



Tunstead Primary Newspaper

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers

A month has now somehow flown by since term began, and as the colder weather approaches so too do the coughs and colds of autumn time. As we do every year, we have had a few bugs and Covid cases within the school and we advise families to make sure their children are off school in line with national advice to ensure they have time to recover and also to ensure everyone in the school community stays fit and well. If your child has diarrhoea/vomiting, they must stay home until 48 hours have passed from the last incident of their condition; for any Covid cases, they should be off school for the first 3 days since testing positive or since symptoms started. If you are ever not sure, please contact the school office and we can share the advice we have.

The rest of today's newsletter is focused on sporting activities going on across the school, as we have now reached the point of year where our pupils start taking part in a range of matches and competitions.

Yesterday saw our first whole school sporting event of the year, the Tunstead Challenge, take part on the village field behind the school. It was really nice to see families from across the school come down to watch the cross country runs for each class, and I would like to thank all those who attended to cheer all our pupils on.

The children themselves were a good mix of enthusiasm and resilience, whether they were completing their first school race in Oak Class or a Birch class pupil completing the last of their 3 laps. It was particularly lovely to hear the children cheering on the runners as they came past, which really showed the community spirit between our pupils. Those who finished in the top 8 for Conifer and Birch classes will now go onto the cluster cross country competition in November, and more details on this will come out in the coming weeks.

Next week sees a first outing for the school football team this year, as they travel for the 'Green Shoots Derby' against St Johns on Monday afternoon. Our team this year includes a mix of boys and girls from across Conifer and Birch classes, and their enthusiasm and growing skill levels should mean we have a team that can build up in confidence and gel as a squad over the coming years. I hope you join with me in wishing them good luck!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October

9th - Friendly Football match for football team at St John's

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 - Sycamore Gruffalo Day

- Non uniform day and Friend's Halloween Disco

23rd-27th Half Term

30th - Back to school and launch of new lunch menus

- Oak parent workshop 2pm

November

6th - Individual and sibling photos

7th & 9th - Parents Evenings

13th - Christmas Shop Day

17th - Cluster Cross Country

22nd - Flu immunisations

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & AOB	79.57%	99.18%	92.46%	95.85%
	The children have been busy creating their own version of the Dear Zoo book. They look forward to showing their parents very soon.	Sycamore have been talking about manners. What are manners? Why does it make the world a nicer place for us all?	Conifer has been creating kennings of Beowulf and Grendel in English	Online maths homework will be starting this week. Birch class will be starting their DT project next week.

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's Award

Alex V for his improved confidence and maturity during lunch time



Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Leo** for his perseverance and participation during the Tunstead Challenge

Sycamore - **Teigan** for making inquisitive word choices in her story writing.

Conifer - **Grace** for imaginative and creative writing in English.

Birch - **Annabelle** for finding fantastic synonyms and writing a gripping portal story!

House Points

1st - 481 points Honeysuckle

2nd - 466 points Poppy

3rd - 319 points Bluebell

4th - 313 points Buttercup

Tunstead Friends

Friends are looking forward to the Halloween disco on Thursday 19th October see poster for details. Tickets are £2.50 to be purchased in advanced via Bopp

<https://bopp.app/link/4mpjt>

If you have any problems buying tickets speak to one of the friends or email us tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk to make other payment arrangements.

The same day is non uniform day and we are asking for donations for our Christmas shop which will be in November in school. Children will be able to buy gifts for their friends and family. The shop is only possible with donations. So we are asking children to bring in the following donations if they would like to take part in the non uniform day.

Oak and Conifer class to bring items for children. Sycamore class donations for women and Birch class items for men. There will be a large black box in the playground to leave donations.

Details of our pumpkin competition in next week's newsletter.

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

Oak class had a fun Forest School session making Conker friends, there were some great, colourful designs.

Sycamore Class collected interesting shaped leaves to paint and print with.

We welcome any donations of acorns, conkers and cones to craft with please.

Please ensure children always have wellies and waterproofs for their Forest School session.