



Friday 13th October

Tunstead Primary Newspaper

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

We are now only a week away from half term, and it seems the last 5 ½ weeks have gone by in the blink of an eye. However, our final week of this half term is set to be one of our busier ones – more details below.

Today has seen us gather our donations for the Norwich Foodbank as part of our harvest festival. I would like to thank everyone who has donated something towards such a good cause to help those in our community in a time of need.

Earlier this week, our football team took the field for the first time in a friendly against St Johns. Only one of our squad had played for the team last year, and alongside our keen Year 4s and 5s they grew in confidence as the match wore on and should be proud of their efforts. The result itself may have been a defeat, but there are promising signs for how this team will develop over the coming years given their energy and determination. The squad are now working hard on their attacking skills ahead of a tournament against other local schools next Wednesday.

Next week sees a couple of events in school to round out the half term. Firstly, on Thursday we have our non-uniform day where we encourage families to send in a gift for the Christmas Shop event run by our amazing Tunstead Friends. Details on the sorts of gift donations they are looking for have been shared with each class. After school on Thursday are the Friends’ Halloween Disco – Oak and Sycamore from 3.15-4.15pm, then Conifer and Birch from 4.30-5.30pm.

And finally, Sycamore class will have their rearranged Gruffalo day on Friday to celebrate and finish off their exciting Gruffalo-based writing work. I wonder what creatures they will find on their stroll through our deep, dark wood?

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October

- 16th** - St John’s stay and play Forest School session for nursery and reception 2024 intake
- 17th** - Reception open morning 9:30-11:30am for 2024 intake
- 18th** - Cluster Football at St John’s
- 19th** - Non uniform day and Friend’s Halloween Disco
- 20th** - Sycamore Gruffalo Day
 - Conifer & Birch Network Rail Stem afternoon
- 23rd-27th** Half Term
- 30th** - Back to school and launch of new lunch menus
 - Friends pumpkin competition
 - Oak parent workshop 2pm

November

- 6th** - Individual and sibling photos
 - Bonfire Lunch
- 7th & 9th** - Parents Evenings
- 13th** - Christmas Shop Day

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & AOB	78.89%	97.14%	95.02%	92.79%
	Donations of natural Autumnal items, such as conkers, pine cones, acorns, or Harvest foodstuffs (wheat/berries/vegetables) would be greatly appreciated	Sycamore had a great gymnastics session today! They looked like cimbing monkeys using our apparatus!	Conifer have finished their DT sewing project and are very excited to share these with parents	On Thursday, Birch will be watching an online hate crime awareness webinar from Norfolk Constabulary. They will also have a visit from National Rail on Friday.

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's

Award

Grace and Isla H for their relentless energy and determination when representing the school football team!



Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Darcie T** for consistent politeness & kindness

Sycamore - **Olivia R** for working independently— showing she has listened well to instructions

Conifer - **Theo F** and **Millie** for their enthusiasm in performance poetry.

Birch - **Emily** for becoming an independent and confident learner who tackles tasks with enthusiasm.

House Points

1st - 628 points Poppy

2nd - 604 points Honeysuckle

3rd - 421 points Buttercup

4th - 394 points Bluebell

School Council

School council met this week. We discussed choosing a new charity to support for this year and we would like to support a local charity to us. If anyone has any ideas please bring them with you next week to suggest to your classes.

Tunstead Friends

Friends are looking forward to hosting the Halloween disco next week. You can still get your tickets via Bopp see poster and link in email. Please make sure you include your child's name, consent for face painting and any allergies. Friends will be providing a free snack and drink.

Our non uniform day is on the same day as the disco but please do not send children to school in Halloween costumes. Oak and Sycamore children need to bring their costumes to school so they can change into them before the disco. Oak children will need to be accompanied by a parent to the disco.

Our pumpkin competition is on Monday 30th October. Please make sure pumpkins are brought to school at drop off and see a member of friends so we can number your pumpkin ready for judging. With no number we will not know who the pumpkin belongs to. To enter the competition there will be payment on the day of £1.

Halloween Disco
hosted by Friends of School
(Charity number 1039818)

Thursday 19th October

Oak and Sycamore
3.15-4.15pm

Conifer and Birch
4.30-5.30pm
(Oak children must be accompanied by a parent)

Entertainment by Connections
including fancy dress parade

Free drink and snack
Tickets must be purchased in advance via Bopp
£2.50 <https://bopp.app/link/4mpjt>

Forest School

We have been talking about the signs of Autumn this week at Forest School.

The children have noticed the leaves changing colours and beginning to float to the ground. We played with conkers and made some pretty leaf designs with chalk pens.

As the weather now seems to be cooling down please ensure all children have a warm layer and waterproofs