

Newsletter

Welcome Back!



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see all the children back proudly wearing their Tanners Brook uniforms.

Thank you so much for your patience regarding drop off and pick up times; the system is definitely different to what we are used to but necessary in these Covid times. Thank you also for remembering to socially distance around the site and for arriving promptly at the start and end of the day. Please do wear a face covering if this would make you feel safer.

All the staff have been amazed by how quickly and sensibly the children have settled in; even our Early Years children are getting used to the new routines although they've only been in school for a few days! We have been asking children from all year groups about their experience of being back in school and the feedback has been extremely positive. Indeed, most children haven't even noticed the changes that are in place! They are just so happy to be back with their friends.



I am very excited to welcome a few new faces to Tanners Brook:

- Mrs Welch has joined us as Interim Deputy Head
- Mrs Coleman will be teaching in year three
- Mrs Butler and Mrs Kaur have joined the lunchtime team

Also, congratulations to Mrs Mack who has taken on the role of Interim Deputy Head and Mrs Kavaliauskiene who is working across Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 as Interim Assistant Head.

Please do speak to me or any of my team if you have any questions. I am available at the main gate most mornings and after school. You can always email to info@tannersbrookpri.org.uk if this is easier.

Ingrid Dowse
Head of School

Attendance

We are keeping up to date with all government guidance regarding Covid. Thankfully, the current thinking is to keep schools open nationally. Please remember that if your child (or someone in your household) has symptoms of Covid-19, they should stay at home and self-isolate until they have a negative test result.

According to the NHS, these are the symptoms to look out for:

- A high temperature
- A **new, continuous** cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If the test comes back positive, then please let school know so that we can contact Public Health to get advice. If your child is ill with other symptoms, then please make a decision as to whether he/she is well enough to come to school – as you have always done in the past.

In all cases, please phone school to let us know if your child will not be in and the reason why.

Hand Sanitiser

Thank you to those parents who are sending their children in with a personal bottle of hand sanitiser. However, we have noticed that some of these do not meet government guidelines in terms of alcohol content. The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommend that hand sanitiser should contain at least 60% alcohol in order to be effective against Covid-19. Please only send your child in with hand sanitiser if it contains a minimum of 60% alcohol – otherwise, they will have to use the school's sanitiser to ensure we are protecting them and others from the virus.



Phase Leader Updates

Year 5 and 6

We are so pleased with how well Upper KS2 have settled into their new classes! The children have slotted into their new routines with ease and are showing maturity with the new systems in school.

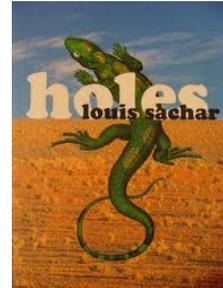
Year 5 are getting used to being upstairs and have been working hard in Pumas, Jaguars and Leopards. They have been enjoying their new novel 'Holes' and have even had a go at digging their own hole on the field which was quite a challenge! The Ancient Greeks topic is underway, and the children have studied unusual artefacts from the period, trying to guess what they are.

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Year 3 & 4

Welcome back to Year 3 and 4. The children have settled really well into their new classes. I've been really impressed as I have walked around the classes as the children are all focused and working hard. They have coped exceptionally well with the changes we have put in place, getting used to the new routines quickly.



Both year groups are getting to grips with their book studies in English and they are enjoying the challenge of reading more complex books. We are focusing on place value in Maths at the moment and our times tables in preparation for the Multiplication check at the end of Year 4.

In Year 4, the children have begun to learn about Ancient Egypt and I'm sure they will be fascinated by some of the truly disgusting traditions of this time. Year 3 are also studying History this term and have begun looking at the period of time between the Stone Age and Iron Age. Lots of them were horrified when they discovered that there was no electricity in the Stone Age.



I am often asked how parents can help at home. The main things we really want you to be doing are:

- Reading with your child. Although the children are getting older, it is still important to read with your child regularly and discuss what you read
- Helping them learn their times tables
- Supporting them to learn their spellings each week

I'm really proud of every child in the phase so far and I am looking forward to working with them all this year.

