

# Spring Term 2021 – Newsletter Number 20

Tanners Wood JMI School



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## Term Dates 2020-21

### Spring Term 2021

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
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School opens for children of critical workers / online learning resumes
8 <sup>th</sup> March	First possible date for school reopening

Dates for the 2021-22 academic year are available on the school website.

### Communication

A reminder that all school communication is sent via ParentMail. If you have disabled email notifications at any point, please ensure that these are turned back on. This is especially important at the moment, as any school updates will be communicated this way.

### Absence

If your child is due to attend school, please ensure that you leave a message on the absence line before 9am giving a **specific** reason for absence. Thank you.

## Half Term

Looking back, it's been another different half term but once again the community has coped well and the children have been resilient and hardworking. We hope that everyone enjoyed the Wellbeing screen free day today. School will open on 22<sup>nd</sup> February for children of critical workers and online learning will resume for those children at home. We hope that everyone has a safe and restful half term.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone that attended parent/teacher consultations. Feedback from the teachers was that the Google Meet sessions worked well. If you have any specific feedback, please let us know.

## Internet Safety Day

Thank you for joining in with Internet Safety Day. An amusing piece of work for Internet Safety day sent in by Matthew in Rowan Class regarding fake news and how everything online is not always reliable.



Is this fake news or a true fact?

## National Online Safety Parent Guides

We hope you enjoyed taking part in the activities during Safer Internet Day this week. Please take a look at this link to find a wide range of parent guides relating to staying safe online including what you need to know about Fortnite (as well other Xbox or PlayStation games), TikTok, Houseparty, WhatsApp, Among Us, WeChat and many more.

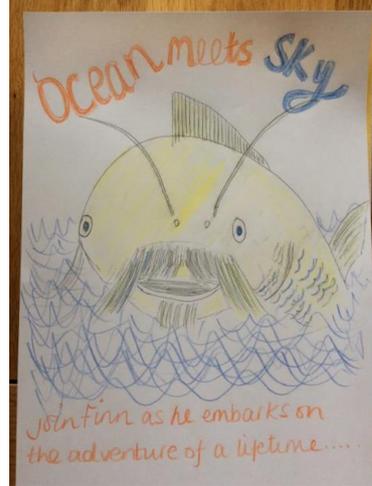
You can scroll through the guides or search using the tool. They also have a Facebook page with regular updates.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

**Making Pictures for Friends by Evie – Apple**



**Book Cover by Harry – Juniper**



**Triceratops Footprint by Thomas – Ash**



**Viking Shield by Isla – Maple**



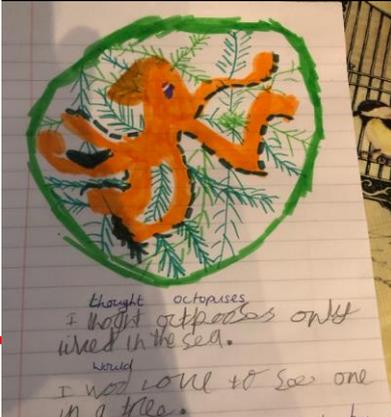
**Fake News Poster by Andy – Cypress**



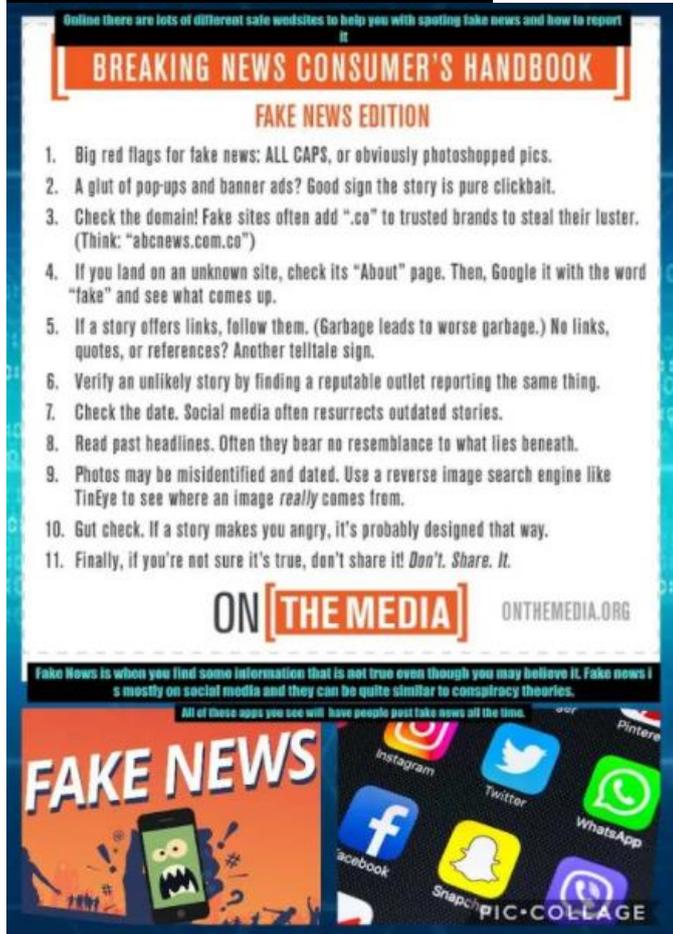
**A 'Decoupage' in the style of Matisse by Jessie – Rowan**



**Does a Tree Octopus Exist? by Cali – Fir**



## Internet Safety Poster by Otto – Willow



### Merit Certificates

Merits are awarded for learning, effort and behaviour. Bronze = 10 merits. Silver = 20 merits. Gold = 30 merits. Well done to the following children for achieving theirs this week:

#### Bronze:

**Juniper** – Annaliese, Harry, Rocky, Rosie, Chloe  
**Larch** – Jak, Louie, Oscar, Poppy A, Poppy I, Sienna  
**Spruce** – Olivia  
**Willow** – Luke

#### Silver:

**Spruce** – Drew, Daisy

### Stories

Every Friday, a story will be recorded for EYFS and KS1 and posted onto your child's Google Classroom stream. The story will be read by either our Head Girl or Boy, Deputy Head Girl or Boy or one of our School Ambassadors. The Year 6 children are very excited and are looking forward to reading to you all each week. Our stories this week are:

**EYFS:** The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson - Read by Cody (School Ambassador) and Lilly (Head Girl)

**KS1:** Tabby McTat by Julia Donaldson - Read by Scarlett (School Ambassador)

Please feel free to comment on your child's stream to let us know which part of the story they enjoyed the most or if you have a request for a story that your child would like to hear in our weekly story time session.

We hope you enjoy the story!  
Mrs Johnson and Mr Harris

### Something Fun!

Every week our Head Girl or Boy, Deputy Head Girl or Boy or one of our School Ambassadors will share an interesting fact and trivial question to get us all thinking as well as providing a bit of fun for the weekend. These will also be shared in your child's Google Classroom stream.

**This week's interesting fact:** Wombats produce cube shaped poo.

**This week's riddle:** A man comes to a bridge, he has three eggs, but the bridge can only hold a man and two eggs. How does he get across?

**This week's brainteaser:** When Lisa is 6 years old, her sister Lucy was half her age. If Lisa is 40 years old today, how old is Lucy?

**Joke of the week:** What day are most twins born on? Twos-day, as in Tuesday!

Can you solve these?

#### **Last week's answers:**

Riddle: The baby as he is a little bigger

Brainteaser: In Washington DC!

### Well-being Video

Our second well-being video is presented by Ruby, Deputy Head Girl. She discusses the importance of keeping active during lockdown and the positive benefits it can have on your mental health and well-being. The video will be live on your child's Google Classroom stream on Monday 22nd February 2021.

### **PE Challenge**

Well done Tanners! 107 children took part and sent in their results via the stream for week 2's PE challenge. The challenge was part of the weekly PE lesson and we asked children to complete sit ups and figure of eight - how many can you complete in 1 minute! Please find the results attached with this newsletter.

Well done to everyone who took part and those who practiced every day to get the best result. Join in with your children to help the family keep fit and increase core strength! Have fun and keeeeeeep active!!

Remember to put your results on the PE stream by 3pm every Friday and check every Tuesday to see which challenges we are doing that week!

### **Friends Of Tanners Wood Half Term Fun**

Don't forget to make a heart for your window from 14<sup>th</sup> February and spread the love in our **Half Term Heart Hunt**. Details and a map on ParentMail of where you might spot hearts on your daily walks around Abbots. How many can you find?



And get busy in the kitchen to enter the **Great Tanners Wood Bake Off**. Bake something and post one picture on the Friends of Tanners Wood PTA Facebook page. The three most-liked creations by 21<sup>st</sup> February will win Amazon vouchers. Details also on ParentMail. Good luck!

### **The National Football Museum's Children's Football**

**Writing Festival** is going digital and will run 15 - 19 February. The festival sees four authors reading from their books at 11:00am each day. Designed to spark the imagination of football crazy youngsters, the talks will be broadcast on the museum YouTube and Facebook. Each will last around 10 minutes. The festival will also include simple writing challenges to encourage children to pick up a pen and transfer some of their football flair to paper.

[www.youtube.com/c/NationalFootballMuseum](http://www.youtube.com/c/NationalFootballMuseum)

#### **Monday 15 February at 11am:**

Author Tom Palmer kicks-off by reading from Rocky of the Rovers. Rocky is the younger sister of Roy Race. Join Tom and find out how Rocky plans to blaze her own football trail.

#### **Tuesday 16 February at 11am:**

The museum's Denise Lambert will travel back in time for the 1966 World Cup in this fun session for under 7s. The World Cup is about to take place but the Jules Rimet trophy is stolen! Can you help save the day? Assist Denise, and the hero of the hour, Pickles the dog, in this super story session.

#### **Wednesday 17 February at 11am:**

Author Eve Ainsworth, who wrote Kicking Off, will share the story of Hettie. It's 1917 and Britain is at war. Hettie begins supporting the war effort by working at a local munitions factory - home of the famous Dick, Kerr Ladies. Will she make sporting history?

#### **Thursday 18 February at 11am:**

Author Seth Burkett reads from Tekkers - his entertaining and important story about football and fame. How would you handle football superstardom? Redwood Rangers goalscorer Zak is thrust into the limelight when one of his freestyle videos goes viral. As his online status grows worldwide, Zak discovers that friends are more important than followers.

#### **Friday 19 February at 11am:**

Author Matt Oldfield of the Ultimate Football Heroes series, shares stories from his Unbelievable Football book, winner of the Telegraph Children's Sports Book of the Year in 2020.