

Tree Tops Primary Academy Newsletter

21st July 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that I am at the end of my first year at Tree Tops. I am so grateful for the support and hard work from all the staff, children and families.

Together, we have been able to improve our Early Years outcomes and achieve our highest phonics scores ever. We have had an Ofsted and an internal moderation for KS 1 and achieved our highest progress scores in recent years at the end of KS 2. We are in such a good place to build on this success to ensure we provide the very best educational experience for everyone, and make our school the happiest, healthiest and highest achieving it can be.

Therefore, we are so excited to launch an enhanced curriculum and assessment system from the beginning of September. Read more about these below, and our end of term achievements.

Curriculum

We have been working on our whole school curriculum, and from September are developing some exciting additions to each topic to add challenge for every year group, involve you all and help you share in your child's learning.

The main features are:

- A skills-based framework that can be assessed regularly
- Topics taken from the interests of the children in each class
- An inspirational intro – either a visit, visitor or event to launch the topic and motivate learning
- A WOW celebration end involving showcasing learning with parents of each class.
- Knowledge-based homework linked to helping the children research and challenge themselves.



Assessment

We have revised our tracking of progress and attainment. This is to:

- Track learning in all subjects really clearly
- Help pupils see their own progress and exactly what they need to do next to improve
- Give you more ideas to help at home

We look forward to sharing this with you very soon.



Leigh Academy Athletics Day

We are really proud of our chosen athletes, who represented Tree Tops at the recent LAT Athletics meet. It was a wonderful day and our trophy winners were Jack Houston and Sarah Pinto Mendes. Our medal winners were: Leonardo, Billy, Colt, Arnab, Jack R, Annalise, Jonie, Kyra, Phoebe, Sky A, Lily Q, Catalin, Alfie, Ellie-May and Skyler



Year 6 Leavers Show

Congratulations to all of Year 6, who wowed us with their wonderful performance last week! It was funny, emotional and really represented this year group so well. Huge thanks to Mrs Andrews, Mrs McCrann and Mrs Roberts for all their hard work in making it such a success.



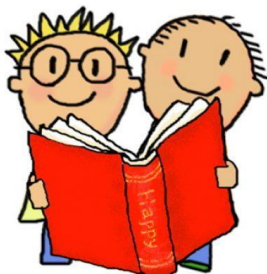
Gorgeous Gardening

Our new winter garden is now ready for planting with the seedlings that the team have grown. We are planning to grow produce for the kitchen and you can look forward to trying cabbage, cauliflower, kale and broccoli.

Do come and join us in September, when we will be having more weekend gardening events as well as the weekly gardening club.

Harvest Supper

Do come along to our harvest supper celebration from 3.30pm on Wednesday 20th September. All family members welcome.



Summer reading

It would help your children enormously if you could help them with some regular reading over the summer. Talking stories through, imagining your own and writing some too!

Don't forget the library summer reading challenge at your local library too!

School Uniform

Just a reminder that Pages Schoolwear is now stocking uniform for Tree Tops as well as the Brigade on-line Clothing company. The contact details are:

Pages:

Unit 7-8 Granada House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JR
*bottom of Gabriel's Hill"

Brigade:

Telephone: 024 7642 1083

Parents Direct: www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

Online orders to be placed before Monday 7th August



Leavers

We are so grateful to all our staff for everything they have done for the children over the year. We would like to extend special thanks to Mrs Roberts, who leaves us today for a promotion role in Claremont School in Tonbridge Wells, Mrs Rawling, Mrs Lockey, Miss Parker and Miss Winfield are also moving on. We wish them every success and happiness in their new roles.

Last Words

Have a fantastic summer, take care, keep safe and see you all on Tuesday 5th September. (Monday 4th September is a Staff Development Day)

Kind regards, Steph Guthrie PRINCIPAL

