

Spring Term 2018 – Newsletter Number 23



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Letters/Communications out this week

School Milk letters for Nursery, Reception & Years 1-6

Spring 2018 – new dates in bold

19 th March	Amanda Davis rescheduled music lessons re snow day
20 th March	Y6 Quiksticks @ Rickmansworth 4-6pm
22 nd March	Book exchange in Pine Class 3.20pm-3.45pm
22 nd March	Re-scheduled Y5 Tag Rugby Parmiters
22 nd March	Tag rugby @ St Pauls after school
23 rd March	Nursery Deadline to accept place
24 th March	Year 5 Cassiobury Park Run for County
26 th March	Amanda Davis rescheduled music lessons re snow day
26 th -28 th Mar	Arts Week
28 th March	Activ8 gymnastics extra session
28 th March	Year 2 visit to St Lawrence's Church
28 th March	Tag rugby @ Divine Saviour after school
29th March	Head teacher's tea party
29 th March	Last day of term – early finish 1.30pm
11 th -12 th April	Year 6 Easter school

Summer Term 2018

16 th April	Term Starts
16 th April	Reception – County Allocation Day
19 th April	Maple Class Assembly
24th April	FOTW meeting
25th April	Parent SEND meeting 3.30pm-4.30pm
25 th April	Budget Setting (Governors)
25th April	Y1 in-school multi-skills competition
26 th April	Rowan Class Assembly
3rd May	Hearing and Sight Checks Reception
7 th May	Bank Holiday
8 th & 9 th May	Year 4 Residential
10th May	Cypress Class Assembly
10th May	FOTW Fashion Show
14 th – 17 th May	SATs week
17th May	Juniper Class Assembly
17th May	Y2 indoor athletics
18th May	FOTW Disco
22nd May	Y6 Kwik Cricket @Abbots Langley CC
23rd May	Y6 trip - Tower of London – late return
24th May	Head teacher's tea party
25th May	INSET Day – children not in
28 th May – 1 st June	Half Term
6th June	Governor Day
8th June	Sports Day
11th June	Phonics Screening Check Week
8th July	Summer Fayre FOTW
24 th July	Term Ends @ 1.30pm

Governor News

The Governors play an important role within the school, helping to set our strategic direction. Every term Governors come into school to spend the day finding out first-hand what is going on. From time to time the Governors will be updating us on their work through the newsletter. Our first report comes from Lee Gatland, who is one of our Parent Governors.

The last couple of weeks have seen a few visits to Tanners Wood covering a number of key areas within the school. As part of my role as Link Governor for both Music and Computing, I have spent time with Miss Hollis and Mrs Johnson hearing about the amazing things that the children have been doing in school within these topics.

In music it was good to hear how all children are actively participating in music within the classroom and some amazing musical experiences outside of the classroom including the Young Voices concert at The O2 with the choir and not to forget the Years 3 to 6 concerts last week. I was lucky enough to attend both of these and the quality of the performances was amazing.

In computing, with e-Safety week having just occurred we discussed how children participated in activities to understand how to be safe online and looked at some of the work produced to promote e-Safety. I was very happy to hear how many children are participating in extracurricular activities involving IT including a coding club, maybe Abbots Langley will become the next new TechHub in the UK! Time was also spent looking at how areas of IT can be improved further within the school to enrich the learning experience for the children.

My other roles within the school include Health, Safety and Premises. Whilst it is the less glamorous side of being a Governor, it is vital. Last week time was also spent reviewing these reports and areas of improvement to the buildings within the school.

Pine Class Assembly

Pine class delighted us with their fabulous assembly on Thursday morning. We enjoyed hearing about their interesting work on reversible and irreversible changes, map work and writing of suspense stories. Their singing was particularly moving. Well done Pine class. Thank you also to all the parents who came to watch their children.

Motto, Vision and Aims

Over the last two terms the staff have spent several sessions thinking about setting the motto, vision and aims for the school going forward.

Their ideas were then taken back to the senior leadership team and the governing body. We feel the results really capture our approach and reflect the Tanners Wood community- we hope you agree!

The new motto, vision and aims are below. We would love to hear your thoughts about them. If you would like to comment or feedback please send a note in via the office addressed to Mrs Qureshi. The motto has been discussed with the children in assemblies this week. It was amazing that the children could relate to why we chose this motto. They could articulate the link to our school rules and Learning B's.

