

Autumn Term 2018 – Newsletter Number 6



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| 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 | Harvest Assembly with Rev Waddell |
| 9 th November | Year 6 Height and Weight Checks |
| 9 th November | Reception Parent Tour – full |
| 12 th November | Remembrance Assembly with Rev Waddell |
| 15 th November | Year 6 Basketball – Francis Combe |
| 16 th November | Anti-Bullying Day |
| 19 th November | KS2 Book Exchange 3.20-4pm Pine |
| 19 th -23 rd November | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 20 th November | Reception to Y5 Nasal Flu Vaccine |
| 21 st November | Governing Body Meeting |
| 22 nd November | APES Youth Forum Meeting – Eco Council |
| 22 nd November | Year 5 Fun Run – Abbots Recreation Grounds |
| 23 rd November | KS1 Book Exchange 3.20-4pm Holly |
| 23 rd November | FOTW Non Uniform Day – Donations for Christmas Fayre |
| 26 th November | Occasional Day – School Closed |
| 26 th November | School Sports Partnership Dance Rehearsals |
| 27 th November | Y4 Dance Festival, Rickmansworth School, time tbc |
| 28 th November | Year 5 Royal Observatory Visit |
| 28 th November | Year 3 & 4 6Ts Rapid Fire |
| 28 th November | Reception Parent Tour – full |
| 30th November | Non-School Uniform Day, FoTW bottle & sweet donation |
| 2nd December | FoTW Christmas Fair 12-2pm |
| 10th December | Reception Parent Tour – please book through the office |
| 11 th December | Reception Parent Tour – full |
| 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 |
| 19 th 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 |

Parent Consultation Evenings

A ParentMail has been sent about next week's parent consultations. Please ensure you have read the information prior to your appointment.

It is very important that every parent meets with the teacher next week. If you have not booked your appointment please go on line to do so now. If you are having difficulty, please telephone or drop into the office and they can assist. Appointments can be booked up to 24 hours before the consultations start.

After-School Clubs - Next week

Please be reminded that there will be no staff run after school clubs next week. These include Homework Club, Netball, Coding, Lego, Choir, Colour & Chat and Eco Club.

Activ8 Gymnastics is also cancelled on Monday due to the hall being used for parent consultations.

ParentMail Surgery

On Monday 22nd (3.30-6pm) and Wednesday 24th October (5-8pm), Mrs Greaves will be available in the Computing Suite to help anybody who has a ParentMail query or would like help downloading and setting up the ParentMail app. You will need to bring your smartphone/tablet with you. You will be able to access the Tanners Wood Guest Wi-Fi.

Harvest Festival

We are celebrating Harvest Festival a little later this year. On Friday 9th November, Revd Waddell will present a Harvest Assembly to all children. Through RE/PSHE lessons and assemblies, the children are often asked to think about those less fortunate than themselves. We have therefore decided to ask for donations for the Three Rivers Refugee Centre as they continue to be in need of foodstuffs and it is a local charity to us. The Centre has specifically asked that donations of dried or tinned food (including meat and fruit) are made. Please note, they do NOT require any baked beans, soup or UHT milk. For a full list of items you can donate please click on the link: <https://www.wtrp.org.uk/food-and-goods/>

Many thanks for your support for what is undeniably a very worthwhile cause.

Attendance for the Week

| Class | Red <95% | Amber 95% | Green 96%+ |
|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Apple | 94.4 | | |
| Ash | | | 96.3 |
| Beech | | | 99.6 |
| Cypress | | | 99.7 |
| Elm | 94.6 | | |
| Fir | 94.7 | | |
| Holly | | | 99.6 |
| Juniper | | | 98.2 |
| Larch | | | 97.3 |
| Maple | | | 99.0 |
| Oak | 93.4 | | |
| Pine | | 95.9 | |
| Rowan | 94.7 | | |
| Spruce | | | 96.7 |
| Willow | | 95.9 | |

Well done to Cypress Class with 99.7% attendance. 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 |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 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 |

Merit Certificates

Merits are awarded for learning, effort and behaviour. To achieve a Bronze certificate each child must have been awarded 10 merits, 20 merits for Silver and 30 for Gold. Well done!

Bronze Certificates: Ivy (Beech), Jemima (Cypress) Lola (Fir), Tayiba & Isabel (Juniper), Lily (Oak), Maya & Marli (Pine)

Toys in School

Please can we kindly remind you that children should not be bringing their own toys into school. Unfortunately this can lead to damaged toys or unnecessary disputes between children which we wish to avoid. Thank you for your cooperation.

Curriculum Enrichment Days – Geography

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th were dedicated to geography, the first of our 'Curriculum Enrichment Days'. The day began with the 'big reveal' in assembly where the children found out from Ms Schofield which country they were going to study. These included Nepal, Egypt, Kenya and Italy. Their teachers had planned an exciting and engaging couple of geography themed days for them, which included using a protractor to draw lines of longitude and latitude and using pastels to draw Kenyan landscapes. Look out for some geography themed displays around the public areas in school over the coming weeks.

Thank you to Ms Schofield, our geography leader for organising this.

Environment Award

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

Stranger Danger

You may have seen reports on social media about a couple of incidents where a man in a black car has spoken to children near school in the locality. We have spoken to the children about stranger danger in assembly and in classes this week. Please reinforce this message with your children at home.

School Uniform

Attached is the school uniform policy, which can also be found on the website;

<http://tannerswood.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Uniform-Policy-June-2018-1.pdf>

Please refer to this when purchasing any items of uniform. Thank you for your support in ensuring everyone adheres to the guidelines. Please note that after half term, all children must adopt the winter uniform.

FoTW Christmas Hampers

If you would like to make a donation to the FoTW Christmas Hampers, the deadline for donations is the 23rd November. Once again, the hamper theme is 'Colour'.

Home School Agreement

Our Home School Agreement Policy has recently been updated and was approved by the Governors during the last Governors' Day. You can read the updated policy on the school website; found on the 'Parent' tab under 'Policies' or by clicking on the link:

<http://tannerswood.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Home-School-Agreement.pdf>

We will be asking you to sign a new Home School Agreement during your parent consultation next week.