

Spring Term 2017 – Newsletter Number 17



Tanners Wood JMI School

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We Care – We Challenge – We Learn

Letters/Communications out this week

- Internal Clubs
- Dinner Menu
- Year 3 Swimming
- Reading letter and information

Next Week

30 th - 31 st January	School Health – Reception hearing and sight checks
3 rd February	FOTW disco

Spring Term 2017

6 th – 8 th February	Year 6 Assessments – Mock Tests
7 th February	Safer Internet Day
8 th February	Year 3 Intra School Sports Competition
8 th February	5-8pm Parent Consultations
9 th February	Van Cols Class and Team Photos
9 th February	3.40 - 6pm Parent Consultations
10 th February	Year 5 Workshop Affinity Water
13 th -17 th February	Half Term
20 th February	INSET day – school closed to children
22 nd February	Governor Day
6 th March	School Health – Y6 height and weight checks
7 th March	Y4 trip to Hazard Alley
10 th March	Ideas Bus Visit
17th March	Science Day
20 th March	Book Week
20 th March	6.15 - 7.15pm Music Club Concert
23 rd March	6.15 - 7.15pm Ukulele Jam
23 rd & 24 th March	Author Visit for Book Week
31 st March	Last Day of Term Early Finish 1.30pm
3 rd – 17 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2017

18 th April	Summer term starts
27th April	Fir Class Assembly
1st May	Bank Holiday
8th – 11th May	Year 6 SATS assessments
11th May	Ash Class Assembly
18th – 19th May	Beech Class Assembly
19th May	Year 4 Hudnall Park Trip
24th May	Year 5 & 6 Hampton Court Trip
24th May	Governing Body Meeting
29th May – 2nd June	Half Term
6th June	Year 4 Play Leader Training
12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
13th June	Year 4 Play Leader Training
15th June	Cypress Class Assembly
22nd June	Elm Class Assembly
26th – 30th June	Year 6 Bikeability Week
5th July	Nursery/Reception-Circus Workshop
6th July	Apple Class Assembly
21st July	Term Ends – early finish 1.30pm

Parent Consultations

Letters have been sent out regarding the parent consultation meetings in February. Please make sure you book your appointment for these very important meetings via the electronic online booking system. Parents/carers must enter via the main office door for their appointments please. If you need any assistance booking an appointment the office would be happy to assist. Booking closes 24 hours before the consultations.

House Points

House	Points
Fine	144 Winners
Morpurgo	141
Blake	64
Wilson	135

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red Less than 95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	77.6		
Ash			96
Beech			96.3
Cypress	90.7		
Elm			99.3
Fir			97.6
Holly			97.3
Juniper			97.0
Larch	91.3		
Maple		95	
Oak		94.7	
Pine	94.1		
Rowan	94.8		
Spruce		95	
Willow	94.3		

Well done to Ash, Beech, Elm, Fir, Holly and Juniper with excellent attendance this week.

Internal Clubs

As promised, we are reviewing the places and clubs we will offer after February half term. Letters have been sent out with the children today. If your child is interested in attending one of our clubs please ensure that the form is returned by 3rd February. In order to be fair we will offer each child one club. Please indicate a first and second choice. However we have enough places to offer Netball and Running Club to children wanting to attend more than one club.

Reminder of term dates for 2017-18 – please take into account when making arrangements for holidays.

INSET Day (children not in)	1st September 2017
INSET Day (children not in)	4 th September 2017
Autumn Terms starts	5 th September 2017
INSET Day (children not in)	20 th October 2017
Half Term	23 rd – 27 th October 2017
Occasional Day - school closed	20 th November 2017
Christmas Break	20 th December 2017 – 2 nd January 2018
Spring Term Starts	3 rd January 2018
Half Term	12 th – 16 th February 2018
Easter Break	30 th March – 13 th April 2018
Summer Term Starts	16 th April 2018
May Bank Holiday	7 th May 2018
INSET Day (children not in)	25 th May 2018
Half Term	28 th May – 1 st June 2018
Occasional Day - school closed	2 nd July 2018
Term Ends for children	24 th July at 1.30pm 2018
INSET Day (children not in)	25 th July 2018

2017 Class Assembly Dates – 9am

Class	Date
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

Reminder – Parking

Please can we remind all parents that it is **not** permitted to park at any time in the staff car park and this applies to before, during and after school.

Cleaner Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner at Tanners Wood for 10-15 hours per week. Please call into the office if you would like an application form.

Health for Kids

Health for Kids is a new website which provides a wealth of information for children between the ages of 4 and 11. There are activities for parents and teachers to enjoy with children, advice to support their development and more. Please take a look at the site:

www.Healthforkids.co.uk

E-safety Advice

Watch out for Omegle & Chat Roulette

These 'video chat with strangers' services are dangers for the obvious reason that you won't know who your children are talking to or seeing and vice versa. Information can be shared with complete strangers using these services and in many cases what would be seen or discussed will be inappropriate or in certain cases, illegal.

Ok I'm worried, what can I do?

As always, talk to your children. Tell them you won't take their devices away from them as a punishment for letting you know that they feel worried, frightened or scared about something they have seen or read online, or about what someone might be asking them to do. It might be hard not to take things away from them, you might feel like you are protecting them, but remember that children will learn from the experience and next time might think 'I can't tell Mum or Dad because they will take it off me again'. Tell them well done, reward them for telling you, fix the problem, and then return the device to them as soon as possible. Crucially, tell them this is what will happen now, before they are in trouble.

Musical.ly

This is an app which is gaining in popularity within primary schools at a very fast rate indeed. Users can sing along to famous music artists, have friends, be followed and leave comments. Not so different from the majority of social media apps then? Consequently, whilst it can be fun, parents should be cautious and apply the same logic to this as with any other opportunity for their children to contact or be contacted by strangers. The 12+ on the app store suggests that parental support is necessary yet Google Play does not have a minimum age restriction at this time – often the platforms do not agree with one another regarding age restrictions. On this basis, a self-imposed 13+ rule with many unclassified apps would be a reasonable child protection measure.

Can you offer any support to our school?

We are asking all parents if they can help the school in the following ways:

Do you work for a company that supports community projects? Can you tell us about any grants or services that may be of use to the school? Does your company have community based days where they work on a project? Can you offer your skills as a painter, carpenter, builder, plumber or any other useful resource that might help the school to save on funds? Please let us know by emailing or contacting the school office. We will contact you if we need some help. Your support will be greatly appreciated and means that we can spend any saved money on school resources.