

Autumn Term 2019 – Newsletter Number 3



Tanners Wood JMI School

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Term Dates 2019 – 2020

Inset day: 24 & 25 October 2019
 Half term holiday: 28 October 2019 - 1 November 2019
 Christmas holiday: 23 December 2019 - 3 January 2020
 Half term holiday: 17 February 2020 - 21 February 2020
 Easter holiday: 6 April 2020 - 17 April 2020
 Inset day: 22 May 2020
 Half term holiday: 25 May 2020 - 29 May 2020
 Inset day: 20 July 2020
 Occasional day: 21 July 2020
 Summer holiday: 22 July 2020 - 2 September 2020

Holidays **must not** be booked during school term time.

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19 September	Yr6 Secondary transition parent session – 2pm
20 September	FOTW new parent meeting – 7.30pm
23 – 27 September	Yr6 Kingswood residential trip
25 September	FOTW evening mtg & AGM – 7.30pm
26 September	Yr4 Chiltern Open Air museum trip
26 September	FOTW meeting – 2pm in nursery
1 October	Yr5 Royal Observatory trip
2 October	School photographs
3 October	Pine Class assembly
6 October	Abbots Langley Tough Ten
10 October	Willow Class assembly
10 October	Reception library visit
10 October	Yr4 Tri-golf Festival
11 October	FOTW Infant & Junior disco
14 & 16 October	Book exchange
17 October	Yr5/6 NSPCC workshop
18 October	Yr6 height & weight check
21 October	Yr3 Celtic Harmony Trip
21 & 23 October	Parent Consultation appointments
22 October	Yr 4 Dance Festival
24 & 25 October	Inset day (school closed)
4 November	Children return after half term
14 November	Holly Class assembly
10 October	Willow Class assembly
21 November	Spruce Class assembly
22 November	FOTW quiz night
28 November	Maple Class assembly
1 December	Christmas Fayre
10 December	Yr2 Christmas performance
13 December	Reception Christmas performance
18 December	Christmas lunch
19 December	Yr1&2 pantomime
20 December	Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

New entries / updates each week will be in bold.

Dates for 2020 - 2021

The dates for **2020-21** are now available to view on the school website. Please ensure that you make a note of them and take them into account when booking holidays.

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple		95.2	
Ash			96.3
Beech		95.7	
Cypress			97.6
Elm			97.2
Fir			99.7
Holly			99.3
Juniper	92.3		
Larch			97.1
Maple	94.8		
Oak		95.0	
Pine			99.3
Rowan			96.8
Spruce			97.3
Willow	93.3		

Well done to Fir class, with 99.7% attendance last week!

STEM Week – Curriculum Enrichment Week

During the week commencing 14th October, we will be holding a STEM week at school.

STEM (short for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) is considered crucial subject matter for today's children living and working in a modern world.

Our theme for the week is Movies and Magic; the children will participate in practical, problem solving activities that link science with technology, engineering and maths.

In our maths lessons, we will participate in practical problem solving activities involving team work. Additionally, we will encourage the children to have a growth mind-set and display positive learning behaviours in order to solve the practical problems collaboratively.

As Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths will be our focus that week, we would like to hear from any parents that work in these areas to volunteer to visit one of our classes to talk about their career and their work. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please email admin@tannerswood.herts.sch.uk with your details, including the field that you work in and we will get back to you.

Environment Award

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

Class Assemblies

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

Class	Date
Pine	3 rd October
Willow	10 th October
Holly	14 th November
Spruce	21 st November
Maple	28 th November
Rowan	16 th January
Oak	23 rd January
Larch	6 th February
Fir	27 th February
Juniper	12 th March
Cypress	19 th March
Elm	30 th April
Ash	14 th May
Beech	11 th June
Apple	25 th June

Halloween Lunch – Thursday 3rd October

Please be reminded that Halloween lunch orders must be submitted via the ParentMail form by Monday 30th September. YR – Y2 are entitled to free school meals. Y3 – Y6 orders must be paid in advance (£2.25) via ParentMail unless you are in receipt of free school meals.

Plea from Early Years

If anyone has any unwanted Lego, action figures, cars, construction type toys, trikes or balance bikes that are in good condition, our Early Years would be very appreciative.

Please drop them off to the school office or hand them to Ms Schofield, our Early Years Leader.

Absence

Please be reminded that any absences **MUST** be reported to the school office before 9am. Where a reason for absence is not provided, the school will follow up with listed contacts for safeguarding reasons.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are collecting Team GB stickers. If you shop at Aldi and have any stickers to donate, they would be gratefully received!

Parent Consultation Booking System

Parent consultations will take place on 21st October (3.30pm – 6pm) and 23rd October (5pm – 8pm). Appointments are booked via ParentMail and will be **open from 4pm on Monday 30th September**. You will receive a ParentMail notification to advise that the booking system is open.

Please visit the 'Parents Evening' section on your ParentMail app to book.

Reception – My First Days

Reception children had class photos taken this week which will be published in the 'My First Days' supplement of the Watford Observer on Friday 4th October.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please be reminded that children must not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is important to prevent the spread of infection.

Lunch Ordering

If your child has school dinners and is going to be late for school due to transport or medical issues, please ensure that you telephone the school office **before 9.30am** to order their meal.

Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, we are inviting children and families to donate produce which will be distributed to those in need throughout the area through our local food-bank. We were overwhelmed with your generosity last year, so too the charity. Due to space restrictions, we ask that donations are handed in to your child's classroom on the morning of Tuesday 8th October. The children will also take part in a Harvest assembly that day.

Please visit the following link for more information:
<https://watford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

They urgently require:

- Long life milk
- Long life juice
- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned fruit or vegetables
- Tinned rice pudding/custard
- Cereals, biscuits and sugar

Thank you in advance for supporting, along with us, this very worthy cause.