

Spring Term 2021 – Newsletter Number 24

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
12 th April	Children back to school
21 st April	APDR Meetings
27 th April	Bookable Session – Helping your child through anxious times
4 th May	Bookable Session – Helping your child through anxious times
11 th May	Bookable Session – Helping your child through anxious times

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

IMPORTANT - COVID-19 Testing

There appears to be some confusion around COVID-19 testing. There are two different types of COVID-19 tests:

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests

These tests **MUST** be booked by anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms (temperature of 37.8 degrees or above, new continuous cough, change in sense of taste or smell). The PCR sample will be sent to a laboratory for testing and the result will be sent by text and email.

If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19 you must book a PCR test and forward a copy of the result to admin@tannerswood.herts.sch.uk

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests also known as Rapid Flow tests

These tests are for asymptomatic people. This means they are for people who do **NOT** have symptoms.

They are used twice a week as part of a testing programme.

These tests are for people aged 11 and above. They are not to be used for primary school children.

End of Term

We have reached the end of another eventful term. Once again, the whole school community has shown resilience and solidarity and I am so proud of how well the children have adapted to returning to school. Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support.

Wishing all families a safe and restful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 12th April.

Staffing Updates

Mr Harris

We are thrilled for Mr Harris as he was recently appointed to a new role for September 2021 as Assistant Head Teacher at another Hertfordshire school. He will be completing the academic year with his current children in Willow class. He will inform his class of this news today and reassure them that he is not leaving until the end of the year. It is an exciting and well-deserved promotion for Mr Harris. It is too early for goodbyes at the moment! However, we wanted to share his good news with the school community. Congratulations Mr Harris!

Miss McGeever

Beech and Ash Class will already know that Miss McGeever is working from home as she is expecting a baby. We will let you know the start date of her maternity leave shortly.

New Teaching Assistant

Miss Bowyer, a new Teaching Assistant has been appointed and will begin working with Fir Class next week. She will be a valuable addition to the team working one to one.

APDR Meetings

APDR meetings will be held after school with class teachers on Wednesday 21st April. As before, the meetings will be held by telephone and a letter will be sent home allocating a time.

D&T Challenge

A big well done to the children who entered the DT Challenge. We have seen some fantastic re-purposed creations and have found it very difficult to judge! We hope everyone enjoyed taking some time out to be creative.

Because it was so difficult to choose one winner from each Key Stage, we have also chosen a runner up who will receive a small prize. We've based our judgements on how purposeful the product is and how creative they have been with the recycled materials.

EYFS Winner: Zak in Ash for his sunflower dinosaur planter made from a plastic bottle.



EYFS Runner Up: Charlie in Ash for his bird house made from a recycled coffee container and bark found in the garden.



KS1 Winner: Ria in Holly for her amazing bug hotel made from a range of recycled materials.



KS1 Runner-up: Ruby in Cypress for her flowerbed bug.



Lower KS2 Winner: Eibhlin in Juniper's phone charger holder made from a washing up bottle.



Lower KS2 Runner-up: Joseph in Maple's football table.



Upper KS2 Winner: Kara-Jane's brilliant speaker that works as an amplifier as seen in her video.



Upper KS2 Runner-up: Cerys for her nicely decorated bird house.



Roofing Project Update

The replacement of the school roof will commence on Monday 29th March with contractors, Ashe Roofing, setting up over the Easter break. When we return to school after Easter, the main school building will have had scaffolding erected and a site office will be situated in the rear carpark. As previously mentioned in Newsletter 19, they will be with us for approximately 20 weeks.

Please be assured that the health and safety of everyone on site will always be our top priority. There will be no changes to the children's routines.

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: Albie and the Space Rocket by Andy Cutbill - read by Lily (Head Girl)

KS1: Christopher Noble by Charlotte Middleton - 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 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: Cat urine glows under black light!

This week's riddle: I am tall when I'm young and I'm short when I am old. What am I?

Joke of the week: Why did the teddy bear not eat dessert?

Because they were stuffed!

Can you solve these?

Last week's answer:

Riddle - In a year, there are 12 months. Seven months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?

They all do!

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:

Apple – Holly, Lilia,

Beech – Sienna, Freya, Matilda, Thea, Aimee

Cypress – Tiger, Amelia N, Amelia O

Elm – Oliver, Sienna, Amelia-Rose

Holly – Tyler, Layla, Sumayyah, Tommy, Vivienne

Maple – Jack

Rowan – Tionne, Alfie

Spruce – Juliet, Danny, Poppy-Lucia, Cerys, Lily-Rose, Cody

Willow – Luke, Samim, Logan, Elisha, Alicia, Morgan, Teddy, Ayden, Scarlett, Jack, Thomas, Lucy, Mia, Otto

Silver:

Apple – Anaise, Billie, Cameron, Ella, Isla, Kacie, Lana, Lyla, Ava Rose, Frank, Levi, Liam, Tommy, Evie, Donia, Finley, Freddie, Grey, Harry, Ronnie, Shyam

Ash – Finley, Bluebelle

Elm – Freya

Fir – Lexi, Ivy

Larch – Jessica, Cody, Matilda, Maisie

Maple – Ethan, Darcy, Ava, Adam, Peter, Jude, Chloe, Phoebe-Rose, Hannah

Oak – Joshua, Phoebe, Zac, Ella, Max

Pine – George, Charles

Spruce – Bobby, Cody

Willow – Lily

FOTW Easter Trail

Need some inspiration for a walk with the kids this Easter break? Follow the FOTW Easter trail and spot a letter in each location on the map to reveal a hidden message! Then send your answers over to us at friendsoftanners@gmail.com with the heading 'Easter Trail' and clearly stating your name and class.

We have very kindly been gifted 100 Easter eggs this week and we thought it would be lovely to offer these as prizes for the first 100 children who crack the code.

Please can we kindly remind you that children should be supervised, and that COVID guidelines must be adhered to, to keep our community safe.

Thank you in advance for your support. Good luck and happy hunting!

Friends of Tanners Wood

