

# Spring Term 2020 – Newsletter Number 17



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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

## Nursery Tours

Do you have a child due to start Nursery in September 2020?

If you would like to come on a Nursery Tour please call the school office on 01923 262229. We have several running over the next few weeks.

The deadline for Nursery applications is **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next Week, 3rd-9th February is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Find Your Brave.' We will be introducing the theme during Tuesday's assembly and will let the children know about an optional activity to complete at home; they can also choose to enter into a competition!

On the sheet that will be sent home, there are some questions as prompts. At the end, the children are encouraged to write or draw about how they 'find their brave' in the box on the sheet. This is perfectly fine, but if they would like to take it a step further to enter the competition (this is a chance to get creative) could they produce a poster, a video, a song? All ideas welcome; we look forward to seeing the entries - one prize for each Key Stage.

Mrs Mead  
Mental Health Lead

## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will be on Tuesday 11th 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/>

## Lunchboxes

We have noticed that some children are having a lot of sugary items in their packed lunch. We know that it's sometimes tricky to find nutritional and tasty items to give your child. The following link has lots of ideas to help you create well balanced lunches.  
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

## Attendance for the Week

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple			97.3
Ash	91.7		
Beech			96.9
Cypress	94.5		
Elm			96.4
Fir			98.3
Holly			98.7
Juniper		95.3	
Larch			100
Maple		95.0	
Oak			97.0
Pine			96.0
Rowan			98.7
Spruce			93.7
Willow			97.7

Well done to Larch Class with 100% attendance last week. Current whole school attendance for this academic year is 96.3% which is in line with National percentages.

### Monitoring Absence

We are keen that parents should realise when their child's attendance rate has slipped. We will regularly closely monitor attendance. An attendance rate of 90% means that in the whole school year of 190 days, there would be 19 days of schooling missed. This is nearly 4 weeks in a year and understandably will have an impact on a child's attainment. An attendance of 90% and below falls into the persistent absence category, as defined by the Department for Education.

### Unauthorised Absences

There are times when children are absent for reasons, which are not permitted by law. These are known as Unauthorised Absences. Examples of Unauthorised Absence can include:

- Waiting for a delivery
- Taking or collecting a relative to/from the airport
- Going for a family day out
- Sleeping in after a late night
- Going shopping or for a hair cut
- Because it is your child's birthday
- Term time holiday/cheap flights
- Parent's or sibling illness

We appreciate there will always be exceptional circumstances.

## Penalties for Unauthorised Absence

Unauthorised Absences may well result in the instigation of parental responsibility measures which could include a Penalty Notice, an Education Supervision Order or a fine from the Magistrates Court.

It is Hertfordshire County Council practice to only issue one Penalty Notice to a parent/carer in a 2 year period. If a Penalty Notice has already been issued within the two year period then it is usual practice for a Magistrates Summons to be issued.

### 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
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:

**Ash** – Archie, Zachary, Lydia, Mercedes

**Beech** – Ted

**Cypress** – Daisy, Bobby

**Elm** – Ezra, Mollie

**Holly** – Poppy

**Oak** – Thomas

**Rowan** – Chase, Isabelle

**Spruce** – Logan, Mia, Kai, Lenny, Zoe, Sam, Jonathan, Taylor, Oliver, Katie

#### Silver:

**Spruce** – Sophie-Rose, Gracie, Austin

### Environment Award

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

### **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	Max	Oak
3	Thomas	Pine
4	Logan	Spruce
5	Bobby	Rowan
6	Lesley	Maple
7	Diyen	Fir
8	Jack	Pine
9	Drew	Rowan
10	Adam	Pine
11	Samim	Pine
12	Ben	Oak
13	Dillon	Juniper
14	Luke	Willow
15	Olivia	Rowan
16	Tamara	Willow
17	Maya	Spruce
18	Daisy	Rowan
19	Toby	Maple
20	Kacey-Rose	Pine