



Friday 9th June

# Tunstead Primary Newpage

## Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

### SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents,  
 Welcome back to our final half term of the year. I hope you and your families had a happy half term and it was nice to see the children on Monday all set to return to school.  
 Over the coming weeks, we will share more information about the class arrangements for September, such as who your child's teacher will be and which other staff may be supporting in their classrooms. The children will spend time with their new classes on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, and we will let them and yourselves know well ahead of this time.  
 You will have received an email today about a consultation around extending our school day from September, with a proposal for school to now end at 3.15pm. While this is in response to updated government guidelines around the length of the school day, as a school we believe this will help our young people to extend their learning. If you have any views either way on the consultation, then please respond via the routes explained in the letter.  
 Next week, we have a couple of exciting experiences coming up. First of all we have Birch class going to London for the day on Wednesday, where they hope to see some of the famous sights like Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament before taking in a performance of the musical Wicked. For many of the children this is a first experience of a trip to London or to see a theatre show, and we hope they enjoy a memorable trip.  
 On Thursday, our Governors are visiting school for the day, to see what a normal day in our school looks like and to speak with children and staff too. Should you want to find out more about our governors and what they do, then please visit our website. Or if you are interested in becoming a governor, or know someone who might be, then please get in touch with Mrs Quinn or Mr Birkinshaw for more details.  
 Wishing you all a happy weekend in the sunshine

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- June
- 11th** - Tunstead Village Fete
  - 14th** - Birch London trip
  - 15th** - Governor Day
    - Oak National Child Measurement Programme, vision & hearing screening
    - First Feast on the Field
    - New parents information evening
  - 16th** - year 6 dental survey
  - 20th** - Sycamore 'Design and Make' session - parent welcome
  - 22nd** - new reception class stay and play morning
  - 26th** - Oak Pensthorpe Trip
    - Yrs 1-6 Climbing Wall
  - 27th** - Sports Day 1-3pm
  - 28th** - Yrs 4-6 Sailing at Barton
  - 30th** - Reception to yr 4 Go Karting
    - Birch Class Boxing

### CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE &amp; AOB</b>	<b>88.99%</b>	<b>94.23%</b>	<b>94.47%</b>	<b>96.46%</b>
	We have been planting lots and learning about mini beasts; if you have any spare seeds at home, we would be glad to plant them in the school garden	Sycamore have been learning about the 3D art form of 'Sculpture' in their new art unit. Keep an eye out for sculptures around you this weekend	Conifer class have been continuing to practise time this week. It would be good if they are able to put their new skills into practice and tell the time using analogue and digital clocks at home	Birch class are very excited about their school trip to London next week, on Wednesday 14th June, to see Wicked. Let's continue to defy gravity!

## Celebrating Success

### Headteacher's Award

**Corey** for his increased confidence and positive approach to school...

Well done **Corey!**

### Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Albie** for great perseverance to overcome challenging work, and **Jacob** for great progress and listening skills for 'What's in the Box?'

Sycamore - **Eben** for his dedication to practising learning at home, resulting in great fluency in his reading

Conifer - **Billie** for her enthusiasm and determination when learning model texts in English

Birch - **Emily** for methodically working through her maths work and retrieving prior learning to support.

And a HUGE thank you to everyone in Birch class for being incredibly welcoming - it has been a pleasure teaching you all! Miss Kirby

### School Council

We are going to be asking the children to vote for new house categories next week. The choices are flowers, birds, gemstones or mythical creatures. We look forward to finding out what the school decides.

### House Points

1st - Otter 4007

2nd - Swallowtail 3764

3rd - Bittern 3473

4th - Harrier 3147

## Tunstead Friends

### Sunday 11th June—Tunstead Village Fete 11am-3pm

This Sunday the Friends will be having a stall with games at the Tunstead village fete and dog show (the dog show will start 1pm). Please come and say hello if you are going.

### Saturday 8th July—School Summer Fayre

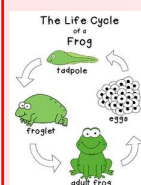
We are busy organising our summer fayre. It is an extra special year celebrating the school's 110th anniversary. With a chance to look back in time. If you have family or Friends who have old photographs or memorabilia to share let us know. There will be a chance to enter our fancy dress competition for best school uniform, a bit of fun and chance to let your imagination run wild. (Just for fun) so get your design hats on!

On the day we will have games, refreshments, Punch and Judy, bouncy castle and much much more!

## Assembly Focus

On Monday it was World Environment Day, and we discussed the differences between reusing and recycling plastics. We spoke about the benefits and drawbacks of each approach, and how it was important to reduce waste in all areas but particularly with plastics. The children were able to draw on their own experiences at the beach of seeing plastic rubbish there, and they thought about ways they could reuse or recycle more carefully in the future.

## Forest School



This week at Forest School we have been learning about the life cycle of frogs. We investigated the school pond and made our own life cycles using clay

Please come along to the Village Fete this Sunday and keep a look out for our school stall