

Autumn Term 2017 – Newsletter Number 11



Tanners Wood JMI School

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We Care – We Challenge – We Learn

Letters/Communications out this week

- Christmas Performance – Reception
- A Christmas Carol – Year 5
- Phonics Workshop – Reception
- Health Screening – Reception
- Volunteers – re: careers
- Book Swap

Autumn 2017- new dates in bold

3 rd December	FOTW Christmas Fayre
5 th December	Football match vs St Pauls
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	Term starts
4 th January	Swimming restarts for Year 3
17 th January	FOTW meeting at 7.30pm
25 th January	Larch class assembly
1 st February	Young Voices Concert
5 th -7 th February	Computing Week
6 th February	Nursery Tour
7 th February	Parent Workshop e-safety
8 th February	Van Cols photographers (team/class photos)
21 st February	Nursery Tour
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
7 th March	KS2 Music Concert
8 th March	Holly Class Assembly
13 th March	Full Governing Body Meeting
15 th March	Pine Class Assembly
26 th -28 th March	Arts Week
29 th March	Last day of term – early finish 1.30pm

Hour of Code – Coding Club

On Wednesday 6th December after school, parents/carers of children who attend the Coding Club are invited to come and complete a challenge with their children in our computing suite. Look out for the story and pictures in My Abbots Magazine and also on our school blog.

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red Less than 95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	93.0		
Ash			99.6
Beech			98.3
Cypress		95.8	
Elm			100
Fir			99.6
Holly			98.3
Juniper			96.7
Larch	93.3		
Maple	93.3		
Oak			98.3
Pine	94.6		
Rowan			97.5
Spruce	92.3		
Willow	92.1		

The winner of the Attendance Cup this week is Elm class. Well done!

Update on Staffing

Miss Morris will be leaving Tanners Wood at the end of term due to her partner's relocation to Cornwall. We would like to wish her well with this exciting new chapter in her life and thank her for her commitment to the school over the last few years.

Mrs Mead will be returning from adoption leave in January and will be taking over the teaching of Juniper class, along with Ms Dickson.

Mrs Duggan, who taught Larch class on Fridays has left for personal reasons and Mrs Creasey, who already teaches in Oak class, will be increasing her days to teach Larch on a Friday.

Mrs Harrison is joining the team as a TA in Year 6 and is taking over some of Mr Dunham's morning hours so that he can focus on the Green Team.

Handwriting – Cursive Script

You will have noticed that the children are learning a cursive style of handwriting. This approach to teaching handwriting has many advantages. They include:

- Traditionally, children have learnt to print letters when they first start writing, then they have to learn a new style of handwriting when the time comes to move on to joined writing. If cursive writing is taught from the start, only one style is needed.
- Letters are produced in a flowing movement, which helps the development of a physical memory of how each letter is written.
- Letters all start in the same place and flow from left to right, which reduces the likelihood of reversal mix-ups such as b/d and p/q.
- Because of the smooth flow, writing soon becomes quicker and easier.
- There is no messy transition stage when children move from print to a joined style.
- A cursive style of handwriting is recommended by the British Dyslexia Association.

If you would like to see an example of how to form the letters, please visit this very helpful website:

<https://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/continuous-cursive-beginners-choice-2.html>

Tanners Wood Book Swap

As you are aware, we will be starting our Tanners Wood Book Exchange from January. Please could you bring in any books to the following classes next week in exchange for a credit for a new book when it starts in January.

- Nursery/ reception - Ash class on Monday 4th December.
- Years 1 and 2 – Cypress class on Tuesday 5th December.
- Years 3 and 4 - Oak class on Wednesday 6th December.
- Years 5 and 6 - Pine class on Thursday 7th December.

Class Assemblies

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

Date	Class
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

Internal Clubs

The last week of these clubs will be week beginning 11th December. The exception to this is that the Netball Club will not run on Tuesday 12th December as Mrs Radia is out on a school trip.

Volunteer Readers

As you will be aware we are keen to promote a love of reading in all our pupils and want them to read every day.

We are looking for more adults who might have an hour or two to spare each week supporting readers.

If you or someone you know would be able to help please get in contact with Mrs Mudd via the office to discuss this further.

Bronze Merit Certificates

We are delighted that the following children achieved their Bronze Merit certificates from Mrs Qureshi this week: Jack C (Cypress), Max, Ella (Elm), George, Ben (Fir), Daisy, Ciara (Juniper), Scarlett, Lily, Lucy, Otto, Kirstie (Larch), Abbie, Ellen, Isla (Maple), Zak (Pine)

Merits are earned for learning, effort and behaviour and each of the children above have earned ten merits. Well done!

Environment Award

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

School Applications

The application process for children starting Reception in September 2018 opened on Monday 6th November 2017. The application deadline is 15th January 2018. The link below gives more information about the application process:
http://www.intra.thegrid.org.uk/admissions/documents/under_11s_2018_leaflet.pdf