

Autumn Term 2019 – Newsletter Number 6



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 term time.

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21 October	Yr3 Celtic Harmony Trip
21 October	Reception Tour – please speak to the office if you would like to book.
21 & 23 October	Parent Consultation appointments
22 October	Yr4 Dance Festival
23 October	Headteacher's Party
24 October	Inset day (school closed)
25 October	Inset day (school closed)
4 November	Children return after half term
6 November	Governor Day
6 November	Boys Football and Girls Netball
7 November	Reception Tour – please speak to the office if you would like to book.
7 November	Yr6 Badminton
8 November	Boys Football and Girls Netball
12 November	Reception Tour – please speak to the office if you would like to book.
12 November	Attendance Officer Visit
12 November	Boys Football and Girls Netball
12 November	NSPCC Assembly
13 November	Wafford Schools Trust Visiting Y5
13 November	Yr2 Intra Sport Competition
13 November	FOTW Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting 7.30pm (main school)
14 November	Holly Class assembly
14 November	Yr6 Basketball
14 November	FOTW Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting 2-3pm (nursery)
10 October	Willow Class assembly
21 November	Spruce Class assembly
22 November	FOTW quiz night
28 November	Maple Class assembly
1 December	Christmas Fayre
2 December	Reception Tour – please speak to the office if you would like to book.
5 / 6 December	Reception health screening
10 December	Yr2 Christmas performance
13 December	Reception Christmas performance
16 December	Choir performance at Arden House
17 December	Mr Marvel – Reception and Nursery
18 December	Headteacher's Party
18 December	Christmas lunch
19 December	Yr1 & 2 pantomime
20 December	Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

New entries each week will be in bold

Half Term and INSET days

Next week there are two inset (teacher training) days on the 24th and 25th October. **Children will not be in school** on either of those days.

Head / Deputy Boy & Girl / School Ambassadors

We are thrilled to announce that further to interviews by Mrs Qureshi, the following children have been appointed into new roles:

Head Boy Jake (Willow)
Head Girl Isla (Spruce)
Deputy Head Boy Theo (Willow)
Deputy Head Girl Alice (Spruce)
School Ambassadors Luke & Sophie (Spruce)

The children all gave speeches on why they should be chosen for their roles; they showed great confidence and passion. What came across most prominently was their commitment to want to help and listen to everyone in the school. All six children were thrilled that they were selected and we know they will do a superb job at carrying out their new roles and supporting their peers! Congratulations!



STEM Week Success

As you are aware, the children have taken part in a fun and engaging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week. Thank you to Mr Henderson who came to talk to Year 6 this week about Raspberry Pi computers. The children enjoyed seeing some of the amazing things that these powerful and inexpensive computers can do. Here are some websites with more information and ideas on how to use Raspberry Pi. Mr Henderson has kindly donated some to the school which we will be using in lunchtime computing clubs and introducing into some of our lessons.

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

<https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/projects>



Please see the school blog to see more of the wonderful things that the children have been experiencing and learning about during STEM week.

<http://tannerswood.herts.sch.uk/blog/>

No Clubs

A reminder that there will be **no internal after school clubs next week** due to Parents' Evening. This includes Homework Club, Netball and Colour & Chat.

Goodbye Mrs Hurst

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hurst next week. She has been a teaching assistant at Tanners Wood for eleven years, much of it working within Key Stage 1 and Early Years. Her gentle manner, warm smile and care for the children will be greatly missed by the team. We wish her all the best for the future.

Staffing

We are delighted that Mrs Venn is joining our team after half term. She will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Maple Class, alongside Mrs Radia.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who gave food donations for the Watford Food Bank. We are delighted to confirm that in total, Tanners Wood families provided 261.5kg of food for those in need.

Environment Award

The winner this week is Willow 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 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

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:

Oak – Max

Parent Survey

A parent questionnaire has been emailed out this week. Could we remind all parents to complete the survey prior to the end of this half term. Any parent who needs to complete a paper version can do so at the parent consultations next Monday and Wednesday.

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple			96
Ash	93		
Beech			99
Cypress			96.2
Elm	91.7		
Fir			96.7
Holly			96.6
Juniper			96.6
Larch			96.8
Maple		95.5	
Oak			97.7
Pine			97.3
Rowan	94.1		
Spruce		95.3	
Willow			96.7

Well done to Beech Class, with 99% attendance last week!

NSPCC Workshops

Following on from last week's assembly, children in Years 5 & 6 took part in NSPCC workshops this week. For more information, please visit the NSPCC website:

nspcc.org.uk/schools

Soft Toy Donations - FOTW Christmas Fayre

If you're having a clear out over half term, the FOTW team would very much welcome any soft toy donations for the Christmas Fayre which will take place on 1st December.

Please bring any unwanted soft toys to the school office during the week 4th – 8th November.

Many thanks!

Tough Ten

Well done to Harry (Rowan) and George (Holly) for raising £80 sponsorship money, which will be donated to charities as well as our school. Thank you boys!

Thank you!

