some of the illnesses that children have been experiencing, it is important nonetheless that we all help this figure to improve by ensuring that we return children to school promptly once they have recovered from illness and that we do not keep children off school unnecessarily for minor coughs, colds and sniffles! Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Reception Places for September 2017

The applications process for places at primary schools for September 2017 opened on Monday 7th November 2016. This process is for children currently in Nursery.

Leaflets were posted on 7th November directly to all families of nursery age children in Hertfordshire who should apply for a reception place. These will inform parents/carers about how to make an application, provide key dates and give further information about the process.

This is for children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 and those summer born children who deferred entry to reception and remained in their nursery setting for an additional year.

Road Safety

Road Safety Week is the UK's biggest road safety event, coordinated annually by Brake and involving thousands of schools, organisations and communities each year. This year the event is being held nationally between 21st and 27th November 2016.

This year Tanners Wood has supported Road Safety Week. We provided some Year 4 children to help the local police spread the message of road safety and the dangers of speeding. In the lead up to the event the children designed their own speeding ticket complete with their own penalty.

On Thursday 24nd November 2016 Year 4 were given a presentation on road safety. They then went outside and used the speed indicator device to stop speeding motorists. The Police spoke with the driver to spread the message of road safety and the dangers of speeding. The children then issued the motorist with their 'fine'.

Christmas Decorations

The Friends would be grateful for any donations of decorations for the Christmas tree which will be put up in the hall next month. Thank you.

P.E kits

Please can we remind parents to ensure that children have their winter PE kit for when they are doing sports outside. This is the school green hoodie and black joggers for Key Stage 2 children. Key Stage 1 children are not doing outdoor activities for the rest of this term.