

Autumn Term 2017 – Newsletter Number 6



Tanners Wood JMI School

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Letters/Communications out this week

- Nursery Lunch Club
- Secondary Transfer – Year 6

Autumn 2017- new dates in bold

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 – new dates in bold

3 rd January	Terms starts
4 th January	Swimming restarts for Year 3
25 th January	Larch class assembly
1 st February	Young Voices Concert – Junior Choir
5 th -7 th February	Computing Week
6 th February	Nursery Tour – please contact the office
7 th February	Parent Workshop e-safety
8 th February	Van Cols photographers (team/class photos)
21 st February	Nursery Tour – please contact the office
21 st February	Late parent consultations
22 nd February	Early parent consultations
22 nd February	Willow Class Assembly
28 th February	Governor Day
1 st March	World Book Day
7th March	KS2 Music Concert
8th March	Holly Class Assembly
13th March	Full Governing Body Meeting
15th March	Pine Class Assembly
26th-28th March	Arts Week
29th March	Last day of term – early finish 1.30pm

Return to School

We would like to wish all families a restful half term. Please note all children return back to school at 8.50am on Monday 30th of October.

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red Less than 95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	92.4		
Ash	93.6		
Beech	90.7		
Cypress		95.7	
Elm			98.0
Fir	92.0		
Holly	91.3		
Juniper			99.0
Larch			98.3
Maple	93.3		
Oak			98.7
Pine			100.0
Rowan	94.0		
Spruce			98.1
Willow		95.3	

The winner of the Attendance Cup this week is Pine class with 100% attendance! Well done Pine class. Attending school on a regular basis is the key to children doing well at school and sets them up with good habits for later life and the working world.

What constitutes good attendance?

Attendance percentages are not like examination results. An attendance percentage needs to be over 96% before it can be considered very good.

A pupil who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed approximately four complete weeks of school. This equates to one half day every week or 113 lessons! Over a five year period, 90% attendance will have meant that a child has missed six months of schooling.

Over their entire school career this could mean they have missed over one year's education!

96 % = Good 100% = Excellent

Can I take my child out of school for a holiday?

In total there are 176 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits and days out
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Attend routine medical appointments

The latest amendments to education law make it clear that schools may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'.

Further details on this are outlined in our attendance policy which can be viewed on the website. Holiday which has not been authorised will be coded as unauthorised and may be subject to action by the school attendance officer.

We hope that you will appreciate that whilst we are sympathetic where genuine difficulties exist, we are legally required to do all that we can to work with students and their families to ensure high levels of attendance and thereby achieve the highest possible levels of progress.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents for attending our consultations this week. We trust that you found them informative.

Any parents/carers who did not make an appointment this week should speak to the class teacher to make an alternative one.

Reading at home

The expectation, as outlined in the Home School Agreement, is for all children to read daily to an adult. Please can I ask every parent/carer to support their child with reading by hearing them read and signing their reading record daily.

Reading is an essential skill that helps all children access the whole curriculum. If you require any advice or support you will find information on our school website or you can speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Environment Award

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

Class Assemblies

9.05am on Thursday mornings. Parents/carers of the children are invited to come along and watch.

Date	Class
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