

# Autumn Term 2018 – Newsletter Number 3



## Tanners Wood JMI School

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1 <sup>st</sup> October	Reception – Watford Observer Photos
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Individual & Sibling Photos
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Themed Lunch
8 <sup>th</sup> October	DSPL9 Drop in Session – Y6 Parents
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Parent Tour – please book at office
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Willow Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Tri-Golf
12 <sup>th</sup> October	FoTW Disco
13 <sup>th</sup> October	FoTW '90's Night'
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Visit to Library
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Governor Day
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Geography Curriculum Enrichment Day
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Parent Tour – please book at office
19 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Book Exchange 3.20-4pm Pine
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Tri-Golf Final
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Headteacher's Tea Party
25 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Book Exchange 3.20-4pm Holly
26 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day – children not in school
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Half term week
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Magical Minds Dance Workshop
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Parent Tour – please book at office
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Basketball – Francis Combe
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Day
19 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2 Book Exchange 3.20-4pm Pine
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception to Y5 Nasal Flu Vaccine
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Governing Body Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	APES Youth Forum Meeting – Eco Council
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	KS1 Book Exchange 3.20-4pm Holly
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day – School Closed
26 <sup>th</sup> November	School Sports Partnership Dance Rehearsals
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Royal Observatory Visit
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 & 4 6Ts Rapid Fire
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Parent Tour – please book at office
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 – Bletchley Park Visit
11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Production 2.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Carols
14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Production – 1.45pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Book Exchange 3.20-4pm Pine
17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Book Exchange 3.20-4pm Holly
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr Marvel Entertainer YR / N
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Film Quiz
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 Film Quiz
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Pantomime in Hall
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Head Teacher's Tea Party
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Break begins

### Environment Award

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

### Pen Portrait of a Governor – Leah Waters

Leah Waters is our newest governor and has two children at Tanners Wood, in Years 1 and 4. Leah works as a Consultant and Senior Manager in the voluntary sector where she supports charities to be more strategic in their approach to income generation.

As well as supporting the school, Leah is a trustee of two charities, including a grant making trust, and The Henderson Hub in Abbots Langley.

### KS1 Playground Morning Arrival

Following some constructive feedback from parents and teachers, we would be grateful if KS1 parents could observe the following when dropping children to school in the mornings.

Please can we ask that all goodbyes are said promptly when the first whistle is blown at 8.50am.

Can we politely request that all parents refrain from joining their children in the class line and stand well enough back to allow the children and teachers to enter school in a timely and safe manner.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### Y6 Parent DSPL9 Drop In Session

Lisa Sillitoe, who is a specialist transition Outreach worker, will be in school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 9 – 11am** for all parents and/or carers of a Y6 child.

Lisa works with most secondary schools and will be able to answer your questions as well as provide valuable information and guidance about supporting your child's transition to secondary school next year.

If you would like the opportunity to have a chat with Lisa, there is no need to book an appointment. Please come along to the Community Room via the main entrance.

### Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	92.8		
Ash			98.9
Beech			99.3
Cypress			98.7
Elm			97.2
Fir	92.7		
Holly			97.9
Juniper			97.9
Larch			100
Maple			96.7
Oak			97.9
Pine			96.2
Rowan	94.0		
Spruce			98.0
Willow		95.9	

Well done to Larch with 100% attendance. Lots of other classes, as you can see, were very close behind. Well done everyone; the more we are in school, the more we can learn.

We will be entering all children with high attendance into a raffle draw at the end of each half term to win a fabulous prize.

### Class Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to attend a class assembly on a **Thursday morning from 9am** on the dates below. Adults are welcome to come back to the class after the assembly.

Class	Date
Pine	4 <sup>th</sup> October
Willow	11 <sup>th</sup> October
Holly	15 <sup>th</sup> November
Spruce	22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Maple	29 <sup>th</sup> November
Rowan	17 <sup>th</sup> January
Oak	24 <sup>th</sup> January
Larch	7 <sup>th</sup> February
Fir	28 <sup>th</sup> February
Juniper	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Cypress	21 <sup>st</sup> March
Elm	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Ash	16 <sup>th</sup> May
Beech	13 <sup>th</sup> June
Apple	27 <sup>th</sup> June

### ParentMail – Forms

Exciting news! We are about to launch an additional service as part of ParentMail. This new feature allows the school to send out forms to parents who can then complete and return the form electronically, thus eliminating the risk of letters/forms not being received by parents.

We will be starting to use this new feature from the middle of October, with a view to Tanners Wood becoming a paperless school by January 2019 (occasionally there may be an exception).

This feature can be accessed via [www.parentmail.co.uk](http://www.parentmail.co.uk) or by downloading the ParentMail app onto your smartphones or tablets so you have full accessibility at your convenience. Guidance on how to download this app can be found on the school website <http://tannerswood.herts.sch.uk/parentmail/>

If you have any trouble downloading or accessing ParentMail, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office who will be able to assist you.



### Halloween Themed Lunch

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Caterlink are holding a 'Halloween' themed lunch menu. Everyone is invited to join in, but please return your lunch reply form that was sent out earlier this week and any necessary payment, **by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. Halloween menu options are:

Witch's Finger Sausages  
or  
Full Moon Cheese & Tomato Pizza  
Creepy Stick Chips  
baked beans / peas  
Chocolate Cobweb Cake  
Spooky Fruit Sticks  
Slimy Jelly

### Year 5 Home Learning

Both Year 5 teachers asked me to pop into their classes this week to look at the children's home learning on their space project.

The projects were 'out of this world!' I spoke to all the children about how creative they had been in their approach and how much time and effort had gone into their work.

Superb effort Year 5 - well done! Thank you to the parents who have supported their children and helped resource the projects.