



Summer Time?!

Welcome back following the Easter break; unsurprisingly, the weather improved almost as soon as the term began!

The end of last term was busy, with a very successful Caythorpe residential for Year 6 pupils. As always, it was great to see the children in a different environment; challenging (and sometimes surprising!) themselves, building their teamwork and leadership skills and self-confidence. Well done to all of them. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff who went to Caythorpe, for their time, effort, energy and commitment: Mr Hughes, Mr King, Mrs Lacey, Mr Merrill, Mrs Nudds, Mrs Annison, Mrs Burdett, Mrs Clarke, Mrs De-Abreu, Mrs Reid and Mrs Wooley.

Sport Relief took place on Friday March 23rd, with staff and children running the 'sport mile' at Taverham Hall. We managed to raise a fantastic total of £2143! Thanks to everyone who took part and donated.

As part of Sport Relief, on Monday 26th March the staff played a football match against the children (Y6 boys played the first half, with the girls' team playing the second half) watched by a large crowd of pupils. Also in the last week or so of term we fitted in a maths evening for parents, the PTFA Easter discos, various football matches (see below) and a swimming gala at Taverham Hall (see below).

We are very lucky to have had professional artist Derek Blois working on our 'Go Go Hare'. Derek has done an excellent job interpreting and transferring the children's ideas into a fabulous final design (see below). Thank you very much to Derek for all his time, hard work and creativity. Our hare has been collected and will go on display later this year (we will let you know when and where as soon as we can).

On April 18th, Year 3, 4 and 5 children were treated to Olly Day's famous road safety/magic shows; a fun and entertaining way to get some serious messages across to the children, who really enjoyed the show. Broadland Council are rolling out their 'Walk, Bike Scoot' scheme to all schools this term. This begins with an important survey of parents—more details will follow in a few weeks' time.

On Friday April 20th we took part in 'Norfolk Welcomes' day, a county-wide initiative to highlight the plight of refugees and victims of displacement and Norfolk's long history of welcoming such people, including the Dutch 'strangers', who have had such an influence of our local culture and heritage. This is part of our bid to join other Norwich and Norfolk schools in becoming an accredited 'School of Sanctuary' over the next year—more details will follow at the start of next term.

Year 5 enjoyed their visit to Taverham Mill at the end of last term—the first time we've visited—and will be going to How Hill next half term. Year 3 started this term with a World War 2 themed day, to launch their latest topic; activities included 'making do and mending', ration-book cooking and digging for victory! The Y3 children will be having an evacuees' day on the North Norfolk Railway next month and Year 4 are looking forward to a trip to Norwich Castle Museum, also next month. Year 6 are busy preparing for SATs, which take place in the week beginning May 14th; I'm sure they're looking forward to that!

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mr King at the end of this half term, as he takes up a Year Group Leader position at Dereham Junior Academy. I would like to say thank you to Mr King for his hard work and commitment over the last four years and for his significant contribution to the school's success in that time, particularly his leadership of maths. We wish Mr King all the best for the next stage of his career. I am pleased to say that Mr Robinson will be teaching 6K for the final half term of the school year and Mr King will be returning for some of the Year 6 leavers' events at the end of the summer term. Mrs Perry has left us and taken up a new post at Tacolneston Primary School—we thank her for her work at TJS since 2003 and wish her well for the future.

Paul Stanley

Headteacher



Help with Cycle Road Training please!

The children are currently offered by Norfolk County Council Road Safety Team Level 1 Cycle Training in Y4 and Level 2 On road Cycle training in Y5/Y6. The courses are 1 session for level 1 in the playground and 3 morning sessions on the road for Level 2. Each Level 2 session needs 2 parent/grandparent/guardian helpers to be encouraging, enthusiastic and you don't even need a bike. The children do benefit from continuity of volunteers on all 3 sessions of a course if possible however help on any session is much appreciated.

Sessions are currently On Road on a Thursday morning 8.45-12.30 and a few Wednesdays.

If we are unable to get enough volunteers all current planned and any future sessions will all be cancelled and since the children absolutely love being outside of the classroom with their peers there will be disappointment from children and some parents. Even if your child is in Y3 please consider helping as the sessions may otherwise not be available when your child would be eligible to take part.

Parents who have helped before have said they have learnt skills and techniques that there have found valuable and been able to be more confident with their children's riding/safety.

The current planned dates we need 2 helpers on are;

**Course 1, Year Group 5 April 26, May 3,
Course 2, Year Group 5 May 10, 17, 24,
Course 3, Year Group 6 June Wednesdays 6, 13, 20
Course 4, Year Group 6 June Thursdays 14, 21, wed 28th
Course 5, Year Group 5 July 5, 12, 19.**

I hope this information has been helpful as some parents may not even be aware that these sessions are offered at present and it would be fantastic to be able to continue and not cancel due to a lack of volunteer helpers.

Please email the office with your contact details any date you can help.

Many thanks and lets hope we don't have to cancel the session this coming Thursday April 26th or we will have some very, very disappointed Y5's!!

Parent Reminder

Could all parents/carers please make sure their contact details are up to date. There is a blue form located by the office to be filled out if any phone numbers etc. change.

Could you please make sure your child(ren) are aware of their home time instructions at the start of the day. We have recently had a large amount of calls in the afternoon regarding this and whilst we understand there may be the odd occasion where plans change at the last minute, many of the calls have been messages that could have been given in the morning.

Many Thanks

Swimming Gala

On Monday 23rd April we took a team of children to a friendly swimming gala at Langley @ Taverham Hall. All children



represented our school showing fantastic sportsmanship and behaviour. We had a great afternoon with many children winning their races.

PTFA Update

The bags2schools has raised £84 to go towards the PTFA fund. Thank you to all who filled a bag!

The Easter disco was a success, with lots of fun and chocolate! The Disco raised £666 Thank you for your continued support of PTFA events.

Free School Meals - Change to Eligibility Criteria



From 1 April 2018, the criteria for Free School Meals has been updated to reflect the introduction of Universal Credit and the phasing out of other income based benefits.

Local Authorities, Academies and Free Schools have a duty

to provide free school meals to pupils of all ages. Free School Meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

* Universal Credit (provided the family has an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of the most recent assessment periods)

* Income Support

* Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

* Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

* Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

* The guarantee element of Pension Credit

* Child Tax Credit (providing the family is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

* Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after a claimant stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In addition the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out:

* From 1 April 2018, all existing free school meal pupils will continue to receive free school meals

* Any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out (expected to be complete in March 2022) any existing claimant that no longer meets the eligibility criteria will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

Are you entitled to Free School Meals (FSM)?

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, we encourage you to make the claim for the following reasons:

· It provides your child with a meal of their choice each day in school at no cost to you – this can save you on the cost of a hot meal or a school packed lunch every day.

· It gives the school extra funding; this can be used specifically for your child but also for books, equipment, extra teaching and staff that would benefit your child.

Many of our pupils already claim Free School meals every day; however we know that many more families are entitled to claim and do not.

At TJS we realise that there are often many reasons as to why families do not claim FSM:

· Embarrassment

· Fear that their child may be teased or even bullied

· Thinking the process is too difficult or takes too long

Don't worry!

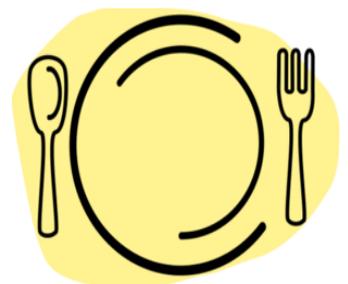
Any child entitled to Free School Meals receives their hot meal or school packed lunch in exactly the same way as non-FSM children; they are not identified and there is no stigma or shame attached.

Claiming is quick and easy and could be worth over £400 a year to you.

As a school we could gain over £1300 per child a year. To spend on making your child's education better and other children benefit too.

If eligible families don't apply, it means that the school misses out on thousands of pounds of extra funding. This could be spent on more teachers/teaching assistants, resources and equipment, reduce the cost of school trips and activities and provide additional support for children who fall behind etc.

Even if your child doesn't want a school lunch every day (or even if they never want a school lunch) please apply because we will still get the money!



Y5/6 Girls Football Report

After doing so well before Christmas, the Y5/6 girls' football team were placed in Millenium Cup league where they played against Drayton, Firside and St William's. Unfortunately they didn't win any of these games but as always the team were a real credit to the school playing some fantastic football.

On Wednesday 21st March, the girls played in the Girls' Cubbitt Cup Final against Firside, having beat Drayton in the competition back in October. Firside, having just been crowned league champions, were a tough side to play against but the team (all Y5 apart from Megan due to the Caythorpe residential) once again kept the game competitive and were worthy runners-up, each collecting a medal which they were very proud of!

A fantastic season, well done to all girls that have represented the school.



Year 5 Football

This season has seen highs and lows for the Year 5 boys' football team. Early season success and a four game unbeaten run saw them being seeded in the top league for the spring term. Some courageous performances in treacherous conditions were unable to prevent some close losses. However, the close score lines and fantastic team spirit leave the boys in a good position for next season.



The boys did extremely well to reach the semi-finals of the UEA tournament. They remained unbeaten during the group stages without conceding a single goal. After topping the group, the boys unfortunately lost 1-0 in the semi-final in a game they dominated

from start to finish. If it wasn't for an outstanding display by the opposition keeper, they would have comfortably won the game.

Yr6 Football



The Year 6 boys have had a good season, mixing success with some disappointment. In the autumn term, they started strongly in the league with good wins over Wensum and Angel Road but

succumbed to defeat against a strong Firside team. They managed an excellent late win against local rivals Drayton, coming from behind in a dramatic cup tie.

Early November saw a storming victory in the Norwich Schools 7-a-side tournament at UEA, crowned with a penalty shoot-out victory over White Woman Lane. The win was clinched by a heroic save from Megan, drafted in from the girls' team.

In January, the boys entered the Norfolk Schools finals, representing Norwich. Despite dominating two out of three games, they lost the final game and finished runners-up. The weather adversely affected many of the remaining fixtures but the team managed to secure a strong win in the cup quarter-finals against Cringleford but White Woman Lane gained their revenge in the semi, with a narrow win.

The team finished the season with a battling victory against Avenue. The team should be proud of their performances, often playing an attractive passing game and scoring some spectacular goals. Well done to all the boys (and girl!) who played for the team.

Parent and Pupil Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who returned these. We have collated the results and will issue a summary to parents/carers separately, along with a brief initial response.

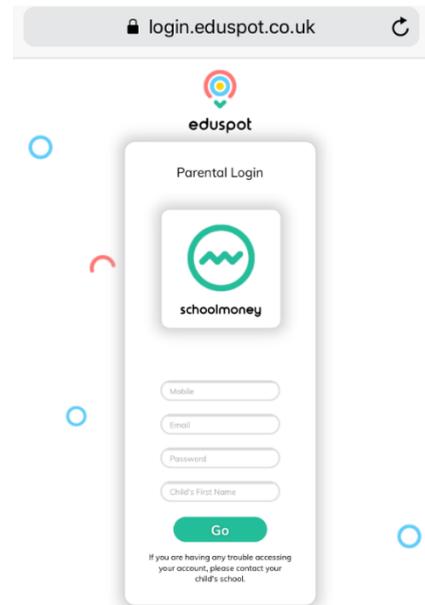


School Money.

School money has had a makeover. Please follow the step by step guide below to log in. If you have any more problems please call the school office.



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FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We currently have a few 4 drawer metal filing cabinets which we no longer have use for. If anyone would like one or all of them then please contact the school office. They are all free to a good home.



