



# Tunstead Primary Newspaper

## Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

### SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear parents

Last night, I had the pleasure of joining members of our school and local communities at St Mary the Virgin Church in Tunstead for the annual Christmas carol event. It was so nice to see our younger children take part in the nativity, which they performed so confidently, and then Isla, Benjamin and Milly from Birch class impressed with their confident reading of some entertaining Christmas poetry. Even if your child was not there in person, the Christingles they made in school were shared around the church and lit for a candlelight rendition of Away in a Manger.

This is not the only song to be heard around our school in recent days, as rehearsals are now fully underway for the Oak and Sycamore Christmas Pantomime. We are just over a week from sharing this with parents on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Next week also has a lot of events in school and changes to normal routines. Please take note of the changes below.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Forest School for Sycamore moved from Tuesday

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Oak and Sycamore Christmas dinners and party afternoon; Art club moved from Thursday

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Conifer and Birch Christmas dinners and party afternoon; No swimming for Conifer

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** - Sheringham Little Theatre trip. Children to return at later time of 3.45pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** – As normal

And finally, we were pleased to welcome Miss Marshall into school today. She will be taking over from Mrs Armstrong, who leaves us at Christmas, and she has spent the day getting to know our school, the children in Oak class and the staff team. We hope you join us in welcoming her to our school community.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### December

**11th** - Sycamore forest school (not the Tuesday)

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

- Art Club (not the Thursday)

**13th** - Conifer and Birch Christmas party and lunch (no swimming for Conifer)

**14th** - Sheringham Little Theatre whole school trip & Xmas jumpers. 3:45pm pick up at school!

**18th & 19th** - Oak & Sycamore Christmas performance

**20th** - Last day of term

#### January

**4th** - Back to school

#### February

**19th - 23rd** Half Term

#### March

### CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
<b>Class Attendance</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>89.63%</b>	<b>92.27%</b>	<b>81.82%</b>
	We are all very much looking forward to our first Christmas lunch and party on Tuesday and then Cinderella on Thursday	Sycamore have all worked so hard to write their 'diary' Hot Task- I am super proud of all of their hard work!	Well done to Conifer for their focus in completing assessments this week	Birch class is really looking forward to their Christmas party on the 13th!

## Celebrating Success

### Headteacher's

#### Award

**All those who took part in the Church Service yesterday and showed confidence and joy in what they did**



### Class Gold Book Award Winners

Oak - **Harriet** whose confidence has grown in all aspects of her school life at Tunstead!

Sycamore - **Hermione** for her excellent listening in maths so that she was able to tell me all the 2D and 3D shape names

Conifer - **Freddie H, Max, Theo B and Archie** for their mature attitude in helping at the nativity

Birch - **Jack** for being an outstanding pupil!

### House Points

1st - 1653 points Honeysuckle

2nd - 1495 points Poppy

3rd - 1184 points Bluebell

4th - 1113 points Buttercup

## Tunstead Friends

The Friends would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre and Santa visit last Friday, and for making it such a success! You helped to raise £592.29 which is an amazing amount of money and will be used to enrich the children's school experience.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Jamie and Helen for their wonderful BBQ skills and Heidi for her help with games. Also thank you to Tracy for her very tasty hot chocolate. And finally thank you to Mrs Beckett for stepping into being our Elf at the last minute and made seeing Santa a very magical experience.

If anyone would like to join our small but friendly team or find out more email us [tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk](mailto:tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk) or speak to one of us at drop off or pick up.

## Forest School

**Please remember to send in extra warm clothing, especially socks, hats and gloves**