



Friday 13th January

# Tunstead Primary Newspaper

## Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

### SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear all,  
 Happy New Year to you and your family, and I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday.  
 It has been really good to see the children settle straight back into normal school life again, from excitedly retelling their stories in English to mastering new skills in our updated topic lessons, it has been a successful start to the new term. Should you want more information on what your child is learning about this half term, then please check out the class pages on our website, which have all been updated to include this term's topics and knowledge organisers.  
 We were very pleased to welcome back Mrs Middleton to school on Tuesday, where she will be teaching Birch class every Tuesday whilst Mr Birkinshaw carries out his other duties in school. She enjoyed working with the older children, but equally enjoyed seeing some familiar faces from her Sycamore classes in recent years.  
 And finally, I would like to remind all families about the importance of attending school every day that your child can, as the evidence shows that frequent absence can be highly significant on your child's academic and personal development. We will be contacting families in the coming weeks where absence rates are higher than expected to arrange meetings to understand the situation and offer support to increase attendance to an agreed target level.  
 Thank you for your continued support.  
 Rebecca Quinn

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

January

- 19th - Menu change, sausage chips and beans
- 26th - Oak and Sycamore parent phonics session 2pm

February

- 9th - Valentine's Disco
- 13th - 17th half-term

March

- 24th - School reports home
- 27th - Cluster Rugby

April

- 3rd - 17th Easter Holiday
- 28th - Conifer Bikeability

May

- 8th - Bank Holiday
- 18th - Class photos
- 22nd - Year 6 Crucial Crew

### CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE</b>	73.95%	91.83%	87.76%	95.39%
<b>A.O.B.</b>	Please check Tapestry for details about Show and Tell this term	Top Readers this week are Theo B, Archie B, Theo F, Marcie, Etta and Ted. Well done all of you for excellent practice at home!	Swimming is still cancelled on Monday, and PE will be Thursday	This week Birch have been working hard on their multiplication methods, and trying to improve their TT Rockstars speed.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Headteacher's Award

#### Mark

for his focus & determination to improve in all areas.

Well done  
Mark!

### Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Oscar** for always being polite and well mannered!

Sycamore - **Olivia R** for being a kind friend and for her contributions in drama!

Conifer - **Connor** and **Oliwia** for resilience and developing confidence in drama!

Birch - **Poppy F** and **Terry** for their accurate use of bar models!

### House Point

#### Leaderboard

1st - Swallowtail 1436

2nd - Otter 1368

3rd - Bittern 1198

4th - Harrier 1120

## TUNSTEAD FRIENDS

'Friends held their first meeting this week to make plans for this half terms fundraising and social events. We hope this term will be as successful as last term. The Christmas shop raised £167.36 Christmas Fayre raised £630.22 and My child art raised £41.29. Thank you for your continued support.

Our first event is the Valentine disco on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February Oak Class and Sycamore 3:15 to 4:15pm. Oak class parents will need to attend with their children. Children will get changed in their classrooms before the disco starts. Conifer and Birch will be held 4:30 to 5:15pm. Purchase tickets via BOPP using the paylink on the email or scanning the QR Code on this newsletter or a poster. If you would prefer to pay by cash, that's fine. Cash payments must be handed to Honor in a sealed envelope with the name and class name of child(ren). Correct money must be in the envelope as we cannot issue change. Please write your email address on the envelope so we can confirm receipt and give any necessary information.'



## ASSEMBLY

In assembly on Monday, Mr Birkinshaw spoke about situations in school and life where you may feel under pressure, and strategies pupils could use to help manage these pressures (such as practising before an event, talking to others). On Wednesday, Mrs Pleasants led assembly and encouraged pupils to make suggestions to the School Council for charities that the school could raise money for.

## FOREST SCHOOL

As part of their topic of traditional tales Sycamore Class experimented with different ways of building a bridge for a gingerbread man to cross. Some bridges were safe enough for even children to cross!

Oak Class made and cooked their own pizzas on the fire, as part of their continents topic.