Go Go Hare

Our completed 'Go Go Hare' with Artist Derek Blois.



Looking for an opportunity?

Do you....

- want to be part of Taverham Scouts, a large, thriving group that builds confidence and develops life skills in young people, through fun and adventure with a strong community commitment?

Are you

- aware that Taverham Scouts has inspired thousands of young people in our local area, during the last 50 years?

Can you...

- offer your support in the management of the amazing, enthusiastic and skilled Leadership team in their delivery of a vibrant & successful programme?

If you...

- are interested in helping support Taverham Scouts, please contact:

Francis Wolsey jwolsey@btinternet.com

or visit 1sttaverhamscouts.co.uk for further information

Closing date for applications/nominations: 31st May 2018

No prior experience In Scouting is needed; ongoing support will be provided!

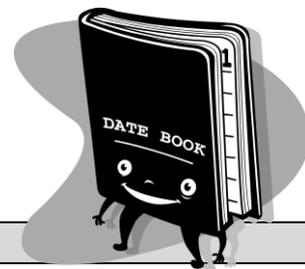
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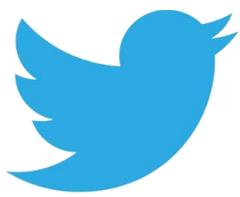
April	
Mon 16 th	Summer Term starts for staff and children
May	
Mon 7 th	School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday)
Tue 8 th	Year 4 Norwich Castle Trip
Weds 9 th	Learning reviews and Yr 6 open evening (3-6pm)
w/b Mon 14 th	SATs week
Tues 15 th	Year 3 Poppy Line Trip (3L & ½ 3WM)
Thurs 17 th	Year 3 Poppy Line Trip (3P & ½ 3WM)
Thurs 17 th	Learning reviews (4-8pm)
Thurs 24 th	PTFA BBQ
Mon 21 st	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Tues 22 nd	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Fri 25 th	End of half-term
June	
Mon 4 th	Start of half-term for staff and children
Weds 13 th	Summer concert (6pm)
Thurs 15 th	Summer concert (9am)
Mon 18 th	Year 5 to How Hill (2 classes)
Thurs 21 st	Year 5 to How Hill (2 classes)
Tues 26 th	Yr 2/Yr 3 multi-sports event
Weds 27 th	Year 3 Norfolk Show Trip
Weds 27 th	New Yr 3 parents meeting (6-8pm)
Thurs 28 th	Yr 3/Yr 4 sports day
Fri 29 th	Yr 5/Yr 6 sports day

July	
Fri 13 th	Transfer Day
Mon 16 th	End of year reports sent out to parents
Tues 17 th	Yr 6 show (6pm)
Weds 18 th	Yr 6 show (9am)
Mon 23 rd	Yr 6 awards assembly (9am) PTFA disco and leaver's BBQ
Tues 24 th	Leavers' breakfast Leavers' service End of Summer Term

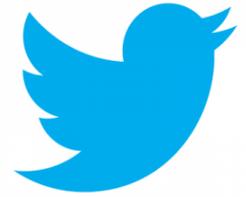
*Dates are correct at time of publication.
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updates and new events*

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SCHOOL MONEY

If you have any queries with regards to the school money website please look at the Parents' Guide or contact the school office.

Job Vacancies

MSA

We are looking for another MSA (Midday Supervisory Assistant) to join our lunchtime team as soon as possible. The successful applicant will be working with children in every year group for five lunchtimes a week (5 hours 25 mins a week). Pay is £8.43 a session.

CLEANER

We are looking for a cleaner. No previous experience is necessary and training will be provided. Working hours would be 3pm-6pm. Pay is £7.5230 an hour (Scale A, Point 6)

For more information and an application form, please ask at the school office.

The school is committed to the principles of equal opportunities, safe recruitment practices and to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS (formerly called CRB) will be necessary

For more information and an application form, please ask at the school office