



Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

This week is the final newsletter of term, and we have had lots to look back on happily this term. Many of our children also have happy memories to look back on from Mrs Armstrong, who is leaving us next week after just over 4 years at Tunstead. We would like to thank her for her time and efforts to support the school community, particularly through her love of music and drama, and I hope you join with me in wishing her well in her new school.

One of Mrs Armstrong's final acts as school is as our director of the Christmas show, something she has enjoyed doing for many years. Oak and Sycamore are bringing the finishing touches to their own Christmas Panto, and they look forward to sharing this with families and friends on Monday and Tuesday next week. Panto season was also in full swing outside of school yesterday, when the whole school enjoyed their annual trip to the theatre, thanks to the funding of the Tunstead Friends. The children got really involved in the modern take on Cinderella, though it seems many of them are equally confident at copying TikTok dances and singing along to Whitney Houston songs too!

Following on from last week's newsletter where we discussed the Church Service, we have a photo to share of our nativity scene which was a great moment in the show that we wanted to share with the community. However, can we please ask that this photo is just viewed here within the newsletter and website, and not shared further on social media or other online platforms. We thank you for your support of all families, their wishes and safety by doing this.

And finally, just a reminder that next week is a shorter sprint to the end of term, with our last day in school being Wednesday 20th December. The children then return to school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy Christmas holidays.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

December

18th & 19th - Oak & Sycamore Christmas performance

20th - Last day of term!



January

4th - Back to school

February

19th - 23rd Half Term

March

5th - Yr 6 STEAM trip

27th - Last day of term

CLASS UPDATES

Class Attendance



OAK

92.31%

Oak Class I will miss you all, and all the staff and students across the school - merry Christmas and wishing you all the best in your futures!

SYCAMORE

78.05%

Please can all remaining books be brought in to be changed...thank you!

CONIFER

93.5%

We are very proud of how Conifer has behaved for their party and at the pantomime.

BIRCH

91.96%

Birch have had a wonderful week and thoroughly enjoyed the theatre!

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's

Award

Corey for his resilience and curiosity to retry something he had found a challenge before. Keep pushing yourself Corey – you did great!



Class Gold Book Award Winners

Oak - To all **oak class**, for being so brilliant!

Sycamore - **Marcie** for demonstrating high expectations when learning her dance routine

Conifer - **Alex** for a massive improvement in maths and English and for his resilience.

Birch - **Archie**, for making fantastic progress!



House Points

1st - 1736 points Honeysuckle

2nd - 1549 points Poppy

3rd - 1256 points Bluebell

4th - 1173 points Buttercup

Tunstead Friends



It has been a busy 2023 for the friends and it has been great to see families enjoying our events.

Yesterday saw the children enjoying the pantomime thanks to the money we have raised. It wouldn't have been possible without you all supporting our fundraisers. We are always open to suggestions of events you would like to see us organise. This could be a jumble sale or family quiz night to name but a few. Let us know your thoughts by talking to one of the friends at pick up or drop off or email us at tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Forest School

We have had a couple of fun Christmas afternoons this week at Forest School (unfortunately one in the pouring rain!). The children have been busy making their own baby Christmas trees.

A big thank you to both Catherine and Heidi for helping each week, throughout the year.

Happy Christmas!

