



# Newsletter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 Aim Aspire Achieve

#### Our new approach to the half-termly theme

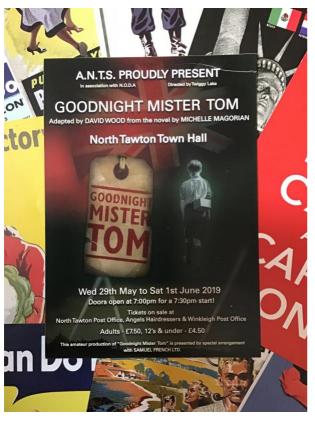
the characteristics of effective learning

#### **PREPARED**

Aiming high Seeking feedback, and Making opportunities.



#### **Dear Parents and Carers**



## **ANTS – Actors of North Tawton Society**

ANTS Director Twiggy Lake visited Sycamore class this week. To continue to strengthen the good links with the school, ANTS have invited the pupils in Sycamore class to visit their incredible set in the Town Hall (date to follow). The children will also meet some of the cast members in full costume, including the dog! Sycamore class have been studying WW2 which fits in perfectly with this trip. All tickets holders will also have the opportunity to see the wonderful art work produced by Sycamore class, which will be on display in the Town Hall foyer.

Advisory note from ANTS: the play 'Goodnight Mr Tom' which will be shown in the Town Hall on Wednesday 29th May – Saturday 1st June contains some scenes that younger children may find distressing. For any further info please contact Jo Jones at mattandjo.jones2@gmail.com

# KS1/ KS2 - Standard Assessment Tests - SATs

Pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 have important assessments very soon. Parents of pupils in Year 6 met earlier in the year. More guidance can be found at this link. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/education/primary-curriculum-key-stage-2-tests-and-assessments">https://www.gov.uk/education/primary-curriculum-key-stage-2-tests-and-assessments</a>

**YEAR 2** parents are invited to a meeting on **16**<sup>th</sup> **May at 3:30pm in Beech Class.** This will be an opportunity for you to join us and become familiar with the format of the tests if your child is in Year 2. Miss Boyce and the team have been working hard to ensure that the children are well prepared and confident.

Throughout the year many useful guides and a range of support material have been posted on the Dojo, so that the pupils are at ease and are not worried when

presented with a 'test'. This link will help to explain further, but do try and come to the meeting if you possibly can.

https://www.gov.uk/education/primary-curriculum-key-stage-1-tests-and-assessments



Sycamore – 839 points 1st Place
Chestnut – 676 points 2nd Place
Hazel – 666 points 3rd Place

Willow – 559 points 4<sup>th</sup> Place
Oak – 490 points 5<sup>th</sup> Place
Beech – 181 points 6<sup>th</sup> Place

A phenomenal first place score!! Well done readers! Your efforts are recognised and Sycamore class are planning their treat. Reading is the key to success so please keep it up. Look out for the JUNE reading challenge.



## **Swimming Pool**

Clearing the leaves and cleaning up in the pool house has started to make the pool look and feel very inviting! Once again thank you to the keen (but small) dedicated team who took on this mammoth task. We are all very grateful to you - your time and efforts make sure that this wonderful resource continues to be available to our children.

THANK YOU!

#### **Dinner Tickets**

You will have received the information explaining the new dinner ticket system. I hope you have found the switch over to the new system easy. The new system will simplify the process to complete your purchases using your school gateway account. You will be able to select and book your child's meals and choose from our extensive menu on the school website. As with all things new there will be initial teething problems. Please do be patient. I am confident it will run smoothly. Any queries please speak to Mrs Grainge or Mrs Ford in the school office. Thank you in advance.

# Finally...

Enjoy your extended weekend. Fingers crossed for some sunshine! Work continues in our environmental area so please do join us to clear more brambles. We have to get it ready to plant our saplings!

Have a lovely weekend Miss Chauhan

# FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May – Drumming Workshops all classes with Alan Kerr OPEN MORNING 8:45–9:15am OPEN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2:45pm to include a taste from the Drumming Workshops

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Devon Air Ambulance assembly
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Special School Council assembly
Thursday 9th May	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Little Seedlings
	9–11am in school hall