



Friday 24th February

# Tunstead Primary Newspaper

## Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

### SCHOOL MESSAGE

It has been nice to see and feel the weather changes coming through with spring arriving, and the children have been making the most of their time on the fields outside at lunchtimes.

Over the coming weeks we have a few different trips and events approaching for the children to look forward to. Next Wednesday, we will be celebrating World Book Day as a school, and we have the Big Bubble Theatre company coming to deliver sessions to each class. Following the overwhelming response to a question about what the children would like to do on the day, we are asking pupils to dress up for the day as a good word they have learned from something they have read. More details on this can be found in the email sent earlier this week.

We also have some trips in the diary. Oak class are heading to see the animals at Thrigby Hall next week, while Birch class will be going back in time to the Victorian Era for a 'whodunnit' investigation in the workhouse at Gressenhall Farm. We are also excited to see that some of our KS1 girls will get the opportunity to take part in some activities at the UEA as part of the national girls football day on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Look out for letters coming home to the relevant classes.

And finally, a reminder to all parents, carers and families to make sure that only prescription medicines, including inhalers, are sent into school. They should be signed in via Honor in the school office and arrive complete with the sticker from the pharmacy showing the child's name and dosage required. Without these labels we are not able to hold or administer the medication in school.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### March

- 1st - World Book Day dress up as a word
- 2nd - Special World Book Day Lunch
- 3rd - Oak Class Thrigby trip
- 8th - KS1 girls Shooting Stars at the UEA
- 24th - School reports home
- 27th - Cluster Rugby
- 28th - Birch Class Gressenhall trip (TBC)
- 29th - Friends donate a bag fundraiser
- 30th - Friends Easter Event 3-5pm

#### April

- 3rd - 17th Easter Holiday
- 24th - Birch Class start swimming
- 26th - Cluster netball
- 28th - Conifer Bikeability

#### May

- 1st - Bank Holiday
- 8th - Bank Holiday

### CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	93.16%	94.69%	94.92%	91.24%
A.O.B. We are currently collecting the Lego for schools vouchers in the EDP and many other local papers	We are running very low on spare socks, any spares would be very much appreciated	We have welcomed the lovely Miss Martin into our team this week, alongside Mrs Shipley and Mrs Beckett. Please do say hi if you see her about!	Conifer have been working hard this week	Look out for a letter about our trip to Gressenhall Farm for a Victorian 'whodunnit' experience. Start thinking about some Victorian inspired costumes

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Headteacher's Award

**Jack B** for his engagement and positivity during PE

### House Points

1st - Otter 2243

2nd - Swallowtail 2205

3rd - Bittern 1925

4th - Harrier 1748

### Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Eden** for her hard work and achievements in phonics!

Sycamore - **Archie** for setting himself the highest of standards in all his work!

Conifer - **James** have the gold book for super fractions work and **Grace** for producing an excellent story at home!

Birch - **Darcy H** for her excellent work on equivalent decimals and fractions!

### School Council

Thank you to all the people who designed wheelbarrows for the Norfolk Show. The entries were all a really high standard. The School Council has chosen Isla's design to put forward!

We have also purchased four litter pickers for children to use to keep the school grounds tidy

## TUNSTEAD FRIENDS

The Friends met this week with school staff and have been planning our Easter event. On Thursday 30th March 3-5pm there will be an Easter treasure hunt in the school grounds and tickets will be available via Bopp nearer the time. We will be having a chocolate tombola so would kindly appreciate donations from yourselves. These donations can be brought into school anytime now and left with Honor. We are hoping this will be a social as well as fundraising afternoon so there will be crafts, raffle and refreshments for families to enjoy too.

## ASSEMBLY

On Monday, Mr Birkinshaw spoke to the children about different forms of transport, and how they have changed over time to make them more accessible/useful for people. They also discussed about the impacts of different forms of travel, and what may be healthier/energy-saving routes to school.

On Wednesday Mrs Pleasants spoke about she was going to simplify the system in the library to make it easier for children to find suitable books.

## FOREST SCHOOL

This week Sycamore Class have been learning about how important mini beasts are in the ecosystem. The children enjoyed finding lots of frogs jumping from under the wooden walkway.

Oak Class have been learning about life in a rainforest, two parrot puppets joined us for the sessions. We made our own parrot masks.