



Friday 10th November

Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

Last week I wrote about the Halloween and Bonfire night events and excitement around school, and now that is behind us the focus now moves towards the next big seasonal event - Christmas. While it may seem a while away, next week sees the first of our Christmas-related events as the preparations for our end of year events begin.

On Monday, the children will separate into their four houses (containing a mix of all year groups) for a day of Christmas-related activities to also help preparations for the Christmas Fayre later in the year. Last year, we held a couple of events in houses and the children really enjoyed the opportunity to mix with others and engage in different activities. By having the children in mixed years as houses, it also encourages some of our older pupils to help and engage with our younger pupils to provide good role models for learning behaviours. And to help with some of those trickier things to make or wrap!

There will be the Christmas shop set up in the hall, run with the Tunstead Friends, which children will be bringing in money for. Alongside the Christmas shop, there will be a range of Christmas activities running in Sycamore, Conifer and Birch classrooms. Oak classroom will be left clear as a calmer space for any child who may find the change in routine or busyness of the day too overwhelming.

Next week also sees our cross country runners head off to Coltishall on Friday. Mrs Beckett will be running extra practice sessions in the mornings for those in the team, and they will be contacted separately about this. I hope you join with me in wishing them good luck.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

- 13th** - Christmas Shop Day
- 16th** - Oak and Sycamore phonics workshop
- 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
- 12th** - Oak and Sycamore Christmas party and lunch
- 13th** - Conifer and Birch Christmas party and lunch
- 14th** - Sheringham Little Theatre whole school trip
- 20th** - Last day of term

January

CLASS UPDATES

School Reminder	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
Please can all uniform be clearly named, and can parents check what is coming home does belong to their child	A big thank you to Isla's mum for cleaning all our Forest School wetsuits!	It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at our Phonics/Reading information session next week so you can help your child read fluently at home.	Please can you save any cardboard boxes to bring in next week	Birch class made their water walls this week and started their clay sculptures

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's

Award

Darcy M for her mature and considerate approach to others in the dining hall



Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Jayden** for marvellous maths!

Sycamore - **Fleur** for exhibiting high expectations of herself in all her learning (listening well and completing tasks to the best of her ability)

Conifer - **Theo C** have the gold book for enthusiasm and dedication when learning model the model text in English.

Birch - **Isla** for making fantastic progress in maths and approaching each lesson with a positive mind-set!

House Points

1st - 1172 points Honeysuckle

2nd - 1017 points Poppy

3rd - 787 points Bluebell

4th - 767 points Buttercup

School Council

We are very pleased to announce that after voting on Monday had been counted, the school have chose to support The Big C

Tunstead Friends



We are really looking forward to hosting our second Christmas shop. It will be a fun day. Thanks to all families who have generously donated items which have made it possible to run the shop. Please can children bring a carrier bag to school to bring their goods home in. Children can bring up to £5 each. We would be grateful if they have a list of who they would like to buy for.

Preparations are underway for our Christmas fayre with Santa on Friday 1st December after school. Tickets to see Santa need to be purchased in advanced via bopp with the link included in the email or via the QR code on the Santa poster. If anyone would like to help with

set up or during the fayre please speak to one of the friends we are always grateful for our volunteers and they make it possible to hold our events. There's a free cuppa and mince pie for those who help !



Forest School

Oak Class. Another wet afternoon was embraced by the children! We began the session by talking about how important rain and water is to our world and where it comes from. Watering plants, filling garden ponds and water for our pets were all suggested. We also discussed what happens if we have too much rain! This was followed by a lovely wet session using guttering and watering cans. Great Fun!

Sycamore Class. We began this week's session with a team game, working together to push tubes along a very long rope. Great teamwork, Sycamore! This was followed by a discussion of how we use ropes in our daily lives. Some suggestions were; tree climbing, den building, farming, skipping, sailing and tying equipment down when travelling.

Thank you to Mrs Smith who made some delicious pumpkin soup which was enjoyed with bread and butter. And please all remember spare waterproofs and socks.