



Friday 20th January

Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents,

Even with the cold snap this week, we will always encourage our children to make the most of our outdoor spaces at break times. Helping our pupils to become confident, open-minded and sociable individuals is as important as supporting their academic development, and Mrs Payne has been working hard at lunchtimes to offer a variety of options to play in different ways with different people throughout the week. From next week she will be joined by our newly appointed play leaders. Well done to **Imogen, Kyla-Mae and Mia**, and we look forward to seeing how you embrace the responsibility. We also have newly appointed librarians, so well done to **Georgie, Archie B-J, Darcie L and Milly!**

From Monday, we will also be opening up the field again to offer further play opportunities. If pupils wish to use the field on a Monday, Thursday or Friday they must have a spare change of footwear in school, preferably wellies that will be left at school for the week. Conifer and Birch classes will keep their footwear on the red trolley which will be kept under the shelter of the Oak Class area, and Sycamore will keep those by their pegs. Oak class should already have a change of footwear in school each day. Please make sure that any wellies/spare shoes that come in are clearly named so we can help return any misplaced items.

Wishing you and your family a good weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- January
- 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
- 25th - Year 6 Gresham STEAM event
- 29th - 2nd June half-term

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	89.23%	86.73%	89.03%	93.55%
A.O.B.		Keep sending in boxes please for our art work!	Conifer have been working hard preparing play scripts ready for next week's performance on Thursday	Don't forget to log onto TT Rockstars's Studio and Soundcheck modes

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Headteacher's Award

Billie

Billie consistently demonstrates a caring and considerate attitude to others, and always puts their needs before her own.

Well done Billie!

Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Noah** for calm, kind behaviour in class

Sycamore - **Amber** for her brilliant reasoning and explanations during maths problem solving tasks!

Conifer - **Stanley** for his positive attitude to learning!

Birch - **Archie B-J** has the gold award for confidently sharing excellent story ideas!

House Point Leaderboard

1st - Swallowtail 1540
2nd - Otter 1483
3rd - Bittern 1297
4th - Harrier 1220

TUNSTEAD FRIENDS

Tickets are available for the Valentine disco on Thursday 9th 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 5:30pm. Purchase tickets via BOPP using the pay ink on the email or scanning the QR Code on this newsletter. 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 this week, Mr Birkinshaw spoke about how more and more people and businesses are trying to reduce the amount of packaging and waste that they make. We spoke about how we can recycle or reuse items in different ways, such as drinks bottle bird feeders or tyre planters. On Wednesday, we had a reading assembly, where Mr Birkinshaw shared one of his favourite stories. He encouraged all the children, and adults at home, to find the joy in reading aloud, performing and having fun with books sometimes, even if it means silly voices, actions or stories as they can be memorable moments together.

FOREST SCHOOL

The children and adults have been very busy moving logs and wood chippings this week at Forest School, kindly donated by a local tree surgeon. A big thank you to Heidi and Catherine for helping too. The logs have been used to renew the fire area seating and tool area, we will also use some smaller logs in our craft activities. The wood chippings look great and have renewed the muddy footpaths. It's been great to see the older children encouraging the younger children to join in at lunchtimes. Well done Tunstead!