

Autumn Term 2018 – Newsletter Number 4



Tanners Wood JMI School

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

School Blog

Each class regularly posts on our school blog. Please click on the link <http://tannerswood.herts.sch.uk/blog/> or visit the school website and navigate to the 'blog' tab to see what the children have been doing at school. If you would like to be notified whenever there is a new blog, please follow us on Twitter as our school blog is now linked to our Twitter account: @tannerswoodWD5

Phonics

Parents with children in Reception will be able to see and hear the sounds taught in phonics each week on the **Ash and Beech Blog**. Please take a look each week and practise these sounds with your child. Regular practise at home is proven to help consolidate their learning.

Another very useful app is 'Mr Thornes Does Phonics' which can be downloaded from the App Store:

<http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/mr-thorne-does-phonics-letters/id432883474?mt=8>

Alternatively, a series of YouTube clips can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D_qRRMUjGayw

Y6 Parent DSPL9 Drop In Session

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

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.

Environment Award

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

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	92.8		
Ash			100
Beech	93.0		
Cypress			99.7
Elm			96.9
Fir	93.3		
Holly			97.9
Juniper			97.9
Larch			98.6
Maple		95.0	
Oak			96.9
Pine			97.6
Rowan			97.7
Spruce	94.7		
Willow			97.8

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

We monitor attendance weekly and follow up absences and lateness where we have concerns.

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

Parent Noticeboard

You may have seen the noticeboard outside Oak classroom. On the board you can find useful information to support families. Please have a look. There is lots of help and information displayed for you. Should you have any questions or need further help and support please contact our family support worker, Mrs Butler, who can be found near the front office.

Y5 Pine Class Assembly

This week Y5 Pine Class started off our class assemblies, beginning with a fantastic rendition of Bon Jovi's song Living on a Prayer. They shared with us their dramatic 'Scott of the Antarctic' diary entries as well as their amazing models of the planets within our solar system.

Many thanks go to the children in Pine Class who worked hard on their performance and the adults who came along to support them.

Christmas Dinner Day

This year the children will be having their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday the 19th of December. Further details will follow. The children will be able to wear a festive top should they wish and we will be asking for a donation for 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day'.

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 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.

Families Feeling Safe

Are you looking for some strategies to improve family life? There is a free course running on Thursday mornings 9.30-11.30am, 18th October to 13th December (excluding half term, 1st November) at Thorpe Community Room, Garston Fire Station, 530 St Albans Road, Watford, WD24 7RX. Further details can be found here:

<https://familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/FFSP-Mums2c-Dads-Carers-Leaflet-Oct-2018-1.pdf>

For eligibility and to book a FREE place, please contact Vicky on 07561 845825 or by e-mail at vicky@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk

For information about other groups or Protective Behaviours training courses, please visit www.familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk