

Spring Term 2021 – Newsletter Number 22

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Term Dates 2020-21

Spring Term 2021

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
8 th March	All children to return to school

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

Full School Reopening

We have been busy preparing for full return to school on Monday 8th March. I hope that the children are looking forward to being back to school.

A reminder to take a look at the information sent out this week. There were some useful help and tips on preparing children for Monday. Please take some time to look at the ParentMails that were sent this week.

School Chrome Books

Could we kindly ask that any school Chrome Books are not returned on Monday 8th March. We will send out further information next week regarding when and where to return them.

Asymptomatic Testing

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college. NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- Through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- By collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- By ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

For full guidance and how to access the test kits, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Important - Coronavirus

You must not bring your child to school if:

- they have any of the COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, change in sense of taste or smell). Please arrange a test
- any member of your household has any COVID-19 symptoms, until a negative result has been received
- your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive case and needs to isolate
- your child has tested positive COVID-19 and is still in the isolation period

Tests can be booked online through the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>

Direct link:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> or call 119 if they have no internet access.

Dfe – Updated Guidance for Keeping Children Safe Online

We have updated our guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. The measures announced over recent weeks to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), although essential, have disrupted people's day to day lives.

As a result of these necessary measures, almost all of us are likely to be spending more time online, including children. This guidance contains resources for parents and carers to help keep their children safe online.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online?utm_source=25%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

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 book with no pictures by B. J. Novak - Read by Otto (Deputy Head Boy)

KS1: The magic dinner by Tim Branston - Read by Ruby (Deputy Head Girl)

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 would like to request 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: A pig can't look up at the sky!

This week's riddle: What is full of holes but can still hold water?

This week's brainteaser: What needs to be cracked before you can use it?

Can you solve these?

Joke of the week: A bear walked up to me and said, "Can I have a water and a.....cola?"
"Why the big pause?" I asked.
He replied, "I don't know I was born with them!"

Last week's answers:

Riddle: There was no egg! Roosters don't lay eggs!
Brainteaser: She lives in the southern hemisphere!

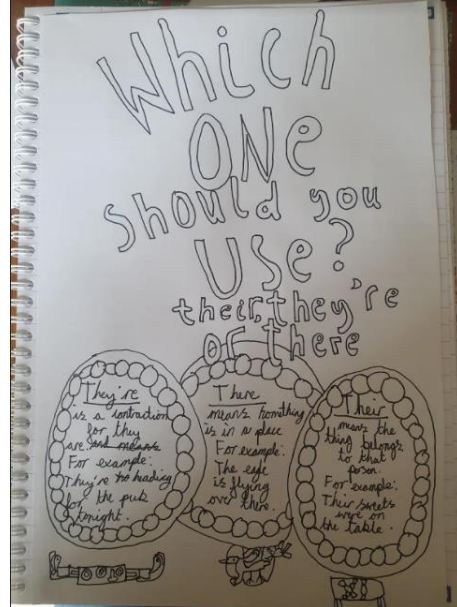
Well-being Video

Our third well-being video is presented by Otto, Deputy Head Boy. He discusses the importance of giving to others 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 8th March 2021.

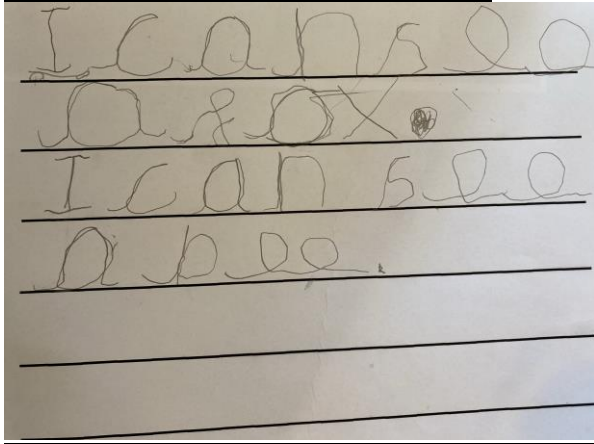
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Homophones Poster by Annabel – Juniper



Phonics in Sentences by Charlie – Ash



Persuasive Letter by Cali – Maple

Dear Education Secretary,

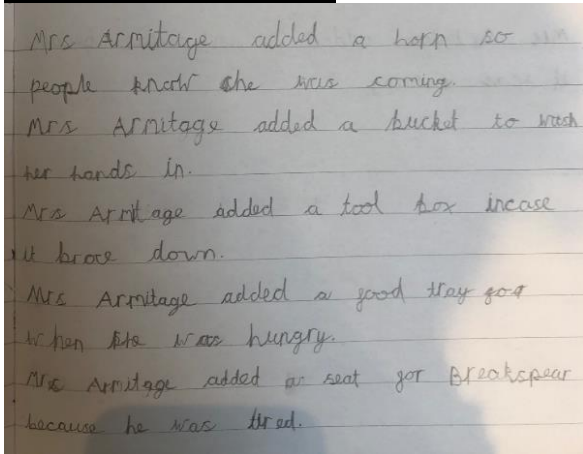
My name is Cali and I am a student in Year 4 in Tanners Wood School. Recently at my school, I have been told there are some schools in the UK that do not require children to require school uniforms. I am writing to you to ask you to make it a requirement that all schools have a uniform in England.

