

Autumn Term 2020 – Newsletter Number 13



Tanners Wood JMI School

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Be the Best You Can!



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

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

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 are available on the school website.

Keeping Safe

A reminder that if you or anyone in your household has any of the following symptoms, the person with the symptoms **MUST** have a COVID test:

- Temperature of 37.8 or above
- Continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell

The entire household **MUST** isolate from the onset of these symptoms until a negative test result has been received. In the event of a positive test, please follow the advice given with the result.

We also request that the test result is emailed to admin@tannerswood.herts.sch.uk before your child returns to school.

End of Term

There will be a soft finish on Friday. Please be reminded that children will finish school at the earlier time of **1.15pm - 1.30pm on Friday 18th December.**

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

A reminder that next Wednesday 16th December is Christmas lunch. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their school jumper/cardigan. School uniform must be worn.

If your child is in Cypress, Elm, Juniper, Larch or Pine Class, they can wear a Christmas jumper in place of their PE hoodie. Please ensure that they bring their PE hoodie for their lesson.



Punctuality

Registers are taken at 9am each morning. Any child arriving after 9.05am will be recorded as late, code L in the register.

Registers will close at 9.20am. Any pupil arriving after the registers have closed will be recorded as an unauthorised absence unless there are exceptional circumstances for such late arrival. This is a code U in the register and may result in the LA issuing a fine for repeated instances.

Assess, Plan, Do Review (APDR) Meetings

For those parents whose children have APDRs, the spring term meetings will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2021.

The meetings will again be held by telephone and the times will be allocated by the teachers to avoid any clashes. The times were sent out on Wednesday 9th December 2020.

The reviewed autumn plan and the spring targets will be sent to parents, via the book bags, on Friday 8th January 2021.

Smoking

We have had reports of parents smoking whilst dropping off and waiting for their children at the end of the school day. Please can we ask you to be considerate of children and other parents and refrain from smoking until you are away from the school site.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Year 6 Hoodies

FoTW have kindly agreed to organise leavers' hoodies for our Year 6 children. They were told this week and are very excited! More information will follow in the new year.

Year 5&6 Walking Home

A reminder to Year 5 & 6 parents that from **Monday 14th December**, children will no longer be permitted to walk to and from school.

Please ensure that children are seen to and from their classrooms. They will not be permitted to leave site without an adult.

Christmas Card Update

We have now received updated advice that the children are able to send in Christmas cards. Cards must be brought in to school by **Tuesday 15th December** so that they can be quarantined in class for 72 hours.

They will be given out by the class teacher on Friday 18th December. We are unable to deliver cards between classes.

For those that wish to make a donation in lieu of cards this year, please visit the link below:
gf.me/u/zadqki



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our governing board for a Parent Governor. At the beginning of January, we will be sending out information via ParentMail advising you how to apply for this post and the election process.

Should you wish to find out further information about what being a governor means, please follow the link below:

<https://tannerswood.herts.sch.uk/governors/>

Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Qureshi directly should you have any further questions.

New Governor Appointed

We welcome Emma Stapley as a new Co-opted Governor to the school. Emma has extensive background in finance and her skills in this area will be much valued as a useful addition to our Governing Body.

Merit Certificates

Merits are awarded for learning, effort and behaviour. A child must be awarded 10 merits to receive a bronze certificate, 20 merits for silver and 30 for gold. Well done to the following children for achieving theirs this week:

Apple – Anaise, Ava, Billie, Darcey, Ella, Harry, Finley, Frank, Freddie, Isla, Kacie, Lana, Levi, Liam, Mia, Ronnie, Shyam, Tommy

Ash – Finley, Bluebelle, Tallis

Cypress – Ruby, Lydia, Archie, Zachary

Elm – Bobbie, Josh, Clemence, Frankie, Macie, Olivia, Daisy, Mila, Ryan T, George

Fir – Ivy, Angel

Larch – Linden, Amiram, Sophie, Maisie

Maple – Emma, Daisy R, Joseph, Calina

Pine – Holly, Manase, Charles, Sienna

Rowan – Tayiba, Neave, Kara-Jane, Jessica, Teigan, Isabel

Weekly Attendance

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple			99.3
Ash			99.3
Beech			97.7
Cypress			98.6
Elm			97.4
Fir			97.6
Holly			97.9
Juniper			98.6
Larch			100
Maple			100
Oak			99.3
Pine			99.0
Rowan			98.6
Spruce			97.9
Willow			96.9

It was amazing to see all classes 'in the green.' Well done to Larch and Maple 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.

