

Autumn Term 2020 – Newsletter Number 8



Tanners Wood JMI School

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

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

Non Uniform: 4th December

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day – 16th December

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 1.30pm

Spring Term 2021

Children in: Monday 4th January

Half term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Term Ends: Friday 26th March 1.30pm

Summer Term 2021

Children in: Monday 12th April

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

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

Face Coverings

Given rising case numbers and the new lockdown imposed, please ensure that face coverings are worn when dropping off and collecting children.

Christmas Cards

Please can we ask pupils to make / send one Christmas card per class, which will be displayed in the classroom. This will reduce the risk of infection across the bubbles this year.

For those that wish to make a donation to charity in lieu of cards this year, a ParentMail will be sent out shortly with the opportunity to do so.

Non-Uniform Day

Please note that Friday 4th December will be a non-uniform day, in exchange for donations for the Christmas hampers. More information will follow shortly.

Reminder – Winter Uniform

In line with our Uniform Policy, we would like to remind you that all children should be wearing winter uniform now. Please find further details in the link below:

<http://tannerswood.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Uniform-Policy-June-2018-1.pdf>

Staffing Update

We say goodbye to two much valued members of staff this week. They have both been with us for a long time and their contributions have been appreciated by all members of our community.

Mrs Burke has been an employee since 2013, first working as an SEND TA and most recently as a TA in Year 1, Elm Class. We will miss her calm efficiency and flexibility. We wish her well with her new role in the doctor's surgery.

Mrs Wilson has been with us since 2012, first as an MSA and cleaner and more recently as a class TA for seven years. We will miss her infectious laugh and caring nature. We wish her the best with her new challenge working with young adults. Mrs Brady will be moving across from Pine to Rowan to replace Mrs Wilson.

We also welcome some new members of staff onto the team. In Year R (Beech) we welcome Ms Rhind-Tutt as an SEN Teaching Assistant. She has worked with us as an MSA for some time. In Year 1 we welcome Mrs T Malde who will be working as an SEN teaching assistant in Cypress Class.

We also have three new class teaching assistants starting next week; Mrs G Hurst (Elm), Mrs L Barry (Larch) and Miss A Bowman (Pine). We hope that they will be very happy joining our community at Tanners Wood.

Poppies

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the poppy collection this week. We will let you know how much money we have raised as soon as the contributions have been collected into the office.

FoTW

FoTW have been busy planning some Christmas activities for the children. We hope these will include an online pantomime, end of term celebrations and a virtual visit from Santa himself. More details will follow shortly.

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	91.7		
Ash	93.1		
Beech			97.7
Cypress			97.9
Elm			96.0
Fir			96.9
Holly			97.7
Juniper			100
Larch			97.9
Maple			98.6
Oak			97.3
Pine	89.0		
Rowan			98.7
Spruce			97.5
Willow			96.3

Well done to Juniper 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.

Videos on Google Classroom for Reception

Our EYFS team has been busy thinking about how to support you with learning at home in these uncertain times. Videos have been uploaded onto Google Classroom to show the importance of letter formation, how to sound out and blend when reading, dough disco, and handwriting patterns. We hope that you will find these useful and please do let us know if there is anything we can show via a video.

Support FOTW during Lockdown for FREE

Fundraising is a little difficult at this particular time, whilst we're unable to hold events in person. The school is now registered with easyfundraising and Amazon Smile, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you! Easyfundraising - Sign up for free at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tanners-woods-school-association/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n3

Amazon Smile - Sign up for free at:
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1059109-0>

FoTW Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you to the 64 children that carved a pumpkin as a bit of fun during half term week and posted their entries to the Friends of Tanners Wood School PTA Facebook page. It was brilliant to see such an array of spooky and creative carvings. The judging process was handed over to our 200 strong followers on Facebook, simply by giving your favourite pumpkin a 'like'. Congratulations to the following children who won Amazon vouchers:

Early Years winner (£10) - **Jude, Ash**



Early Years runner up (£5) - **Sidney, Ash**



KS1 winner (£10) - **Ruby, Cypress**



KS1 runner up (£5) - **Jack, Elm**



KS2 winner (£10) - **Mason, Larch**



KS2 runner up (£5) - **Freddie, Larch**

