

Autumn Term 2017 – Newsletter Number 4



Tanners Wood JMI School

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Letters/Communications out this week

- Reading
- Coding & Computing Club
- FOTW Quiz Night
- Year 4 Dance Festival
- Photographs
- ICT Acceptable Use Agreement Form
- Elm Class

Autumn 2017- new dates in bold

10th October	FOTW Meeting
11 th - 13 th October	You-nique enrichment days
12 th October	Spruce class assembly
13 th October	FOTW Disco
16th October	Harvest Assembly with Rvd Peter Waddell
16 th October	Parent Consultations 3.30pm–6pm
18 th October	Parent Consultations 5pm– 8pm
19 th October	Head Teacher's tea party
20 th October	INSET Day (children not in)
23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term
2 nd November	Oak class assembly
2 nd November	Netball tournament 3.30pm
7 th November	Year 5 Fun Run at St Pauls School
7 th & 8 th November	Pine Class Parent Consultations
8 th November	Flu vaccinations Years R – 4
9 th November	Year 6 basketball Francis Combe 4-6pm
14 th November	Year 6 Bletchley Park Trip
15 th November	Governor Day
17 th November	Anti-Bullying Day
18 th November	FOTW Quiz Night
20 th November	OCCASIONAL DAY (children not in)
22 nd November	Year 5 Royal Observatory Trip
23 rd November	Rapid Ts Year 3/4 - Rickmansworth School
27 th November	Year 4 Dance Festival 7pm
7 th December	Year 1/2 House event film quiz
8 th December	Christmas lunch
12 th December	Year 1/2 Aladdin at Palace Theatre
13 th December	1.45pm KS1 Christmas play to parents
14 th December	KS2 Christmas parties
14 th December	9.30am KS1 Christmas play to parents
14 th December	1.45pm Reception Christmas play to parents
15 th December	EYFS / KS1 Christmas parties
15 th December	11am Nursery Carol Concert to parents
15 th December	Head Teacher's tea party
18 th December	Nursery/Reception Mr Marvel Entertainer
18 th /19 th December	KS2 film quizzes
19 th December	End of Term – early finish 1.30pm
Spring 2018	
3rd January	Terms starts
4th January	Swimming restarts for Year 3
25th January	Larch class assembly
1st February	Young Voices Concert – Junior Choir
5th-7th February	Computing Week
7th February	Parent Workshop e-safety
8th February	Van Cols photographers

Internal Clubs

Remember there are **no** internal clubs during the week of parent consultations.

The computing clubs and reading clubs are drop-in sessions. If your child would like to come to these sessions then they are very welcome to come along. Because they are drop-in sessions, no confirmation slips have been issued.

Computing Club:

Years 1/2

In Computer Suite Friday 12.30 – 1.00pm

Years 3/4/5/6

In Computer Suite Wednesday 12.40 – 1.10pm

Reading Club:

Years R/1

In Ash Class Thursday 12.35 – 1.00pm

Years 2/3/4/5/6

In Pine Class Wednesday 12.15 – 12.45pm

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red Less than 95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple			98.6
Ash	86.9		
Beech		95.9	
Cypress			98.6
Elm	90.0		
Fir			98.0
Holly			97.7
Juniper	91.0		
Larch			97.7
Maple			98.3
Oak			97.3
Pine			97.3
Rowan	92.3		
Spruce			99.2
Willow		95.7	

The winner of the Attendance Cup this week is Spruce class!

It is very important that we have high levels of attendance. Please encourage your child to come into school if they are just feeling a little bit under the weather. Every day in school counts and absences can make children feel unsettled, especially where they have missed important parts of their learning.

Harvest Assembly

The Reverend Peter Waddell will be visiting us on the morning of Monday 16th of October as we are holding a Harvest Festival Assembly. We would be grateful for donations of non-perishable food items (e.g. tea bags, coffee, sugar, cereals, tinned goods, biscuits, pasta, rice) which will be given to the Three Rivers Refugee Partnership. We would like every child at the school to kindly bring in at least one item to support this local charity. The children may take these into their classrooms on 16th October and not before please.

Kingswood Year 6 residential

Many thanks to all the staff and children involved in helping to make Kingswood a successful trip, including Mrs Craggs, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Copper, Mrs Chapman and Mr Dunham.

You-Nique Week- 11-13th Oct

Next week in school we will be having three curriculum enrichment days celebrating how unique we all are and the positive benefits this brings to our school. All teachers will be focusing on the following aims:-

- To recognise that we are all different and this is to be celebrated.
- To help the children understand a little of what it is like to experience disabilities
- To understand that people have 'different abilities'
- To learn that some people have achieved great things **because** of their disability
- To learn that some people have achieved great things **regardless** of their disability

There will be a number of activities happening which will be led by external visitors. They will be talking about people with different disabilities to deepen children's understanding, awareness and tolerance.

Parking

A number of parents have shared their concerns with me about parking outside on School Mead. We all have a responsibility to keep our children safe and I would ask you to bear the following in mind when dropping off and collecting your child.

- Please ensure your child is safe and accompanied as they get out of the car. Small children are not visible when reversing!
- Walk to school if at all possible.
- If it is not possible to walk the whole way, park a few minutes away and then walk the final part.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

Class Assemblies

9.05am on Thursday mornings. Parents/carers of the class are welcome.

Date	Class
12 th October	Spruce
2 nd November	Oak
25 th January	Larch
22 nd February	Willow
8 th March	Holly
15 th March	Pine
19 th April	Maple
26 th April	Rowan
10 th May	Cypress
17 th May	Juniper
14 th June	Elm
21 st June	Fir
28 th June	Ash
5 th July	Beech
12 th July	Nursery

Environment Award

The winner this week is Nursery class, well done for keeping your classroom and cloakroom area neat, tidy and well organised!

E-Safety Update - Roblox

What is Roblox?

Childnet describes it as: "a gaming website where multiple players interact and play together in online games. The site has a collection of games aimed at 8-18 year olds; however, players of all ages can use the site and play games together.

Roblox can currently be played on the PC, phone, tablet and Xbox One. There is a wide variety of games to choose from; from delivering pizzas, to roaming a kingdom as a medieval knight, to even starring in a fashion show. The variety of games is one of the reasons that Roblox is so popular with many young people."

Childnet goes on to highlight the three key points for parents/carers to be aware of:

- the chat communication feature of the game
- the content of the game could be inappropriate for young children
- the risk children could accidentally run up costs whilst playing the game.

For more details, please read the complete guide for parents/carers at:

<http://bit.ly/eSafetyRoblox>

Request from Key Stage 1 teachers

Please can all parents help the teachers at morning drop off by saying goodbye to their children promptly when the whistle is blown. Teachers would really appreciate all parents standing back **away from the class lines** so that they can get the children into classrooms quickly and safely. Thank you for your co-operation.