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October Holiday

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to
Friday 28th October**

**Children in school
Monday 31st October**



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23rd September 2016

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**PRINCIPAL
MRS STEPH GUTHRIE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is well and truly underway and the children have been working extremely hard across the school.

We are delighted that so many pupils have already achieved certificates and awards. Well done to everyone.

Each year every school develops an action plan to focus on key things to improve. This year we are working on three areas:

- 1. To give the children in nursery and reception the very best start to school.**
- 2. To help every child make as much progress as they possibly can every day.**
- 3. To close any learning gaps for children.**

To do this we are going to:

- develop phonics and spelling skills.
- help children solve maths problems and talk about their reasoning.
- inspire children to write for longer and with super handwriting, grammar and punctuation.
- enable the children to feel confident to try new challenges for themselves.

The whole school staff team are all working together to make every day count for your child. Thank you for ensuring that they do not miss any of the exciting learning opportunities planned for the rest of this term.



We hope you come and join us for the parents events highlighted in this Newsletter on page 2.

Kindest regards,
Steph Guthrie



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We have the following fantastic events happening over the next couple of weeks:

Wednesday, 28th September

Kittle Photographs to take individual photographs and together with brothers/sisters.

McMillan Coffee Morning - Year 6

Flyers will be going out next week

Wednesday, 12th October - Harvest Festival Assembly Woodlands Hall (KS1 building)



You are invited to join us to celebrate Harvest Festival on Wednesday 12th October at 9.15 am in Woodlands Hall. Members of our staff will open the doors on the Meet and Greet playground at 9.15 am. after the children have been registered in class.

Please could your child/children bring in tins and packets of dried goods and these will be given to our local charity.





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Free Food Tasting and Reading Information Event

Friday, 30th September at 2:15 pm
Owls, Fireflies, Bumblebees and Butterflies

Please put this date on your calendar and we will be sending out a letter on Monday to all Early Years and KS1 parents with more details.



Wasps

Just to let you know that we are aware that there is a wasps nest on our premises and we are expecting our contractors today (Friday) to deal with this.

Do you have **Green Fingers**?

Are you a keen gardener, with time on your hands?



We are looking for a **volunteer** who could help us with planting and pruning at the school. We already have contractors who cut all our grass and trim our hedges but would like some help in keeping our school grounds looking beautiful. If you have few spare hours each week and would like to volunteer please contact the school office and ask to speak to Miss Newham.



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Star Pupils

We are so proud of our children at Tree Tops and the following have received Awards for their outstanding achievements:



Darren
Jack C
Dallas
Evie
Peyton-Leigh
Megen
Liliana
Jade
Jason C
Ibtisam
Fleur
Riley M
Tyler W
Emily
Shannon N

Connie
Ela
Reece
Ellie-Rose
Ethan G
James W
Tanya
Harry Q
Leighton
Ibrahim
Zack
Skye
Rosie
Brady
Rihanna

Artina
Joseph B
Sky A
Leonardo
Rahela
Ari
Brooke
Brandon
Jake C
Lamin
Lucy
Issac
Kyle
Lewis

Reading Volunteers urgently required

Reading helpers work with children on a one-to-one basis, giving them consistent support to practise reading skills and increase their confidence and self-esteem.

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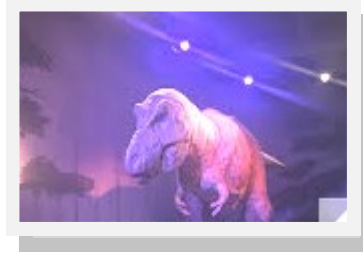
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Foxes and Hedgehogs visit the Natural History Museum

On Wednesday 14th September Foxes and Hedgehogs took a trip to the Natural History Museum as part of their Footprints From The Past topic. They had a great time becoming Paleontologists for the day. The children experienced a lifelike T-Rex and they found out about all the different kinds of dinosaurs and their environments. They looked at the fossils and how they told us about the dinosaur age. The children were very good ambassadors for our school and even a member of the public commented on the excellent behaviour.



School Attendance

Attendance figures: Period: 05/09/2016 to 22/09/2016

Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
Whole School	2.1	1.9	96.1

Holidays in Term time

From September 2013 the Department for Education has amended the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 removing the Principal's ability to authorise leave of absence for a family holiday. Requests for holidays in term-time will **not** be authorised as the Regulations only allow me to authorise absence (leave) in "exceptional circumstances".



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Circus Circus

Last Friday, KS1 were lucky enough to have a real circus performer teach us circus skills! Tom showed us how to juggle scarves, spin plates and balance peacock feathers on our hands. He even taught us how to do a clown slapstick routine! Everyone really enjoyed it and the adults were really impressed with their skills. Ask your child to perform their slapstick routine!



School Website

www.treetopsprimaryacademy.org.uk

We are pleased to let you know that our website should be fully operational by next week.

Our website contains all our latest news in and out of the classrooms, calendar dates including term dates and school trips and staff information etc.

ParentMail

Unfortunately we are still having problems with ParentMail but our fantastic IT team are working on a solution!