

Autumn Term 2018 – Newsletter Number 12



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10 th December	Reception Parent Tour – please book through the office - full
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	Reception to St Lawrence's Church
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

Spring Term

7 th January	Term Starts
9 th January	Special Educational Needs Meetings
14 th January	Reception Health Screening
15 th January	Year 6 Indoor Athletics Final
17 th January	Rowan Class Assembly
17 th January	Nursery Tour – please book at office
18 th January	Reception Health Screening
24 th January	Oak Assembly
25 th January	Helen Spooner - Attendance Officer Surgery
28 th January	Nursery Tour – please book at the office
30th January	Year 4 Indoor Athletics
31 st January	Year 5 Affinity Water Workshop
5 th February	Computing Day
7 th February	Larch Class Assembly
8 th February	FOTW Disco
8 th February	Nursery Tour – please book at the office
11 th & 13 th February	Parent Consultations
13 th February	Nursery Tour – please book at office
15 th February	INSET Day – school closed
18 th -22 nd February	Half Term

IMPORTANT – SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

A polite reminder that all school communications are now sent out via ParentMail. Please ensure that you regularly check for any emails / payment items or forms to be completed, and action them promptly.

During this transitional period, the school office has been calling to follow up any un-responded requests. However, please be advised that from January, this will no longer be the case, and parents and carers will be responsible for keeping up to date with correspondence and payments via ParentMail.

Should you be experiencing difficulties accessing your ParentMail account, please contact the school office.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped at the school fayre at the weekend. A large amount of money was raised for the school and this will help to purchase lots of essential items for the children.



Year 4 Trip to Hazard Alley

Year 4 loved their trip to Hazard Alley this week. They learned about safety on the road and on trains. Stanley learned about how to cross the road safely and how important it is to stay away from the train tracks to avoid being hurt. Stella learned that when a fire alarm goes off, it is essential to get out of a building as quickly as possible and call for help. All of the children practised making an emergency call. Stanley said it felt very real and that he 'panicked a bit when the phone didn't work!'

Assembly with Reverend Waddell

On Monday we invited Reverend Waddell into school to lead an assembly. He reminded us how important it is to show the special people in our lives how much we care about them by being helpful. It is better to give than receive.

Governor Update – Training

This week, the governors were busy updating their skills and knowledge as governors when they attended training on Ofsted inspections. I'm sure that all the governing body would agree that the training was helpful and informative.

Christmas Dinner Day

As you will be aware, we will be having our Christmas meal with the children on the 19th of December. All children are invited to wear a festive top for a small donation to Save the Children. Collections from the Christmas performances will also be donated to this good cause.



Save the Children

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	89.0		
Ash	92.9		
Beech			96.4
Cypress			100
Elm			99.2
Fir			100
Holly			96.7
Juniper			100
Larch	93.5		
Maple	92.5		
Oak	92.1		
Pine			96.1
Rowan			96.6
Spruce			100
Willow	93.9		

Well done to Spruce, Juniper and Fir Classes with 100% attendance.

Environment Award

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

Hour of Code

All classes are taking part in 'Hour of Code' activities this week and next week as part of our Computing curriculum. Early Years enjoyed exploring giving instructions to 'Code-a-pillars' and BeeBots to make them move. Other coding activities have included using blocks to code with a Star Wars theme and creating a game about 'The Grinch', as well as debugging and tinkering with programs. Why not try some coding activities at home? Here are some useful websites:

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

<https://www.scratchjr.org/>

<https://www.tynker.com/>



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
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

Christmas Productions

We are looking forward to seeing you next week for the Christmas Productions. The children are very excited and busy learning their lines; they sound delightful singing their beautiful songs.

WhatsApp

We were concerned to hear that some children in Key Stage 2 are part of a WhatsApp group. Could we please remind you that WhatsApp have set the minimum age for this App as 16. This is because it can be used to bully people in group chats and messages cannot be reported.

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:

Apples – Lydia, Alfie, Ruby, Skylar, Olivia, Jack, Daisy, Freya, Holly / **Ash** – Jackson, Ria, Charlie, Stanley, Hayley, Harriet, Oscar, Dexter, Olivia / **Cypress** – Sienna, Travis, Linden / **Elm** – Rocky, Henry / **Fir** – Immi-Rose, Sharin, Harrison, Beatriz, Baylee, Kayla / **Holly** – Anastasia, Emma, Peter, Isla, Darcy, Logan, Owain / **Juniper** – Oliver, Alfie / **Larch** – Louis, Toby, Ryan / **Maple** – Isabelle, Danny, Cerys, Sasha, Fraizer, Brooke, Aoife / **Pine** – Austin, Dylan, Sam, Taylor, Oliver, Mia, Alice, Charlie, Gracie, Sienna, Isla, Ria, Sam

Silver Certificates:

Juniper – Teigan / **Pine** – Maya

Football finals

The Year 6 boys' football team and the Year 5/6 netball team went to St Catherine's for the final of the VERITAS league we joined this year. We were already in the lead (as we had played each team once) and continued it!

The boys did not concede any goals and won all of their matches and the Year 5/6 netball team were so far out in front that it would have taken a lot to lose. They didn't lose; they drew one game and won two games!

The children were all so excited to win and the other teachers said how well they had done and were a deserving team!



The Boys' Football Team Receiving their Medals

League Finals

WOW! SENSATIONAL! TREMENDOUS.....TANNERS WOOD!

Well done to the Year 6 boys' football team and Year 5/6 netball team who went to the VERITAS league finals on Wednesday and WON! They played all of their games with focus and commitment, which made both the parents and teachers extremely proud. The boys' football team did not concede a goal in all three matches. The netball team drew their first game and won the second two games! We are now the proud owners of two new trophies for our cabinet! Well done to Tinashe, Erin, Zac, Grace R, Angel, Marli, Ellen, Maya, Toby, Kian, Ben C, Zamir, Daniel, Quinn, Kyle G, Kyle HH, Alec, Josh and Tyler. You all showed great sportsmanship on and off the court/pitch! We can't wait until the Sports Partnership Finals next term; two great teams!

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs L Coe

Poppy Appeal 2018

We would like to say a big thank you for all your support during the Poppy Appeal. We are pleased to announce that Tanners Wood School raised £187.70 for The Royal British Legion.

