

Autumn Term 2020 – Newsletter Number 14



Tanners Wood JMI School

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

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 1.15pm - 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
14th January – 5pm	Year 4 and 5 online secondary transition meeting
9th January 3.30-6pm	Parent Consultation meetings
11th January 5-8pm	Parent Consultation meetings
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 are available on the school website.

Self-isolation period reduced from 14 days to 10 days as of 14th December 2020

Self-isolation is essential in reducing the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) as it breaks the chains of transmission. After reviewing the evidence, the Department for Health and Social Care is now confident that we can reduce the number of days that contacts self-isolate from 14 days to 10 days. This was set out in the [UK Chief Medical Officer's Statement on the self-isolation period](#) on 11 December.

Clubs

Please be advised that there will not be any clubs, on-site music lessons or Year 3 swimming in Spring 1. This will be reviewed again prior to the February half term when we will advise parents for Spring 2.

Message from Mrs Qureshi

Dear parents, this is our final newsletter of the term and I wish all families a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year. Mrs Mudd and I visited each class to wish all children and staff all the best. Please keep safe and I look forward to seeing all children on **Monday 4th January**.

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

We are pleased to report that Wednesday was a huge success with pupils enjoying their delicious Christmas meal!

The children looked wonderfully festive in their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed making their sugar-paper hat, which was worn during their dinner.

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.

Homework

There will be no set homework for the Christmas holidays. What we would like all children to do is switch off, relax and spend time with family and friends - in a COVID safe way! We suggest all children continue to read each day. If children are keen to get on with some learning, please refer to the Topic Webs on the school website where they can begin investigating and researching spring term topics.

This is not compulsory and we do not expect children to bring in any pieces of learning after the holidays. We hope that all children come back in January feeling refreshed and recharged for the spring term.



Head Teacher's Party

Each half term, we acknowledge children from each class who have shown exemplary behaviour and attitudes towards their learning.

Like many things in COVID times, this term's reward party had to take place in a slightly different manner. Mrs Qureshi took an online assembly, followed by a visit to each of the classes to hand out packs of goodies to the following children:

Apple – Billie, Evie, Cameron, Grey

Ash – Ruby, Owen, Finley, Millie

Beech – Aren, Jackson, Aimee, Anais

Cypress – Archie, Jessica, Leonard, Lydia

Elm – Clemence, Chloe, Benjamin, Josh

Fir – Arfa, Nikol, Matthew, Archie,

Holly – Ezra, Millie, Sophia, Nandan,

Juniper – Harry, Isabel, Ruby, Ellison

Larch – Anneka, Jodie, Massi, Louie

Maple – Regan, Daisy, Logan, Phoebe-Rose

Oak – Max, Fletcher, Ria, Ria-Brooke

Pine – Lewis, Hudson, Holly, Sienna

Rowan – Jessica, Neave, Max, Thomas

Spruce – Chase, Aoife, Lui, Sasha

Willow – Otto, Lexi, Lily, Ayden



Environment Award

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

Weekly Attendance

Class	Red <95%	Amber 95%	Green 96%+
Apple			99.3
Ash			96.3
Beech			98.0
Cypress			98.5
Elm			99.6
Fir		95.6	
Holly			98.9
Juniper			99.6
Larch			97.3
Maple			96.1
Oak			99.0
Pine			100
Rowan			98.6
Spruce			99.7
Willow			95.8

Well done to Pine 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.

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.

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 – Finley, Charlie, Muhammad

Ash – Charlie M, Millie, Lacey, Thomas, Ellie-Joan, Luca, Owen, Isabella, Ruby, Millie, Albie, Ella, Freddie, Sophia, Owen, Arthur, Zak

Cypress – Annie, Arabelle, Hadley, Hana, Skye, Jessica, Josiee, Lennox, Leonard, Mariah, Mercedes, Raphael, Andy

Elm – Sienna, Toby, Chloe

Fir – Jemimah, Shivani, Lexi, Archie, Matthew G, Max, Payam, Rhys, Matthew V, Dexter, Lexi, Lily, Logan, Mia, Oscar, Nikol

Holly – Millie, Charlie, Hayley, Isla-Mai, Mollie

Juniper – Oscar, Eibhlin

Larch – Elizabeth, Cody

Maple – Jack, Hannah, Phoebe-Rose, Isla, Kane, Archie, Chloe, Ethan, Ava, Adam, Peter, Tia-Louise, Tarren, Ben, Jude

Pine – Olivia, Dylan, George, Tom, Milad, Jazmin, Ryan, Toby, Lewis, Alice

Rowan – Julia, Jaden, Oliver, Matthew, Max, Summer, Thomas

Spruce – Daisy

Willow – Kirstie

Thank you to FoTW – Party Bags

Thank you to Friends of Tanners Wood for spreading Christmas cheer by supplying every child with a party bag this week.



Walk to the North Pole

What a busy week we have had with all the COVID safe Christmas festivities and the last week of our run to the North Pole!

By the end of the day on Thursday, we had run 885 miles this week, taking our total to 2,546 miles. As of today, we have run 2588 miles ... 28 miles further than the North Pole! We did it! Huge congratulations to everyone that took part!

I am thrilled to announce that we have raised £1490 so far. The Go Fund Me page will remain open until the new year and I will let you know how much we managed to raise in total:

gf.me/u/zadqki

The My Abbots article was posted on Wednesday, please click on the link below to read it.

<https://www.mynewsmag.co.uk/christmas-challenge-hundreds-of-abbots-langley-pupils-running-from-london-to-the-north-pole/>

Our most improved winners this week are Rowan class with an improvement of 138 laps. They were awarded the trophy today and will have it the first week back after the Christmas holiday.

More staff members finished their marathon this week. Well done to Mrs Coe, Mrs Creasey, Mrs Smith, Mrs Gill, Mrs Ellis, Mrs F Smith and Miss Copper. Mrs Qureshi and Mrs Mudd between them have walked a marathon and Ash Class teachers have walked a marathon between them too!

Please continue to share the donation page to family and friends. Merry Christmas! Thank you to everyone who has donated, the children are so proud and excited!

Mrs Coe
PE Leader

Pop up Santa Competition Results

There were so many brilliant, funny and creative entries to the Pop up Santa Competition! We hope you all had fun with it - many thanks to everyone who took part and to those who 'liked' their favourites. The lucky winners of the vouchers were:

First place - Maisie (Larch) and Freddie (Beech) with their BBQ-ing Santa and Mrs Claus



Runner up – Maggie (Elm) with her upside down Santa



Runner up - Freya (Beech) and Stanley (Holly) with their Santa's Grotto



Well done to everyone!