

Autumn Term 2020 – Newsletter Number 2



Tanners Wood JMI School

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

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

Half term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 1.30pm

Spring Term 2021

Children begin: Monday 4th January

Half term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Term Ends: Friday 26th March 1.30pm

Summer Term 2021

Children begin: Monday 12th April

May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Inset day: Friday 28th May

Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Term Ends: Friday 16th July 1.30pm

Date	Event
10th May 2021	Year 6 SATS week
May 2021	Year 2 SATS
W/B 7th June 2021	Y 1 Phonics testing
W/B 7th June 2021	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Dates for the 2021-22 Academic Year will be agreed and notified to you shortly.

Dates

COVID-19 has had an impact on the number of events in the school calendar as we are restricting visitors in school to only essential professionals. We hope that you will understand the reasons behind our decision, as we wish to keep our community safe.

Road Safety

Please remind your child about the importance of road safety whilst out and about. This week, we have had several reports of children behaving in an unsafe manner whilst walking or cycling to and from school. We are anxious to avoid any nasty accidents happening and if the situation does not improve we will need to reconsider whether the children in Years 5 and 6 are able to continue coming to and from school without an adult.

School Lunches

Please be reminded that school lunches are charged at £2.25 per day and must be paid **in advance** via ParentMail.

Illness and Absence

If a child is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, they **MUST** not come to school and you should inform the school office immediately.

As you can imagine, we have had some queries from parents where their children are feeling ill. It is vitally important that where children are exhibiting any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (new cough, temperature 37.8C or above or loss of taste or smell) that the household isolates for 14 days, or until a negative result is confirmed. This will help to keep our community safe.

Tests can be accessed at the following link:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

For general illness or absence, please ensure that you notify the school office and not your child's class teacher.

Children Who Must Stay at Home Whilst Isolating

Please be aware that from next week, teachers will be uploading online learning to Google Classroom at the beginning of the week.

This is only to be used in the event that a child is unable to attend school. The assignment will be labelled 'Online Learning w/c....' and will contain all English, Reading, Maths and Topic learning for that week.

Those children attending school do not need to complete this online learning.

Home learning will continue to be set on google classroom on a Thursday for all children in the class to complete. Any questions regarding this please contact the school. Thank you for your support.

Home Learning and Google Classroom

Google Classroom will be used for home learning tasks this academic year.

This is because we are aiming to follow government advice, which is to reduce the resources coming from home to school.

You will be able to continue to use the logins provided to your child in April and the class teacher will be able to give further guidance should you need it.

Environment Award

The winner this week is ? 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	92.1		
Ash			96.9
Beech		95.7	
Cypress	92.9		
Elm	93.8		
Fir	93.4		
Holly	94.6		
Juniper			98.7
Larch			96.4
Maple	91.4		
Oak		95.7	
Pine	93.2		
Rowan			99.3
Spruce			100
Willow			99.0

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

Where children are required to take a COVID test due to symptoms, or to self-isolate because someone in their household is having a test, they are marked with a special code on the register, which does not impact on their attendance figures.

Cycling Helmets

It is vitally important that children who are cycling to and from school are provided with and wear a safety helmet. Please ensure that your child complies with this rule to keep themselves safe.

Reading Extracts

As you are aware, the children take home the reading excerpt that they will study the following week in class. It is very important that they get the opportunity to not only read but discuss and comprehend the text, as otherwise they will struggle to follow the lesson in class. There is an expectation to read at home already, and the excerpt counts as one of those reading sessions, so they are not being asked to do anything in addition. Whilst we teach the children the skills of reading in school, they need to practise at home to develop fluency and build the comprehension skills they are being taught in class. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Welcome to Years 1-6 PowerPoints

These were uploaded to the School Website on Tuesday 15th September.

Telephone Meetings for Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs

Due to COVID-19, this term's SEND meetings will take place via telephone call on the 23rd of September. If this applies to your child, you will have been notified of the procedure for booking the telephone appointment.