Motto – Be the best you can!

Our school rules

- Everyone has the right to be respected
- Everyone has the right to be safe
- Everyone has the right to learn

Vision

Our vision at Tanners Wood Primary School is to provide an environment where all pupils succeed in their learning and personal development. We strive for excellence, preparing our pupils to become independent and resilient learners who are confident and show respect for themselves and others. We work in partnership with families to nurture each child as they grow into responsible members of society.

AIMS

1. Have high expectations of pupil learning and achievement.
2. Deliver a curriculum that inspires an enthusiasm for learning.
3. Provide a safe, secure environment where children feel valued and are respected.
4. Provide a structured, inclusive and stimulating environment where pupils can develop independence, confidence, self-discipline and desire for learning.
5. Develop high standards of discipline, social awareness and consideration for others. Encourage all children to take responsibility for their actions and choices.
6. Encourage the full involvement of parents and pupils in the life of the school, through maintaining links with the local community, including stake holders.

Environment Award

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

Merit Certificates

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

Bronze Merit Certificates: Reece & Ben (Rowan)

Silver Merit Certificates: Jessica (Rowan)

Gold Merit Certificates: Jessica (Willow)

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red Less than 95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	94.7		
Ash		95.0	
Beech	84.0		
Cypress			99.0
Elm		94.3	
Fir		94.7	
Holly	90.3		
Juniper		95.9	
Larch			96.9
Maple		95.0	
Oak		95.3	
Pine	90.3		
Rowan			98.3
Spruce			97.8
Willow			100

Well done Willow Class, with 100% attendance. Congratulations also to Cypress with 99%. Keep it up.

Medical Appointments and Illness.

In line with our current policy, please ensure all non-urgent medical appointments are made outside school hours.

It is also vitally important that phone calls to the school office notifying us of illness state the exact reason for absence. It is not enough to say that your child is ill.

Class Assemblies

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

Date	Class
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

Parental Questionnaire Spring Term 2018 Results

At the most recent parent consultations we asked parents to complete a questionnaire. We had an excellent response with 220 questionnaires returned. As you can see we have had an overwhelming positive response. We will use the results to decide where we need to do further work and will be requesting help for a small group of parents to support us with this in the near future. Thank you for your feedback, we are grateful and want to continue to improve our school.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
My child likes coming to school	68%	31%	1%		
My child feels safe at school	78%	21%	1%		
My child is well looked after	79%	21%			
My child makes good progress at school	74%	24%	2%		
My child is taught well at this school	76%	23%			1%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	55%	37%	6%		1%
My child enjoys a good range of learning activities both inside and outside the classroom	72%	26%	1%		1%
The school ensures pupils are well behaved	61%	34%	3%	1%	1%
The school deals effectively with bullying	48%	33%	5%	1%	13%
The school is well led and managed	60%	36%	3%		1%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	59%	35%	1%		5%

Sports Relief- update from Mrs Coe

On Thursday 22nd March we are supporting Sports Relief 2018 by keeping ourselves moving! It will be a normal school uniform day and we will be learning about how the money we raise will support children around the world and in the UK to enjoy sport. We will have a daily mile with a difference - your children's class will get to decide how they complete their mile. Will it be the daily dance? Daily Hula? Daily skip? Daily Dribble? Daily Bounce? The results will be posted on our school blog.

If you would like to support this important cause, please make a donation by bringing in money and putting it into the buckets the sports council and I will be holding in all playgrounds. Please do not send it into your child's classroom, please put it into the bucket. Thank you, your money will go towards a very worthy cause.

During lunchtime, the children will have a variety of games to play to get them moving and on the KS1 playground the play leaders will bring different equipment to play with. We hope these opportunities will encourage all children to be physically active.

Football Results

Tanners Wood 9 - 0 Abbots Langley
Tanners Wood 3 - 1 Divine Saviour
Tanners Wood 3 - 0 Kingsway
Orchard 3 - 0 Tanners Wood

On Thursday 15th March we play Holy Rood and on Thursday 22nd Alban Wood, this could prove to be a crucial match if we win against Holy Rood!! Come on Tanners girls!!

Tag Rugby Results

Tanners Wood 10 - 7 Abbots Langley

On Thursday 22nd we play St. Paul's and on Wednesday 28th we play Divine Saviour. We played extremely well against Abbots and maintained our lead throughout the match. We played fairly and effectively as a team, well done Tanners!