

Spring Term 2021 – Newsletter Number 23

Tanners Wood JMI School



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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
19 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform (wear bright colours)
26 th March	End of Term – 1.30pm finish

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

School Lunches

School meals are charged at £2.25 per day and must be paid in advance. If your child is in Years 3-6 and you are not in receipt of benefit related free school meals, please ensure that there is sufficient credit on their dinner account.

Please remember that ParentMail does **NOT** show the balance on your child's account. If you would like to know your account balance, please contact the school office.

Chromebook Returns

If you were loaned a school Chromebook during lockdown, you will have received a form to complete via ParentMail regarding returns. Please ensure that this is completed as soon as possible.

Reporting Absence

Please ensure that you report your child's absence to the school office before 9am giving a specific reason. Please do not leave a message advising that your child is 'not well' – please give exact details of symptoms/illness.

Return to School

It has been a positive first week back for the whole school. It has been wonderful to hear feedback from the teachers about how happy children have been to be back and how they have loved connecting with their friends again. Thank you all for your support too in helping to adhere to the COVID guidance and protocols to keep everyone safe.

A few parents have reported how tired their children have been in the first week back! I know staff are also feeling this way. It will take us a short time to adjust! I wish all families a restful weekend and I hope you all take time to rest and recuperate from the first week back. I am immensely proud of every member of the whole school community - especially the children!

Police Visit

Many of you will be aware that there was some police presence on Monday as we opened fully to the pupils. I want to assure you this was a surprise to us as much as it may have been to you! We did not ask the police to monitor the area. However, the police representative had many positive things to share about our community.

They also reported that they spoke to a couple of families about maintaining social distancing with gentle reminders. The overriding message was they were pleased by how children and parents were keeping safe and applying COVID guidance. It was also shared how the communications about the return from the school were widely and clearly understood. Thank you for keeping the community safe.

Film Quiz

During the last week of this term, the children will take part in a film quiz within their class bubble. Children will watch 'Gnomeo and Juliet' (U rated) and will answer questions based on the film.

The quiz will be prepared by the Year 6 Head Boys, Girls and School Ambassadors. They are working very hard to put together something exciting for the whole school.

The FOTW have kindly agreed to provide snacks for the children to enjoy during the quiz.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back on **Friday 19th March** and to mark the occasion we will be having a non-uniform day. To spread some cheer, we invite all children to wear bright colours to school that day.

Please ensure that sensible shoes are worn and that clothing is appropriate for the weather.

We are not able to collect money this year, however donations can be made online at:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>



Reminder

Since we have been back to school, we have noticed that a few of the children have been talking about playing age-inappropriate video games. This is having a detrimental impact on their wellbeing and behaviour, and we would like to remind parents that age restrictions are put in place to protect children.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Elm Class Reminder

Please can we remind you to wait on the track area when you collect your child at the end of the day. This is to ensure that other parents can maintain social distancing when entering and leaving the site.

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 Magic Dinner by Tim Branston - read by Ruby (Deputy Head Girl)

KS1: The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson - read by Adam and Ruby (Head Boy & 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: Penguins don't have teeth!

This week's riddle: A man pushes his car to a hotel and tells the owner he's bankrupt. Why ?

This week's brainteaser: What five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

Joke of the week: What do you give a sick lemon? (Lemon- aid!)

Can you solve these?

Last week's answers:

Riddle - What is full of holes but still hold water? A sponge!

Brainteaser - What needs to be cracked before you can use it? An egg!

Well-being Video

Our well-being video this week is presented by Lily, Head Girl. She shows us how breathing correctly can reduce stress and anxiety which will have positive benefits on our mental health and well-being. The video will be live on your child's Google Classroom stream on Monday 15th March 2021.

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:

Beech – Lexi, Ellie, Audrey, Liam, Marnie, Jack
Elm – Benjamin, Eli, Ryan, Phoebe, Ted, Bobbie, Bailey, Ruby
Larch – Tayah
Oak – Lewis, Louise

Silver:

Larch – Amiram
Oak – Freddie, Harrison, Ria, Immi-Rose, Archie, Frankie, Jay-Jay, Lola, Ruby

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/>

Turn on the Subtitles

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double their chances of them becoming good at reading.

The Turn on the Subtitles campaign is currently supported by a huge number of academics, scholars, education companies, celebrities and politicians.

If you'd like to know more about the campaign, to view all the research behind it, and to understand how you can get involved, you can visit:

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org>

PE Challenge

Well done to everyone who takes part in the PE challenge. Every little helps to build core strength and improve ball skills. A huge well done to the following children who have completed the challenges every week:-

Willow B, Jessica R, Harry S-H, Hana W, Teddy S, Macie DC, Benjamin M, Bobbie R, Jemimah B, Lizzy B, Zac B, Anneka W, Isla H, Daisy R, Viha T, Ben R, Thomas S, Lucy J, Kirstie L and Otto W. These children will receive a merit for doing so. Well done.

Don't forget to look out for the PE challenges set by a group of Y6 children for you and your family to take part in each week. This week, Otto has been sharing Go Noodle activities and next week Cody will be sharing football skills challenges. There is no due date for these challenges, they are set for a bit of family fun!

Keep up the good work and keep active!

Thank you

A big thank you to Budgens in the village who have donated a large amount of hand sanitiser to the school. We are very grateful.