



Tanners Wood JMI School

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Letters/Communications out this week

- Internal Clubs

Spring 2018 – new dates in bold

3 rd January	Term starts
4 th January	Swimming restarts for Year 3
9 th January	School Attendance Officer visit
9 th January	Nursery tour
9 th January	Phonics workshop at 5.15pm
15 th January	Deadline for Reception applications
15 th January	KS1 reading workshop for parents at 5.15pm
17 th January	KS2 reading workshop for parents at 5.30pm
17 th January	FOTW meeting at 7.30pm
18 th January	Nursery tour
22 nd January	Year 3 Freshwater Theatre - Egyptians
25 th January	Larch class assembly
30 th January	KS2 Dodgeball House Event
30 th January	Governor Training
1 st February	Young Voices Concert
2 nd February	Nursery tour
2 nd February	FOTW disco
5 th February	Reception – Dinosaur Workshop
5 th -7 th February	Computing Week
7 th February	Parent Workshop - e-safety
8 th February	Van Cols photographers (team/class photos)
21 st February	Nursery Tour
21 st February	School Health – Hearing/Sight Checks (Ash)
21 st February	Late parent consultations
22 nd February	Early parent consultations
22 nd February	Willow Class Assembly
23 rd February	School Health – Hearing/Sight Checks (Beech)
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

Head's Update

A huge thank you to our wonderful children for all their hard work this term and to the parents for their continued support. From the staff and governors here at Tanners Wood, we wish all families a Happy Christmas and New Year. I hope everyone enjoys the festive period and we look forward to seeing all children back at school on **Wednesday 3rd January 2018**.

Christmas Plays

What a fabulous show both KS1 and EYFS put on. Even though rehearsals were interrupted by the snow, the children rose to the occasion and put on a marvellous performance. They spoke clearly and sang beautifully. Well done to all involved and thank you to the adults for coming to watch the children perform.

Music Lessons

Please ensure any outstanding invoices for the Spring term are paid before the end of term. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

Topic Webs

Look out for new topic webs issued during the first week of the new term. These can also be found on the school website.

School Attendance Officer Visit

The school attendance officer, Helen Spooner, will be visiting early in the New Year. During this visit we will be analysing the reasons for any children whose attendance falls below 'good'. Any absence which has a recognisable pattern, is as a result of unauthorised absence or where there are a large number of late marks will be rigorously followed up by her. This is because poor attendance can have a significant impact on a child's progress. Only attendance above 96% is considered good.

Phonics Workshops

Don't forget we have the evening workshop coming up soon on the 9th January at 5.15pm. Put the date in your diary. We would love to see you there!

Bronze Merit Certificates

We are delighted that the following children have achieved their Bronze Merit certificates:

Freddie, Annabel, Samuel, Rockwell (Ash), Ieuan (Beech), Calina, Daisy (Cypress), Ruby, Fletcher, Harrison, Immi-Rose, Archie (Elm), Isabel (Fir), Holly, Sienna, Toby, Harmony, Marvin, Tanisha, Lewis (Holly), Elizabeth, Rafe, Theo, Freya, Tamara, Leah, Sienna (Maple), Jessica (Rowan)

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 Rowan class, well done for keeping your classroom and cloakroom area neat, tidy and well organised!

School Admissions Consultation

The consultation on school admission arrangements for 2019/20 is open and runs until January the 5th 2018. Please visit the link below to complete the online response form.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019>

Internal Clubs

All internal clubs have now finished. Letters have gone out about the clubs for the Spring term. You should have returned your forms if you would like to request any of them.

Reading at Home

Regular practise of reading at home is essential for good progress. Just a few minutes every day can make a big difference.

Head Teacher's Tea Party

Mrs Qureshi was delighted to welcome the following children to the Head Teacher's tea party. This is a treat designed to reward those with excellent learning, effort and behaviour throughout the half term.

Class	Children	
Apple	Elizabeth	Jackson
Ash	Olivia	Freddie
Beech	Jodie	Alfred
Cypress	Jack	Isla
Elm	Phoebe	Joshua
Fir	Harriet	Jaden C
Holly	Vinnie	Olivia
Juniper	Cody	Daisy
Larch	Mia	Connor
Maple	Leila G	Jake
Oak	Riley	Gracie
Pine	Sonny	Grace C
Rowan	Jessica W	Cj
Spruce	Ben	Joy
Willow	Harry	Jessica W

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

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

Staff Leavers

We say a sad goodbye to three members of staff this week.

Miss Morris has been at Tanners Wood for a long time as for some of those years she was a pupil! We will miss her warm manner, caring attitude and her flexibility. We wish her well in her move to Cornwall.

Mrs Beels has worked with us for two years in Key Stage 2. We will miss her caring and upbeat attitude as well as her dedication to the children in her care.

Miss Edwards has been working as a SEN TA and she is leaving for family reasons. We wish her all the best.

Hour of Code

During the week commencing 4th December, the children took part in the nationwide Hour of Code initiative. Throughout the week, the children used their computing session to complete a coding challenge. Year 5 children took part in a coding workshop, where they used microbits to code a robot. After school, parents of children who attended the Coding Club were invited to come and complete a challenge with their children in our computing suite. Look out for the story and pictures in January's addition of My Abbots magazine and also on our school blog.

100% Attendance

The following children have achieved 100% attendance this term.

Apple: Robert, Hayley and Lexi

Ash: Poppy, Millie, Samuel and Rockwell

Beech: Oscar, Linden, Annaliese, Jodie, Cody and Anneka

Cypress: Jack, Isla, Ava, Adam, Calina, Blake, Owain, Tarren, Joseph, Daisy, Hannah and Benjamin

Elm: Archie, Beatriz, Fletcher, Sophie, Zac, Immi-Rose and Sharin

Fir: Tayiba, Alexander, Barney, Jaden, Matthew, Kara-Jane, Jessica, Charlie, Albie, Ben and Jj

Holly: Holly, Sienna, Alice, Harmony, Lewis and Hayden

Juniper: Lilly-Rose, Fraizer, Daisy, Cody, Drew and Adam

Larch: Samim, Adam, Kirstie, Aimee, Morgan, Luke and Mia

Maple: Leila, Elizabeth, Ellen, Tamara, Luke, Morgan, Jake, Kenzie and Zachary

Oak: Maya, Martha, Jonathan, Alice, Charlie, Luke, Zoe, Samuel and Isla

Pine: Zoe, Kyle, Joshua, Leo, Sonny, Ethan, Amy, Navdeep, Erin, Zac and Oliver

Rowan: Zamir, Tyler, Charlie, Joseph, Kian, Cj and Jessica

Spruce: Miriam, Harry, Papa, Ciara, Ned, Umar, Luca, Aleena and Kyle

Willow: James, Jessica N, Aleksandra, Summer and Samuel

There are 112 (25.5%) children who have attended every day during the Autumn term. Congratulations to all of these children, who will receive a certificate celebrating their excellent attendance.

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red Less than 95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple			99.3
Ash			98.3
Beech			96.7
Cypress		95.7	
Elm			97.3
Fir			100
Holly	94.7		
Juniper			96.7
Larch			98.0
Maple			97.0
Oak	92.3		
Pine	93.7		
Rowan	94.3		
Spruce		95.8	
Willow	93.0		

The winner of the Attendance Cup this week is Fir class, with 100% attendance. Well done!

Great Ormond Street Hospital

The family of one of our pupils in Year 6 will be visiting Great Ormond Street Hospital this Christmas. They take selection boxes for the children there who won't be at home for Christmas. If you are able to donate to this worthy cause then please drop your selection boxes into the office or to Willow class.