

# Spring Term 2020 – Newsletter Number 16



Tanners Wood JMI School

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## Term Dates 2019 – 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.**

## Spring Term 2020

27 <sup>th</sup> January	Dodgeball Tournament
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Freshwater Theatre
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 height and weight checks
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Girls football tournament
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Larch Class assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Hazard Alley
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Affinity Water
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Infant & Junior School Disco (tickets on sale soon)
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Exchange
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Early parent consultations 3.30-6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Exchange
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Dinosaur workshop - Reception
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Late parent consultations 5.30-8pm
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up half term (usual time)
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Term starts
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Governor Day
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Fir Class assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Larch Class swimming
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Robotics Workshop
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1 Kew Gardens
4 <sup>th</sup> March	FOTW Evening meeting (7.30-8.30pm in the main school)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	FOTW Afternoon meeting (2-3pm in nursery)
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Robotics Workshop
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Robotics Workshop
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Juniper Class assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Voice in a Million Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Cypress Class assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Class and team photos
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of term – early finish 1.30pm

**New entries each week will be in bold**

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to those parents who have already booked Parents' Evening consultations for 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February. If you haven't already done so, please book your appointment via ParentMail. Should you have any problems, please contact the school office.

**Ash Class parents** – please see the separate ParentMail sent last week regarding consultations for your children.

## Oak Class Assembly

We were treated to a fantastic assembly from Oak Class on Thursday morning, with the theme set around an alien invasion in Tanners Wood School! It was a joy to see and listen to all the different topics the children have been learning about, especially the songs that they had created on the iPad's in computing, and the wonderful rendition of Mamma Mia (complete with actions). Well done Oak Class for your confident and polished performance! Thank you also to parents and carers for supporting.

## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February with the theme 'Together for a better internet' focusing on exploring online identity - 'Free to be me'. During the day, the children will be taking part in different activities relating to staying safe online and being conscious of how they create their online identity. Please support this important issue by having a conversation at home around online safety. There are some useful activities and conversation starters on the safer internet website: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>

Other websites with more information and useful parent guides include:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Please also see the school website for the latest online safety newsletter from Hertfordshire:

<http://tannerswood.herts.sch.uk/esafety-for-parents/>

## Robotics Workshops

Next half term, Years 3 to 6 will be taking part in robotics workshops as part of our computing curriculum. They will be focusing on programming micro:bits and some will be using crumble controllers. We look forward to showing you their learning on the school blog! More information about micro:bits and crumble controllers can be found on these websites:

<https://microbit.org/>

<https://redfernelectronics.co.uk/crumble/>

### Parking

I have had a number of very concerned parents contacting me expressing their worries about safety. It is **everyone's responsibility** to ensure that they do not ever park on the zig zags so that NO child is put in any danger.

In addition, if you wait in your car to collect your child at the end of school, could we kindly ask that you turn your car engines off whilst you are waiting please to reduce exhaust emissions and associated health risks.

I will be contacting parents to establish a working party to see what we can do to tackle these issues.

### Times Table Rockstars

Well done to those children who have been trying to beat their Times Table Rockstars speed and accuracy. If your child has not already logged on, please help and encourage them to play; this will greatly help their times table confidence and fluency. Login details can be found in your child's reading record.

Congratulations to the following children who have made it on to this week's top 20 leader board.

1	Manase	Maple
2	Diyen	Fir
3	Max	Oak
4	Jack	Pine
5	Thomas	Pine
6	Bobby	Rowan
7	Drew	Rowan
8	Tamara	Willow
9	Lesley	Maple
10	Logan	Spruce
11	Charlie	Spruce
12	Luke	Willow
13	Maya	Spruce
14	Ben	Oak
15	Kacey-Rose	Pine
16	Marli-Rae	Spruce
17	Theo	Willow
18	Toby	Maple
19	Ciara	Rowan
20	Cody	Rowan

### 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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>
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

### 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** – George, Nevaeh, Jax

**Ash** – Trevor, Theo

**Beech** – Skylar, Isla, Maggie, Daisy, Eli

**Cypress** – Archie, Arfa

**Elm** – Jake

**Juniper** – Harrison

**Larch** – Jude, Adam, Peter, Archie, Kane

**Maple** – Archie, Alfie, Marvin, Dylan, Riley, Charles, George, Tionne, Connor, Milad

**Pine** – Elisha, Morgan, Brooke

**Rowan** – Adam, Chloe, Kyle

#### Silver:

**Rowan** – Daisy

#### Environment Award

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

### Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple			96.7
Ash			98.0
Beech			98.6
Cypress			97.6
Elm			98.2
Fir			96.6
Holly			98.3
Juniper		95.3	
Larch			97.7
Maple			98.0
Oak			100.0
Pine	94.7		
Rowan			97.3
Spruce	91.3		
Willow			97.0

Well done to Oak Class with 100% attendance last week.