

# Autumn Term 2019 – Newsletter Number 5



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.

## Autumn Term 2019

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
<b>24 October</b>	<b>Inset day (school closed)</b>
<b>25 October</b>	<b>Inset day (school closed)</b>
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.**

## Attendance

We speak to the children about good attendance at school each week and appreciate it when parents support us with making sure their children are in school every day. The senior leadership team monitor attendance weekly, and along with the office staff, follow up any concerns very promptly when these are identified. We trust that you will understand that we want to pick up any issues at an early stage so that we can work with parents to make changes where needed.

Unfortunately, there have been a few cases recently where parents have not been transparent with the school about why their child has been absent. As you are aware, unauthorised absences may lead to fixed penalty notices being issued.

## Willow Class Assembly

We would like to thank Willow Class for sharing their learning with us on Thursday morning. They told us all about how they have been using videos as inspiration for their writing, in addition to sharing learning about classification and Buddhism. Whilst the weather wasn't great at Kingswood, they had great fun as well as conquering their fears and working as a team. We are sure that the children in lower years are looking forward to similar trips in the future!

## Harvest Festival

Special thanks to Reverend Waddell for leading our Harvest Assembly on Tuesday. He encouraged the children to think about the different words that can be found within the word Harvest, such as 'share', 'rest' and 'have', to help understand the meaning of Harvest. Next we had a talk from Carole, a volunteer from Watford Foodbank who explained how the many donations you gave will help families in need. Many thanks again for your generous donations. There is a photo of the Harvest Table on our school blog. Thank you also to Mrs Arthurs for organising.

## NSPCC Assembly

Lizzie from the NSPCC visited us with Buddy on Wednesday morning. She had some very important messages for the children about keeping safe and speaking out with any concerns. She also gave them the telephone number for Childline (0800 1111) and each child was given a sticker to take home. Hopefully, your child will have spoken to you about something they learned during the assembly. If you would like any more information about the NSPCC [Speak out, Stay safe programme](#), including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website [nspcc.org.uk/schools](http://nspcc.org.uk/schools)

## Lunch Orders

If your child is going to be late for school, please telephone the school to order their lunch **before 9.20am** as the kitchen cooks specifically to order.

## MSA Vacancy

We are seeking an additional lunchtime supervisor for lunchtimes every day during term time. Please see the link for further information:

<https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?keyword=tanners>

### Environment Award

The winner this week is Fir 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
Holly	14 <sup>th</sup> November
Spruce	21 <sup>st</sup> November
Maple	28 <sup>th</sup> November
Rowan	16 <sup>th</sup> January
Oak	23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Larch	6 <sup>th</sup> February
Fir	27 <sup>th</sup> February
Juniper	12 <sup>th</sup> March
Cypress	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Elm	30 <sup>th</sup> April
Ash	14 <sup>th</sup> May
Beech	11 <sup>th</sup> June
Apple	25 <sup>th</sup> June

### Parent Consultations

The ParentMail booking system is now open; please book a ten minute slot with your child's teacher. We value working in partnership with parents, and these meetings are an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their class, how they are progressing, and how you can support them at home.

Should you have any difficulties booking an appointment, please telephone or visit the school office who will be able to help you. Please note that the booking system will close a few days before the meetings.

### 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:

**Elm** - Sophia

**Juniper** – Dillon

Congratulations to Sophia and Dillon on being the first pupils to achieve a bronze certificate this academic year!

### Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple			98.0
Ash		95.7	
Beech			96.6
Cypress	92.4		
Elm			96.4
Fir			98.0
Holly			98.0
Juniper			96.3
Larch			96.1
Maple			96.6
Oak			100
Pine			100
Rowan			98.3
Spruce			97.3
Willow		95.7	

Well done to Oak and Pine Classes, with 100% attendance last week!

### E-safety

E-Safety is an important part of keeping children safe and is embedded throughout our lessons here in school to help safeguard pupils from any potential dangers. We thought another great way to promote e-safety would be to keep you up to date with all the new things that are happening in the land of technology to help us spread the e-safety message.

Each term we will attach an e-safety link to this newsletter provided by Herts for learning. It is a great source for gaining information on; new websites, parental controls and fun activities for all the family to enjoy.

Autumn 2019 e-safety newsletter:

[https://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/newsletters/documents/esafety\\_newsletter\\_parents\\_aut19.pdf](https://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/newsletters/documents/esafety_newsletter_parents_aut19.pdf)

### Thank you

We'd like to thank you for your donations of toys for Early Years, and Aldi stickers – they are very much appreciated!

### Bicycle Helmets

Please ensure that your child wears a protective helmet when riding bicycles to and from school.

### **Abbots Langley Tough Ten**

On Sunday 6th October, almost 80 Tanners Wood pupils and parents got up bright and early to take part in the 1k, 3k, 5k or 10k runs. We were all very excited and loved the element of competition. It was amazing to see so many green t-shirts in the 1k and 3k runs; it made it much easier to see and cheer everyone on!

We also won the 'best attendance' cup (out of all primary schools in Abbots Langley) for the third consecutive year. It was lovely to see so many EYFS and KS1 families running. Well done to everyone that took part!

If you would like to see the results, log onto <https://www.nice-work.org.uk/races/ALT>



### **Pyjama Storytime & Soft Toy Sleepover**

Bookstart Bear invites you to settle your toy to bed with a story at Abbots Langley Library on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 17.00 – 17.30. Your toy can sleepover at the library and be collected on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.