



Friday 20th October

Tunstead Primary Newspaper

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SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank everyone in our community for their efforts so far. There have been lots of positive moments and events, as well as much more to come throughout the year – more details on that later on.

This week we have seen our football team travel to St Johns for a cluster football tournament. Despite being a relatively new team to play together, the team held their own against older and more experienced opposition to produce a win in one of their matches. Well done to all of the team for their efforts, and a thank you to those supporters who joined us too.

Yesterday, it was a pleasure to see so many children enjoying our Halloween discos, organised by the Tunstead Friends. It was good to see children showing their individualism through their costumes and personalities, and throwing themselves into dance offs, games and even some ghost-busting. Thank you to all the parents and staff who gave up their time to help organise and run the event.

Looking ahead to next half term, I first have to share a staffing update. At Christmas, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Armstrong, who has been Oak class teacher and helped out with a number of school productions and events in her time in school. While we will be sad to see her go, we are also pleased to share that we have been able to appoint Miss Marshall to take over permanently from January. Miss Marshall will be visiting school during the next half term to get to know the class and the school team. I hope you will join with us in thanking Mrs Armstrong and wishing her the very best in what she does next, and in welcoming Miss Marshall to our school team.

We have a number of events happening during our first weeks back, from photos to parents evenings and Friends events. Please check out the 'Dates for the diary' section for all the key dates. We also have our clubs continuing from this half term and running all the way to Christmas. Football on Tuesdays for children in Conifer and Birch [spaces still available via bit.ly/tunsteads2football]; Art and Crafts club on Thursdays for Sycamore, Conifer and Birch [booked via ParentPay]. Wishing you all a happy and restful half term.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October

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

17th - Cluster Cross Country

22nd - Flu immunisations

27th - 30th Birch Bikeability

29th - Yr6 National Height and Weight checks

December

1st - Christmas Fayre & Santa Visit

7th - Singing at the Church 6pm

14th - Sheringham Little Theatre whole school trip TBC

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & AOB	94.44%	89.8%	91.96%	92.31%
	Don't forget the Oak parent workshop Monday 30th at 2pm, looking forward to seeing you all!	We look forward to our rearranged Gruffalo day and more information on spellings for Year 2 will be sent out next half term. Please keep reading!	We have been working on still life painting this week. Have a lovely half term!	Birch class have had an amazing first term! Enjoy your half term!

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's

Award

Archie B-J for his kind and supportive approach to helping younger pupils at breaks and lunches.

Well done **Archie!**



Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Isla** for great engagement in her learning and raising her expectations of herself

Sycamore - **Albert** for working so hard on his learning and enjoying getting better at things.

Conifer - **Archie B** for super collaboration!

Birch - **Milly** for making excellent progress in maths

House Points

1st - 783 points Poppy

2nd - 779 points Honeysuckle

3rd - 516 points Buttercup

4th - 503 points Bluebell

School Council

We have been looking at local charities that we can support this year. We will be having a vote after half term.

Tunstead Friends

Tunstead friends hope all the children enjoyed the disco yesterday. It was a really fun evening and great to see the children enjoying some fun with their friends.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for our Christmas shop. We are off to a good start. If you are having a clear out over the holidays there is still chance to donate and the box will be in the playground at drop off on the first day after half term.

Our next event is the pumpkin competition which is £1 to enter. Please can children bring their pumpkins to school on the morning of Monday 30th October. Please make sure you collect a number from one of the friends for your pumpkin ready for judging. Late entries may not be included in the judging which will take place during that day by the children. Winners will be announced on Tuesday 31st and prizes given for first second and third. If you have any questions please email friends at tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk wishing you a wonderful half term and thank you for your continued support.



Forest School

Our sessions this week have been all about Autumn. The children have made some lovely autumnal pictures using natural resources. The leaves are turning some beautiful colours!