Miss Parker
LKS2 Phase Leader

Year 1, 2 and Early Years

It has been wonderful to see our classrooms full and all children so happy and engaged in their learning. It is also great to see that children have returned to school with positive attitudes, behaviour and manners!

In **Early Years** children have been learning all about our 'Golden rules', how to play nicely and make friends so that everyone can have lots of fun at school! They have also already started 'funny fingers' sessions to make their fingers strong for writing.

In **Y1** children had so much fun learning all about the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and practising their counting and ordering numbers to 20.



In **Y2**, children have been enjoying all of the 'Percy the Park Keeper' work and have revisited all the basic number skills such as partitioning, place value and representing numbers in many different ways. It has been a very positive start and hopefully we can keep it up!

Mrs Kavaliauskiene
Assistant Head

I have been so impressed with how our children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) have settled back into school life. When I have been out and about in classes, I have seen lots of hard work and big smiles. All the children I have spoken to are very happy to be back with their friends and everyone is keen and ready to learn! Our outside agency support such as speech therapy, is now returning to normal, which is great news, and we are all looking forward to continuing such a positive start to the year. Keep up the good work everyone!



Mrs Burnett
SENCO

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle. Where possible, we are trying to avoid using single-use plastic cups.

Health & Safety



Scooters/Cycling on Site

Can we please remind everyone that they should not be scooting or cycling on the school site. This is particularly dangerous at the moment due to the number of people moving around the site.



Reminders

We are receiving a high number of calls to the office asking for messages to be passed to children regarding collection at the end of the day. We appreciate some of these may be due to an emergency that has arisen during the day and can not be avoided, however, if you are aware of a change before the start of school, please let your child and the member of staff know on the door in the morning.

Health & Safety Parking

Please remember to park safely in the roads around the school and respect our neighbours by not parking across entrances. We have received several reports that parents have been parking across the entrance gates to properties.



Now the colder weather appears to be with us, please ensure your child has a warm coat to wear, especially during their break and lunch times.



Even though we have only just come back to school our lost property box is gradually filling up! Items of clothing, lunch boxes and bags can be returned to your child much quicker if they are named and will help us return lost items.



Dates / Activities

Autumn Term 2020	
3 September 2020	INSET Day
4 September 2020	Term Starts
7-9 September 2020	Year R Children visits
14-16 September 2020	Year R children part time
21-23 September 2020	Year R children fulltime
25 September 2020	Newsletter
2 October 2020	School photographer
22 October 2020	Newsletter
23 October 2020	INSET Day – school closed
26 October 2020 – 30 October 2020	Half Term
3 November 2020	Appointments begin for new Year R parents (2021) Review week
10 November 2020	Late Parents' Evening
12 November 2020	Early Parents' Evening
17 November 2020	Whole school Flu Immunisation
27 November 2020	Newsletter
18 December 2020	Newsletter End of Term
Spring Term 2021	Activity
4 January 2021	INSET Day
5 January 2021	Term starts
29 January 2021	Newsletter
12 February 2021	End of term
15 – 19 February 2021	Half Term
22 February 2021	Term Starts
26 February 2021	Newsletter
5 March 2021	INSET Day – school closed
23 March 2021	Late parents evening
25 March 2021	Early parents evening
26 March 2021	Newsletter

Summer Term 2021	
19 April 2021	Term starts
30 April 2021	Newsletter
3 May 2021	Bank Holiday – School Closed
10 – 14 May 2021	KS2 SATs Week
27 May 2021	Newsletter
28 May 2021	INSET Day – school closed
31 May – 4 June 2021	Half Term
7 June 2021	Term starts
15 June 2021	New Parents (2021) Parent' Evening
24 June 2021	Y2+Y6 Hampshire Fire & Rescue
25 June 2021	Newsletter
5 July 2021	Reports home
6 July 2021	Parents Evening (reports only)
8 July 2021	Parents Evening (reports only)
16 July 2021	Newsletter
23 July 2021	Last day of term
2 September 2021	Term starts

INSET Days 2020/21

Friday 23 October 2020

Monday 4 January 2021

Friday 5 March 2021

Friday 28 May 2021

