



Friday 17th November

Tunstead Primary Newspaper

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

This week in school started with a bang, as the children, staff and Tunstead Friends combined for a day of Christmas-related activities. The real highlight of the day was seeing how the children from different year groups interacted as they were mixed in their houses for the sessions. The community spirit and collaboration they showed is a real strength of the school, and it was a pleasure to drop into the sessions and see what they have been making. The different Christmas-related products they made will be sold at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December.

Monday's event, and the upcoming Christmas Fayre, are both significant fund-raising events for our Tunstead Friends, and I would like to thank their small but committed team for all they do for the school. It was really nice to be able to welcome them into assembly on Monday afternoon so the children could say thank you to them too, and I hope families will continue to support their events throughout the year.

Because of their fundraising, the school is able to offer enhanced or different experiences to our children, and hopefully you received a letter earlier this week about one of those coming up in December. On Thursday 14th December, the whole school will be going to Sheringham Little Theatre to see their annual pantomime, and I know the children are looking forward to it again this year (even if I myself am a little wary after being brought on stage last time!). This trip is being offered free of charge to families because of the funds raised by the Friends, and I hope all children get the chance to take part. If you are worried that your child may struggle with accessing the show, please let their teacher or myself know and we will try to identify the best ways to support them to access the trip.

Today has also been a busy day in school, with lots of spots on show for Children in Need, as well as our runners taking part in the Cluster Cross-country competition. Well done to all who took part.

And finally, next week is Road Safety Week and we will be holding special assemblies, sending out advice to families and a poster competition across the school. The start and end of the day can be quite a dangerous time along our road if drivers are not being as safe as they can, and we want to make sure everyone in our community acts and feels safe when they are with us.

Thank you for your continued support

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

27th - 30th Birch Bikeability
- Road Safety week

29th - Yr6 National Height and Weight checks

December

1st - Christmas Fayre & Santa Visit

7th - Singing at the Church 6pm

12th - Year 4 Carol Singing at Roys
- Oak and Sycamore Christmas party and lunch

13th - Conifer and Birch Christmas party and lunch

14th - Sheringham Little Theatre whole school trip & Xmas jumpers

18th & 19th - Oak & Sycamore Christmas performance

20th - Last day of term

January

4th - Back to school

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
Class Attendance	90.11%	92.24%	96.98%	97.98%
	Can children please remember to continue practising your lines for the Christmas production at home	We are learning how to write a diary entry using 'Meerkat Mail' as our model text. Maybe you want to start your own diary at home this week?	There will be no swimming next week so please come in PE kits on Tuesday and Wednesday.	Birch thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas art and shop day!

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's

Award

Grace for her remarkable improvements and focus in writing. It was great to hear all about the troll she has created!



Class Gold Book Award Winners

Oak - **Cyrus** for excellent reading at home and school!

Sycamore - **Olivia B** for her methodical working out of adding two 2-digit numbers using base 10.

Conifer - **Conifer Class** for excellent collaborative working on their ROAR2023 projects.

Birch - **Phoebe** for being a fantastic role model and being incredibly kind and considerate!

House Points

1st - 1315 points Honeysuckle

2nd - 1183 points Poppy

3rd - 909 points Bluebell

4th - 863 points Buttercup

School Council

We will be meeting next week to discuss fundraising ideas for The Big C.

Tunstead Friends

Monday saw the friends hold their second annual Christmas shop in school, it was a really enjoyable day for the Friends and children. Thank you for all your positive feedback it is really appreciated. We are a small group of parents who give up our time to raise money to enrich the children's school experience. Seeing the children enjoying these events makes the hard work so worthwhile.

We are now putting final plans in place for the Christmas fayre and Santa visit on Friday 1st December at 3.15pm until 5.30pm. Santa will be coming from Wroxham lions club and it would be fantastic for people to make a donation in their collection buckets as you visit Santa. Friends organise the presents provided and is what your ticket pays for. Tickets can still be purchased via bopp.

There will be a BBQ, refreshments, raffle and games. The children have made some wonderful crafts for you to purchase on the day.

We are holding a teddy tombola so if you have any teddies who need a new home these can be brought to school any time before the fayre. Thank you for your continued support and have a fantastic weekend.

Merry CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND SANTA
MUSIC, GAMES & GIFTS
JOIN FRIENDS FOR A FUN AFTERNOON FULL OF GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND TREATS!
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
3.15PM-5.30PM
SANTA ARRIVING FROM 4.30PM
BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO SEE SANTA
£2.50 VIA BOPP
HTTPS://BOPP.APP/LINK/SIFM9
ORGANISED BY TUNSTEAD FRIENDS CHARITY NUMBER 1038818

Forest School

This week's topic has been all about arachnids! We have learned about their habitat, how they build their webs, what they eat and the different species. We had great fun trying to track them down and some children even made their own web and spiders from sticks, clay and wool

There are still some children from Sycamore coming to Forest School without suitable waterproofs and wellies. Although your child may choose not to go in the muddy digging area, we do spend time playing on the wet field, each session also starts with sitting on wet logs around the fire area.

Children in Need



We have raised a fantastic **£86.10** for Children in Need today, thank you so

much to everyone who donated. It was so nice to see so many children dressed up and supporting such a good cause!