Firstly, I believe that having a uniform in all schools would be a beneficial idea as it would be cheaper for parents and carers across the country as they wouldn't have to buy new clothes. I am sure that somebody as intelligent as you can understand buying one or two sets of uniform is hugely cheaper than having to buy lots of different clothes. Furthermore, some may not even have to buy more as they can be handed down from older siblings as some uniform is the same for boys and girls. As I am sure you will agree, lots of children like to wear branded clothing, but astonishingly, a single football shirt can cost around £55 pounds! How could anyone afford lots of these for their children? Having a child can be very expensive, and there are far more important things for a child's guardian to get, such as fresh fruit and vegetables.

Secondly, as you might know a school trip can be very stressful for teachers, and I fear a student like myself may get tragically lost and not be found. However, introducing school uniforms is a fantastic idea and would help prevent a student becoming lost. You see, school uniforms are usually brightly coloured and would stand out, unlike any other clothes that are branded, and the child would look like part of the crowd. On a school trip, teachers have many things to worry about with their students, and it could make them less stressed if they knew the children could be found easily, wouldn't, somebody as highly amazing as you, want to make it easier and less stressful for the poor teachers.

I know that you will make the right choice.

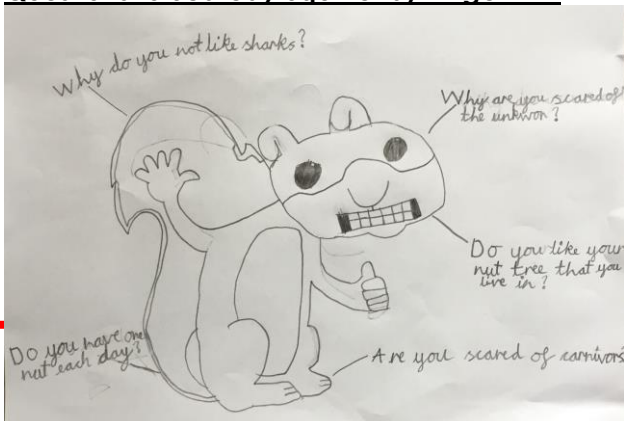
English by Holly – Cypress



Tudor Roses by Sienna (red) & Summer (white) – Rowan



Questions to Scaredy Squirrel by Angel – Fir



Macbeth Re-telling by Lily – Willow

Chanting around the dark, frothing cauldron on the top of a tall hill, the three cackling witches repeat a repetitive tune. As the witches finished their potion, battle formed on a nearby moor. Clashing of swords and panting of men echoed around the battlefield. Macbeth and his soldiers were fighting for their lives, demanding good news to deliver to King Duncan.

"Finally," cried Macbeth, "We have secured our victory and won!" There he ordered Banquo to accompany him in informing the king of his good news. So, Banquo and Macbeth set off on their horses, thrilled about their victory and excited about letting the king know the news.

As they traveled through the mist and fog, three indistinctive figures approached them.

"What are they!" whispered Macbeth into Banquo's ear.

"All hail Macbeth," chanted the first witch.

"How do these creatures know my name?" asked Macbeth, as he gradually pulled out his sword.

"All hail Macbeth, King of Cawdor!" chanted the second witch.

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:

Fir – Arfa, Daisy J

Juniper – Yasotha, Ozzy, Turhan, Callum, Chloe, Freddie

Pine – Lesley, Louis, Sienna, Isis, Beau, Connor, Thomas, Riley, Marvin, William, Fletcher, Archie, Hudson, Francesca, Hayden

Rowan – Alex, Barney, Harriet, Natila, Layth, Charlie, Leo, Alfie, Jaidon, Albie, Ben, Jacob, Jj, Eleanor, Olivia, Henry

Silver:

Larch – Sophie

Pine – Sienna, Jazmin, Olivia, Thomas, Toby, Connor, Lewis

Rowan – Tayiba, Harriet, Matthew, Max, Kara-Jane, Jessica, Summer, Julia, Thomas, Jj, Eleanor, Isabel

FoTW Gift Service

We would like to help your children show their appreciation for their parents, carers and loved ones as Mother's Day approaches. With shops still closed, the children can easily purchase a gift through us, and help raise money for the school.

We have a range of small but lovely gifts, priced at £2 each in the ParentMail shop. These will be packaged with a THANK YOU sticker and delivered to your children in their classes on Friday 12th March to bring home that weekend.



A reminder that Monday 8th March will be the last date to purchase gifts via ParentMail.