

Spring Term 2020 – Newsletter Number 14



Tanners Wood JMI School

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Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Inset day: 2 September 2020
Term starts: 3 September 2020
Half term holiday: 26–30 October 2020
Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 1 January 2021
Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 – 19 February 2021
Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9 April 2021
Inset day: 28 May 2021
Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 – 4 June 2021
Inset days: 19 – 21 July 2021
Occasional day: 22 July 2021
Summer holiday: 23 July 2021

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

Spring Term 2020

15 th January	SEND support meeting – invited parents only
15 th January	FOTW meeting - 7.30pm in the main school (all parents welcome)
16 th January	Rowan Class assembly
16 th January	FOTW meeting - 2-3pm in Nursery (all parents welcome)
17 th January	Attendance Officer visit – selected parents to be invited
21 st January	TBC – Netball Final 4-6pm
23 rd January	Oak Class assembly
27 th January	Dodgeball Tournament
28 th January	Year 3 Freshwater Theatre
4 th February	Year 6 height and weight checks
4 th February	Girls football tournament
6 th February	Larch Class assembly
7 th February	Year 4 Hazard Alley
7 th February	Year 5 Affinity Water
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
11 th February	Early parent consultations 3.30-6pm
13 th February	Dinosaur workshop - Reception
13 th February	Late parent consultations 5.30-8pm
14 th February	Break up half term (usual time)
17 th -21 st February	Half Term
24 th February	Term starts
26 th February	Governor Day
27 th February	Fir Class assembly
27 th February	Larch Class swimming
3 rd March	Year 1 Kew Gardens
12 th March	Juniper Class assembly
18 th March	Voice in a Million Concert
19 th March	Cypress Class assembly
1 st April	Class and team photos
3 rd April	End of term – early finish 1.30pm

New entries each week will be in bold

Spring Term

Welcome back – I hope all families had a restful break. It is lovely to see all the children back to school and ready to learn. We are all looking forward to the term ahead.

School Meals – Spring Term

Payments to be made in advance for this term:

Daily	£2.25	
Weekly	£11.25	
Half Term	£67.50	up until 14 th February
Full Term	£135.00	up until 3 rd April

Should you have any queries regarding the balance on your child's dinner account, please contact the school office.

Staffing

Ms Schofield will be having a planned operation next week, and as a result, there will be a few minor changes to staffing during teacher non-contact time in some KS2 classes for a few weeks. We have shared these changes with the children.

Dogs on Site

Schools have a responsibility to ensure the safety of children, staff and visitors to the site, therefore dogs are **not permitted** on the school site at any time. This includes dogs being carried onto site. This is Hertfordshire County Council policy.

Topic Webs

The topic webs for this half term have now been placed on the school website. We would encourage you to have a look at what your child will be learning this term.

Times Tables Rockstars

Learning their times tables (and being able to recall them quickly) is an important skill for every child. Maths arithmetic and reasoning become increasingly difficult to do as your child progresses through school if their tables are not secure.

We have invested in the programme **Times Table Rockstars** which provides a proven fun and exciting way for your child to learn their tables. Individual logins can be found in your child's Reading Records.

In order for this to be effective, it is essential that children are allowed to practise their tables on a regular basis. It is better for them to do 10-15 minutes a day than an hour once a week.

The app is available to use on phones, computers and tablets in order to give the most flexibility to parents and children.

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
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:

Apple – Ella, Layla, Paddy, Bluebelle

Cypress – Daisy J, Angel, Nikol

Maple – Thomas, Jazmin

Environment Award

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

Happy New Year from FOTW!

Thank you to parents for supporting events last year by bringing donations in to school, attending fundraising events, volunteering your time and spending your pennies.

FOTW would like to invite all parents to come along to one of their meetings next week:

15th January – 7.30pm in the main school

16th January – 2-3pm in Nursery

It would be great to get some fresh new ideas for fundraising events, so if you haven't attended a FOTW meeting before, this is the perfect opportunity to have your say.

If you haven't already done so, please join the Facebook group 'The Friends of Tanners Wood School PTA' and click on the event listing to indicate whether you are able to attend.

We very much hope to see you next week.

Many thanks,
FOTW

Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple	82.7		
Ash	93.0		
Beech		95.2	
Cypress			96.2
Elm	93.3		
Fir			97.6
Holly		95.3	
Juniper			96.0
Larch			97.2
Maple			97.7
Oak		95.3	
Pine	94.7		
Rowan		95.7	
Spruce	93.0		
Willow			98.0

Well done to Willow Class with 98% attendance last week.

Attendance Award

Each half term, we award a special prize to one child, who is picked at random, from all those with 100% attendance.

The assembly for last half term will take place on Monday 13th of January. We look forward to announcing the winner next week.

Bank Holiday

Please note, the early May Bank Holiday has been changed to Friday 8th May. This is to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day. Further details can be found in the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day>

Times Table Rockstars Leader Board

Congratulations to the following children who are top of the school leader board:

1	Thomas	Pine
2	Diyan	Fir
3	Jack	Pine
4	Manase	Maple
5	Lesley	Maple
6	Bobby	Rowan