Environment Award

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

FOTW Pop up Santa Competition

We've had some fantastic entries so far to the Pop Up Santa Competition. There is still time to buy an entry for £2 before Saturday night if you haven't already. Please like your favourites on The Friends of Tanners Wood School PTA Facebook page before the winning pictures will be checked at midday on Sunday!

FOTW Christmas Hamper Raffle

Log on to our private Facebook page 'The Friends of Tanners Wood School PTA' at 6pm on Saturday 12th December to see if you're the lucky winner in our Christmas Hamper Raffle.

There are 16 hampers up for grabs and the winners will have the hampers dropped round to their houses before the end of term. Good luck!

Lost Property

This was found on the playground. If you know who it belongs to, please contact the school office.



Benefit Related Free School Meals - Absence due to COVID-19

If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals and is absent due to COVID, please contact the school office should you require assistance with a daily lunch for them.

For Parents and Carers:

The Hertfordshire 'Neglect Matters' campaign is being launched in early 2021 in partnership with the NSPCC and will focus on intervening at the earliest opportunity to prevent neglect and the impact that it has on children, young people and families.

In order to help shape the campaign and the services we later develop countywide to support families we'd be grateful for your views.

We're asking parents and carers to complete a survey to help us understand what neglect means to you. The survey is very short (only 8 questions in total) and takes only 3 minutes to complete. All answers are completely anonymous, and you don't have to have experienced neglect to take part.

We really want to hear from a variety of parents and carers – whether you're biological parents, adoptive parents, grandparents, fosters carers and so on. We would like to hear from people of all ages, communities and backgrounds.

Your feedback will help to build up a clearer picture and ultimately shape a campaign that will be most relevant to Hertfordshire and the people living here. Protecting children is everyone's business, so please do help us by completing the survey at: <https://bit.ly/HertsNSPCCsurvey>

Healthy Start Promotion for Schools

Are you pregnant or have a child under four? Did you know you could be missing out on free fruit and vegetables or milk worth at least £200 a year?

If you are at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four years old, and in receipt of certain benefits, you could be entitled to Healthy Start Vouchers worth £3.10 per child per week (£4.25 per week from April 2021), to spend on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and instant formula milk. You can also use them to buy certain pulses and canned fruit and vegetables.

If you are entitled to Healthy Start Vouchers you will also get free vitamins designed to help pregnant and breastfeeding women and growing children.

Pregnant women and every child over one and under four years old can get one voucher every week. Children under one year old can get £6.20 per week.

Some supermarkets are also reducing the cost of shopping by an extra £1 to those redeeming the Healthy Start Vouchers.

Check your eligibility on www.gov.uk/healthy-start

You can also use the benefit-checker on the County Council's website, and access free information about benefits that you might be missing-out on – www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/benefits

Walk to the North Pole

Wow! Thank you for your generous donations - £790 has been raised so far!

We had two extra days to run this week so we were expecting a higher lap and mileage count but we were not expecting what was achieved! The children were amazing this week. As of Thursday, we ran 7,706 laps / 1,156 miles!!! Altogether, we have run 1,661 miles, meaning we have 899 to go before Friday 18th December!

The staff have also been working hard to walk/run their marathons. Well done to Mrs N Smith, Mrs Radia and Mrs Packman who have already finished theirs!



Mrs Radia



Mrs N Smith



Mrs S Smith



Mrs Packman is about to begin her second marathon!



Mrs Packman's distance record



Mrs Packman spotted this on one of her runs!



Mrs Ellis



Look who Miss Copper and Barney saw on their walk

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Mr Atherton



Mrs Gill

Mrs Qureshi and Mrs Mudd have also been spotted walking around the daily mile track to add to their laps. Keep an eye on the blog for photographic evidence!

In the next couple of weeks, you will see an article in My Abbots magazine and online, so please look out for it!

Please see the blog for class photos. Here are some staff members enjoying an early morning, after school or weekend walk/run!

Please visit the link below and help us reach our £1500 target to help those in need.

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Keep it up Tanners, we only have a week left!