Tudor Primary School

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'Enabling Dreams, Inspiring Minds, Building Futures'

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Whilst we know that the second half of the autumn term is going to be very busy, **we are really looking forward to what is in store for the children and families of Tudor**. In many ways, the work (and outcomes) that the children achieve in school is just the result of those carefully planned opportunities that we work together to create. **Over an extended period, the spoken language of children at Tudor has been highly commended by those who visit our school.** Our themed Tudor curriculum is something that we are very proud of and a true strength of it is how it enables aspirational language across the subjects that they experience. **Oracy is about that confidence to express yourself through language** and this remains one of our key foci with our school community. You may have heard how oracy is national topic of discussion and **we truly believe that we are 'ahead of the game' in this part of the children's development**. Our nursery lead, Miss Pike, has been our oracy lead for a sustained period of time and it is important that such a focus on spoken communication begins as early as possible. **All of us can support the children by modelling high-quality language and giving each other opportunities to express ourselves in different ways**. From discussing things to explaining decisions, it provides a fantastic model for our young learners. Listening and responding appropriately is all part of this and I am sure you can all recognise how the ability to engage confidently with each other will certainly help prepare our children for the future.

The photos on this page hopefully **evidence how we further enhance our learning in class with a range of additional experiences**. As well as learning about remembrance, children in year 3 and year 4 walked to the Hemel War Memorial to read the poems that they had written and we also joined together today to share two minutes of silence. **It was pleasing to hear in assembly how knowledgeable the children are of such moments of reflection.**



Children in year 6 met with local magistrates this week in the hall and, once again, **feedback from visitors was excellent**. Year 3 and year 4 are off to Bletchley Park soon and we continue to take a full (and successful!) part in Dacorum sports festivals**. Talking of sport and fitness**, we are excited to be the FIRST school in the country to be learning about fitness inside and outside of school in partnership with Sport England and the latest Genie wrist devices. As one of the (very) few schools with **PLATINUM sport status** for we continue to LEAD THE WAY! **Our governing board is a true strength of the school and to see Ms Baginsky on BBC 1's Sunday Morning Live for Inter-faith week was really inspiring**. With such **expertise at Tudor**, we should all feel proud of the support that is in place for our community.



In our last newsletter, I was able to share some of the feedback from our county inspection. Looking at the full report, the screenshot of the overall comment should really make us feel Tudor-tastic! **The link between strong behaviour and attendance with achievement is clear!**

> Statutory data for the last three years shows that the school's outcomes are close to average or above average (with some significantly above average), including when compared to similar schools. Evidence from this visit indicates that attendance and behaviour are secure. Attendance is above national figures while persistent absence is below national levels. Leaders monitor attendance closely, intervene early and provide appropriately tailored support, with clear evidence of improved attendance for individual pupils. Behaviour expectations are well understood, staff describe a consistent and reflective therapeutic approach, and pupils report that the school is kind and fair.

Inclusion at Tudor Primary- <u>a message from Miss Reading- Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion:</u>
The Neurodiversity Hub offers advice, guidance and support to families on a range of topics relating to ADHD and Autism. The team are parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people, so they understand the challenges families may face. Your child does not need a formal diagnosis to access this service. For more information about the Neurodiversity Hub and other support services available to Hertfordshire families, including school nursing, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy, please visit the DSPL8 website – Advice Lines.
As we come to the end of Tudor's Support Plan Window, we would like to thank all the parents and carers who have taken the time to meet with their child's class teacher and contribute to their support plan. Working together ensures we understand each child's individual needs and can put the right support in place to help them thrive and reach their full potential.

Class Assembly dates are: 19th Nov- 4V 26th Nov- 3T
Christmas Performances: 8th Dec- Y1/2 10th Dec- Y1/2 11th Dec-EYFS
(Parents in year 1 and 2 can choose which festive performance to attend)
Hangout Christmas Party: 10th Dec (see poster below)
Christmas Lunch (festive jumpers too!): 9th Dec **(online menu form will be shared soon that MUST be completed)**





Anti-bullying week- Tudor is committed to promoting kindness, respect and positive behaviour, with anti-bullying awareness being an important part of school life throughout the year. To support this, we are also taking part in Anti-Bullying Week from **16–20 November 2026**, with the theme **'Break the Silence'**. The week will include assemblies and classroom activities promoting the school's core values. To start the week off, on Monday we have **Odd Socks Day** where children are encouraged to wear odd socks or colourful tights to celebrate individuality. No donations or special costumes are required. Apart from odd socks or tights, children are required to wear their **full school uniform.**



The Friends of Tudor- Fireworks and Christmas Market
What an event last Friday! It was a truly tremendous evening- <u>thank you to everyone who helped make the fireworks a success</u>.
It is not long until the FOT **Festive Christmas Market which will take place in the school hall on Sunday 22nd November from 1pm to 4pm.**

A reminder- <u>Parents can really support our focus on oracy by asking about their child's learning at the end of the day</u>. **Rather than 'How was your day?', ask them about a new fact they have learned… or what they ENJOYED about the day**. That 'reconnection' with your children at 3.15 is a time to be celebrated. To help this, do consider having your phones off (or in your pockets) at such times. The children are so excited to see you but it is easy to lose such moments with screen distractions.

On Friday 13th November , it is non-uniform day for **'Children in Need'**. Donations are cashless so please use Arbor (school shop).

This newsletter shows just how much is going on at Tudor and we should all enjoy the warmth and community spirit that this time of year brings. Let's continue to work in partnership for the best children around…

Mr Weightman #TeamTudor





