

# Spring Term 2017 – Newsletter Number 22



## Tanners Wood JMI School

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### Letters/Communications out this week

- Computing Week
- Ash Teacher Update
- FOTW Newsletter
- Fire Alarm
- Parent Governor Election

### Spring Term 2017

14 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Body Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 County Cricket Final
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>FOTW Meeting 7.30pm</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Juniper Class Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Day
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
20 <sup>th</sup> March	6.15 - 7.15pm Music Club Concert
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 3 walk to St Lawrence Church</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Holly Class Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	6.15 - 7.15pm Ukulele Jam
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Author Visit for Book Week
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day of Term Early Finish 1.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays

### Summer Term 2017

18 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term starts
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Fir Class Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 1 Intra Sports Competition
8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS assessments
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Ash Class Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Budget Setting Day and FGB
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Hudnall Park Trip
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Beech Class Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Hampton Court Trip
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Governing Body Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Intra Sports Competition
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Play Leader Training
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS2AM & R/KS1 PM
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Play Leader Training
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Cypress Class Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Elm Class Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability Week
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Governing Body Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery/Reception-Circus Workshop
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Apple Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Tri-Golf County Final – Year 4
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out to Parents/Carers
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Evening Performance to Parents 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening – 5.00 - 6.30pm tbc
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Term Ends – early finish 1.30pm

### Dance Off

All year groups have spent the last half term learning a dance, which they performed to other year groups this week. The adults voted for the winner. In Year 5 and 6 this was Willow class who performed their Haka in fabulous unison and with a great deal of aggression!



### Lent Assembly

The children had a visitor from Watford Schools Trust to lead an assembly about Lent. The children were enthralled to learn more about the 40 days leading up to Easter.



### Social Media/Facebook

A reminder that parents should not be commenting on school related concerns on social media platforms. If any parent has a question then they should approach the school, either class teachers or myself to have a discussion.

### Driving onto school premises

Several parents are still driving onto the school site during the school day and after school finishes. This is NOT safe for the children and it is disappointing that some parents are not taking the safety of the children seriously! All parents must adhere to this school guidance.

## House Points

House	Points
Fine	175 Winners
Morpurgo	135
Blake	105
Wilson	155

## Attendance for the Week

Class	Red Less than 95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	90.7		
Ash	90.3		
Beech	88.3		
Cypress			97.3
Elm	91.0		
Fir	94.8		
Holly	93.3		
Juniper			96.6
Larch			96.3
Maple	92.0		
Oak			97.7
Pine	94.1		
Rowan		95.6	
Spruce	94.1		
Willow	93.9		

Unfortunately our figures were affected last week by a sickness bug. Please remember the 48 hour rule applies before sending your child back into school.

## Exceptional Leave Requests

We are still receiving a number of parents requesting leave of absence from school. Under the 2006 guidance it is clear that Head Teacher's are restricted in what they can authorise and that this can only be in exceptional circumstances.

**Examples of circumstances NOT considered as exceptional:**

- Holidays abroad for the purpose of visiting a sick relative, excepting where that person is seriously ill.
- Holidays taken in term time due to lower cost/parental work commitments.

## Mobile Phones & Driving

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to pass on this advice to parents.

### **Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving**

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

Did you know it is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

[Keep safe](#) – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

## Computing Week

The children have had a very exciting week taking part in lots of computer related events. On Tuesday Mrs Qureshi led an assembly for the children. On Wednesday Simon Devon and Paul Fuller taught coding and e-safety sessions to years 5 and 6. Other events going on included a visit from 'The Ideas Bus' on Friday, a presentation from Simon Frost and an open code club session using the Raspberry Pi's.

### Coding Using the Raspberry Pi's



### Robots in Year 4



### E-safety and Computing Week

This week has been our E-safety and Computing focus week. The children have been involved in many different activities. Our open door coding club session was extremely popular and children from Nursery through to Year 6 were able to try their hand at coding both on Scratch and using Microbits. EYFS and KS1 explored the use of Beebots and directional commands. Year 2 also created their own storyboards using PurpleMash. Year 4 had the opportunity to use Lego Robots and discover how to build and programme them, using an App. Year 3 have had a go at creating their own animations using PurpleMash. Year 4 and 5 also had a fascinating talk from a Product Architect from Citrix. He explained to them about his role and the amazing coding that they do at Citrix. Year 6 had the opportunity to learn about sharing private information on Social Media by teaming up with secondary school students. They found this really interesting and engaging. Many children across the school have also had the opportunity to go on the amazing Ideas Bus, a 40ft yellow school bus full of technology! This not only looked very exciting in the playground but offered children the chance to explore new technology that they had never come across before!

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us to make our first Computing Week such an enormous success, including our Parent Governor Paul Fuller, Simon Devon and his team from Citrix.

Thank you to our joint Computing Leaders, Miss Hollis and Mrs Johnson for organising this week for the children.

### School Blog

We now have a school blog! Have a look at our school website page and you will find lots of great photographs of your children enjoying their learning.