



## Here comes the sun!

We are almost at the end of another half term. Last week the Year 6 children completed their SATs (national end of Key Stage 2 tests) and were focussed and calm throughout the week, in the face of some tough tests which I'm convinced many adults would struggle with, particularly within the time given. We are proud of the way they applied themselves; they thoroughly deserved a fun day of rocket-building and launching on the last day of SATs week and can now look forward to their last half term at TJS, which will definitely be more creative, exciting and enjoyable than SATs week! Thanks once again to all the staff who worked so hard to prepare and support the children in the lead-up to SATs and during the week itself.

Earlier this week the Year 6 children visited 'The Space' in Norwich for a 'Crucial Crew' event. Crucial Crew is an interactive safety initiative aimed at 10/11 year olds. It involves theatre style sets that recreate situations of crime and danger. The children experience and participate in a range of realistic situations which are potentially life-threatening, in order to raise their awareness of what they can do to increase their own and others safety. Public Services and organisations involved included Norfolk Constabulary, St John Ambulance, Norfolk Resilience Forum, National Grid, HM Coastguard, The Matthew Project, UK Power Networks and Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service.

Other Year groups have been busy too: On May 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, Year 3 travelled back in time to experience a World War Two evacuees' day, on the North Norfolk Railway (Sheringham-Holt). The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and learned a huge amount - a number of them seemed genuinely convinced they'd travelled back in time! On May 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 3 enjoyed a 'VE Day' celebration. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Year 4 staff and children had a Celts and Romans day at Norwich Castle Museum. A series of Roman and Celt characters helped immerse the children in Celt and Roman culture and history, developing their knowledge of the period, as well as their understanding of what it might have been like to be a Celt in Roman Britain. As we would expect, the children's behaviour on both trips was excellent. Photos from both visits are on the school Twitter account. Year 5 are looking forward to their visit to How Hill next month.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we took a squad of boys and girls to play in Langley School's football tournament at Carrow Road (the children actually played on the hallowed turf!). The tournament had a slightly unusual format which resulted in the boys being slightly unfortunate in missing out on progressing to the knockout stage. However, the girls ended up winning their competition ('The Plate'), scoring plenty of goals on the way. Well done to both teams.

Following the waste audit on May 4<sup>th</sup>, our 'Green Team' are busy planning how we can do more to reduce, reuse and recycle. Thank you to Mrs Clarke, and parents Mrs Skillings and Mrs Myers for all their hard work preparing and helping with the waste audit.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent learning reviews for Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils and the Year 6 open evening. Staff find these a very helpful and positive experience-I hope that parents/carers and pupils agree.

After half term we have lots of science activities going on. The 'Mad Science Company' will be kicking off events with an exciting assembly on June 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by Year 3 meeting some 'Mini-Monsters'. We also have visitors from the council (to deliver workshops on recycling), the NHS (to deliver an assembly on 'Sun Safety') and the

RSPB. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Year 5 will be entertained and amazed by Year 8 Taverham Hall pupils who will be doing some 'science busking'! Year 6 will be learning about Rosalind Franklin, the forgotten partner of Watson and Crick, and then endeavouring to extract DNA from bananas! Look out for tweets during June. Many of these events are free but the school and the PTFA will be covering the costs of those where a fee is payable.

As well as Mr King, whose departure for a Year Group Leader role at Dereham Junior Academy was mentioned in last month's newsletter, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Pearson at the end of this half term. Mrs Pearson is one of our longest-serving teaching assistants and is retiring, after nearly 20 years at TJS. Her quiet, calm approach and positive role modelling have benefited numerous children over the years and we will miss her. I would like to thank Mrs Pearson for her hard work and contribution to the school and to wish her a long and happy retirement.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the barbecue later this week and I hope you all have a relaxing and hopefully sunny bank holiday weekend and half term.

Paul Stanley

Headteacher

## Mobiles, Smart Watches and Valuables



We believe that our policy on mobile phones is clear and well-understood by parents/carers and pupils. The policy is that phones are allowed in school but should not be used or visible, and must be switched off. This means that children can contact their parents immediately before arriving at or leaving school and/or on their way to and from school.

Over the last few years, technology has advanced significantly and children are accessing and using other devices, such as smart watches, so we have recently clarified the situation with pupils: as well as mobile phones, no other device or accessory is allowed in school that could access the internet or take photos; this includes Apple watches and other 'smart watches'. Fitbit wristbands that merely measure steps taken, calories burned etc. can be used in school; however, it is worth reminding parents/carers and children that the school/local authority is not responsible for any item lost or damaged on school premises, so it is advisable not to bring anything of significant value into school.



## School Photographs

**Please be aware that Van Col's will be in school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June to take class photos**



## Water Bottles

**During the warmer weather could you please make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle, hat and suncream applied before school.**



**Many Thanks**

# Uniform

Please see below the updated school uniform guidance. All children going in to Years 4, 5 and 6 from September may continue to wear their existing uniform.

The new uniform will start with the New Yr 3 intake in September.

## Uniform guidance:

- Mulberry sweatshirt (or cardigan) with school logo
- White Polo shirt (with Logo optional)
- Mid/dark grey or black trousers or mid/dark grey or black knee-length skirt or pinafore dress (Smart, tailored knee-length shorts or red/white striped or checked dress as a summer alternative.)
- Flat, black **shoes**
- Plain white/grey/black socks or plain white/grey/black tights

All pupils should wear a baseball cap, or similar, outside to protect them during hot and sunny weather.



### **THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED:**

*Denim, cords, leggings or track suit bottoms  
Short or long skirts or shorts  
Boots (of any kind)  
Jewellery (other than small, plain studs)\**

*Extreme hair cuts or dyed hair  
Nail varnish or make up  
Tattoos*

*\*Studs must be removed for Games and P.E. lessons.*

## The kit for Games and P.E lessons is:

- House colour T-shirt (with logo optional)
- Black/Navy sports shorts (girls may wear skirts)
- Black/Navy Leggings
- Navy Hoodie (with House Colour Logo optional)
- Plimsolls or bare feet for indoor P.E
- Trainers for outside P.E and Games
- Tracksuit/Jogging bottoms for cold weather
- Water Bottle

Please ensure that long hair is tied back for P.E lessons.

No Earrings to be worn for P.E. Lessons.

## PTFA News

We are pleased to share with you some of the ways we have been spending the money raised this year.

- This term we have funded the first £6 per child of the Year 3 Poppy Line trip and the Year 4 Norwich Castle trip.
- We have also paid for the Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew Roadshow this week.
- Next half term we will also be funding the first £6 of the Year 5 trip to How Hill.
- The Nature Club has also benefited from a £100 donation and bought a pond liner and some plants.

The **BBQ is upon us tomorrow**. Fingers crossed for good weather! Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Next Month, back by popular demand, we will be holding two more Bingo & Chips afternoons for the children. Year 3/4, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June and Year 5/6, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Both will start straight after school and finish at 4.45pm. Tickets will be available on 'School Money' after half term.



Thank you for your continued support,

PTFA

# DIARY DATES



<b>May</b>	
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA BBQ
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	End of half-term
<b>June</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of half-term for staff and children
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Summer concert (6pm)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer concert (9am)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 to How Hill (2 classes)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 to How Hill (2 classes)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3/4 Bingo and Chips
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2/Yr 3 multi-sports event
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Norfolk Show Trip
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	New Yr 3 parents meeting (6-8pm)
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Bingo and Chips
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3/Yr 4 sports day
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5/Yr 6 sports day

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

\*Dates are correct at time of publication.  
Please go to our website to check for  
updates and new events\*



# **PTFA Barbecue**

## **Thursday 24th May 4.30-7.30pm**

We hope to see all of you at one of our biggest fund-raisers of the year, the PTFA Barbecue, which will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, between 4.30 and 7.30 p.m.

### **What's on!**

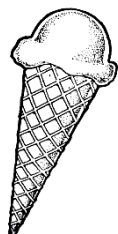
- BBQ – Provided by the Taverham Lions (vegetarian and gluten free options will be available).



- Licensed Bar – Beer, Wine, Cider and soft drinks will all be available to buy.

- Live Music – We have a band of Year 13 boys from Taverham High called 'Nova' playing through the event.

- Year 6 Stalls – The year 6 children will be running their traditional games stalls. This year they will be operating a token system to avoid lots of cash laying around. Tokens can be brought from a stand located in the middle of all the Year 6 stalls.



- Ice Cream Van.

- Bouncy Castle – Wristbands will be available to buy, £4 and valid for whole event.

- Raffle – The Raffle will be drawn at 6.30pm. Please return all sold tickets and money or unsold tickets to the office by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Tickets will also be available to buy on the gate.



**PTFA members and school staff are not responsible for the safety of the children at the BBQ.**

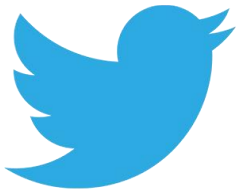
**Please do not post photos online that contain other people's children without their express permission.**

**Fingers crossed for good weather!**

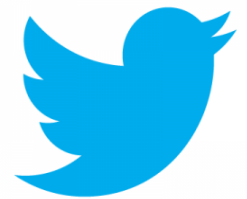
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**SCHOOL MONEY**

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