

Autumn Term 2018 – Newsletter Number 14



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Spring Term 2018

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	Year 2 Parent Meeting about SATS tests
17 th January	Rowan Class Assembly
17 th January	Nursery Tour – please book at office
18 th January	Reception Health Screening
22nd January	Netball Final – Away
24 th January	Oak Assembly
24 th January	Reception Parent Meeting about Phonics
25 th January	Helen Spooner - Attendance Officer Surgery
28 th January	Nursery Tour – please book at the office
29 th January	Year 1 Parent Meeting about Phonics Screening Check
30 th January	Year 4 Indoor Athletics
31 st January	Year 5 Affinity Water Workshop
5 th February	Computing Day
7 th February	Larch Class Assembly
7 th February	Year 6 Athletics Final
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
25 th February	Nursery Applications Deadline
26 th February	2.30pm - KS1 Maths Meeting for Parents
27 th February	Governor Day
28 th February	Fir Class Assembly
28 th February	Year 6 Football Final
2 nd April	Year 5 Tag Rugby Final
4 th April	Year 6 Tag Rugby Final
5 th April	Term Ends – 1.30pm
23 rd April	Summer Term Begins

Head's Update

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful children for all their hard work this term, and to the parents for their continued support. From the staff and governors here at Tanners Wood, we wish all families a very Happy Christmas and New Year. I hope everyone enjoys the festive period and we look forward to seeing all children back at school on **Monday 7th January**.

Contact Information

Please be reminded that it is essential that we are able to contact parents or another adult in the event of illness or emergency. If your contact details have changed, please ensure you update the office.

Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday, the children ate a delicious Christmas meal with their class teachers and teaching assistants. They wore a jumper / festive top for a small donation to Save the Children. Collections from the Christmas performances were also donated to this good cause and in total we raised an amazing £372.77. Thank you for all of your donations. Thank you also to the kitchen staff and helpers who ensured that the day was a success!



Save the Children

Year 1 and 2 Pantomime

The children in Years 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed their pantomime performance of Jack and the Beanstalk on Thursday.

Film Quiz

The House Captains prepared a Film Quiz for the Key Stage 2 House Event on Monday and Tuesday this week. Thank you House Captains for a fun and informative morning watching Happy Feet!

Mr Marvel Entertainer

On Tuesday, children in Nursery and Reception were treated to an exciting visit from Mr Marvel. There was magic, balloon modelling, a Punch and Judy Show and a live rabbit! The children were all very well behaved, and it was a pleasure to see them all enjoying themselves!

Choir Performance

The choir delighted the residents of Arden House with an amazing performance of Christmas songs on Tuesday. Their singing was beautiful and very much appreciated by the residents. Well done to the children and staff involved, and Merry Christmas from the choir!



Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	94.4		
Ash	92.9		
Beech		95.7	
Cypress			97.7
Elm			98.0
Fir			96.0
Holly			98.3
Juniper			97.9
Larch			100
Maple		95.7	
Oak			96.7
Pine	94.5		
Rowan			97.6
Spruce	94.0		
Willow			99.0

Well done to Larch Class with 100% attendance.

Environment Award

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

Headteacher's Tea Party

The following children were invited to the Headteacher's Tea Party today. They were chosen because of their exemplary behaviour and work ethic throughout this half term. Well done!

Class	Boy	Girl
Apple	Ted	Frankie
Ash	Max	Cali
Beech	Bobby	Jemimah
Cypress	George	Jessica
Elm	Joseph	Mileta
Fir	Lewis	Kayla
Holly	Jude	Calina
Juniper	Henry	Teigan
Larch	Tom	Francesca
Maple	Fraizer	Chloe
Oak	Stanley	Morgan
Pine	Freddie	Sophie-Rose
Rowan	Lily-Rose	Harvey
Spruce	Daniel	Harrison
Willow	Alfie	Jessica M



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 – Mariah, Frankie, Ted, Trevor, Harry, Joshua, Sienna, Mercedes, Willow, Tiger, Hana / **Beech** – Matthew, Amelia, Angel, Jake / **Cypress** – Emmie-Grace / **Elm** – Turhan, Rockwell, Jack, Emilia, Rosie, Samuel, Bella / **Fir** – Archie / **Oak** – Precious / **Pine** – Maisy / **Rowan** – Kenzie, Jaidon / **Spruce** – Daniel, Amy, Oliver, Zoe / **Willow** – Ryan, Anna, Abigail, Jessica M, Dannii, CJ, William M, Ben C, Lily, Kian, Alfie, Ethan, Tyler

Silver Certificates:

Beech – Ivy / **Spruce** – Zac, Erin / **Willow** – Quinn, Joseph

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

Parent Questionnaire Results

A ParentMail was sent out this week, which published the results of the parent questionnaire for this term (Autumn 2018). Thank you to those that took the time to complete it.

Parenting Courses

Please note that a list of Parenting Courses for January and February 2019 has been added to the 'Family Support' board outside Oak Class.

Attendance Award

All children with 100% attendance for the first half of the Autumn Term were entered into a raffle. Congratulations to Jonathan from Pine Class, whose name was drawn to win the prize. A further prize will be given out in January for 100% attendance for the second half of the Autumn Term.

In addition, children with 100% attendance for the whole term were given a certificate by their class teachers.

Packed Lunches

As you will be aware we are a 'Healthy School' and have gold status. We have noticed that some of our children have a lot of sweets, sugary drinks and high-fat, high-salt savoury snacks. You may find the following advice helpful for healthy packed lunch ingredients.

- First of all, invest in proper packaging. There's nothing quite as unappealing as a soggy packed lunch. Fruit and vegetable sticks that are still fresh when the dinner bell goes are far more likely to hit the spot. Buy different-sized plastic containers with snap-on lids (make sure your child can open them!) and a lunchbox/carry-case with space for an ice pack so the contents stay chilled.
- Leftovers from supper the previous evening can be tasty and hassle-free. Try to plan your evening meal with the next day's packed lunch in mind. Have one basic leftover ingredient – eg rice, couscous, pasta – and add cubes of cheese, cooked meat, tuna, sweetcorn, beans, whatever you have in the fridge or store cupboard.
- If your child wants crisps, suggest alternatives such as crackers or crisp breads. You could spread a low-fat soft cheese or hummus on top to make a tasty snack.
- Buy different sorts of bread for sandwiches, rolls or wraps - eg pitta, bagels, granary - and steer clear of white bread.
- Low-fat soft cheese and fruit (try strawberries, kiwi fruit or banana) make great sandwich fillers. Tomatoes and cucumber slices make sandwiches soggy. Instead, go for grated carrot or shredded lettuce.
- Finally, if your child wants a healthy snack for break-time, why not include a pack of raisins (or measure out a small handful from a bigger bag and put them into a small plastic container). You can also do the same with dried fruits such as apricots.

Battery Safety

In the run up to Christmas, it's especially important to be aware of toys and devices that use button batteries (the flat disc-like silver batteries) and to make sure we keep children safe by using, storing and disposing of them properly.

It's extremely dangerous to swallow button batteries or to insert them into noses or ears where they can still create a circuit and cause harm.

Button batteries are in far more products that you might initially think, including car key fobs, musical cards and books as well as toys that are powered and household electrical items, such as a thermometer.

Always make sure that button batteries are securely stored out of sight and reach of children. When they are no longer powering items, dispose of them safely and do not leave them laying around – they can still harm children if swallowed, even if the product they power needs new ones.

We have created the attached poster to use on your site or in your communications to raise awareness and make sure children are kept safe.

If you suspect that a child or young person has swallowed a button battery, seek medical advice urgently and take them to A&E.