



Summer Holidays here we come!!

We're starting to flag a little in the heat as we near the end of another busy and successful school year; as always there's been lots going on but still a bit more to fit in, especially for Year 6!

Our two sports days, on June 28th and 29th went very well, with some lovely feedback from parents. Everyone coped brilliantly with the hot sun and the mixture of talent, determination, enthusiasm, encouragement, teamwork and triumph was great to see. There was more sporting action in the first week of July, when 37 of our pupils competed in the annual City Sports event at the UEA Sportspark, along with about 20 other schools. 30 of our pupils made it through to the track finals on July 5th. We came 3rd in the relay cup, 3rd in the field events, the Girl's team came 3rd and 3rd overall, our best ever City Sports result! There were lots of fantastic individual performances and three gold medal winners: Lily D (long jump); Millie A (800m) and Lily B-D (50m)

I hope that the Year 6 pupils had a positive transition day at Taverham High School and that the rest of the children enjoyed their day with their new class/teacher on July 13th; I'm sure the experience will benefit them when the new school year starts in September.

On June 26th we held a multi-sports transition event for Y2 children due to transfer here from Nightingale and Ghost Hill (and other infant schools) in September. The event, organised by Mrs Green and Mr Jones, involved Year 2 children, alongside our Year 3 children. Staff from all three schools took a back seat to allow our Sports Leaders (Year 6 pupils) to run the events, which they did in a very impressive manner, demonstrating a maturity and sense of responsibility that made us all proud. The event is great fun and makes a big contribution towards smoothing the transition from the infant schools to TJS.

Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Great Yarmouth Sea Life Centre on June 27th, as part of their 'Planet Awesome' topic. On July 6th, we were pleased to welcome Keith Simpson MP to meet Y5 pupils who have completed The Brilliant Club's 'Scholars Programme', which aims to inspire children to go to one of the top universities in the country. Their final successful assignments were on 'Poverty & Progress in England: 1834-1948'-very impressive! Having visited Cambridge University in March, the children 'graduated' at UEA on July 14th.

Last week we received the results for our end of Key Stage 2 national tests (SATs). Although the test scores and outcomes still need final checking and validating, they are unlikely to change significantly. We are very pleased with the results, which are an improvement on last year's good results. The children have achieved results that are above the national average in almost every area. In reading, 78% of the Year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard or higher (national: 75%) with 30% achieving the higher standard; in maths, 79% achieved the expected standard or better (national: 76%) with 27% achieving the higher standard; in spelling, punctuation and grammar 77% achieved the expected standard or higher (national: 78%) and in writing, which is teacher-assessed, 76% achieved expected or better. 67% of children achieved the expected standard or higher in reading, writing and maths, which is above the national average (64%). I am particularly proud that these results have been achieved without significantly narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test or 'cramming'; unlike some schools we don't subject the children to before/after school, lunchtime, holiday or even weekend 'booster' classes! Congratulations to all the children who have worked so hard this year and performed so well, with great support from home. Thank you to the Year 6 staff in particular, for their excellent work this year, but also to all the staff who have taught the current Year 6 throughout their time in the school, and laid such solid foundations for success.

This week the Year 6 pupils performed their leavers' show, 'Darwin Rocks' which was fantastic, with some superb individual performances. Thank you to the children and the whole Year 6 staff team for all their commitment, energy and hard work in creating such a successful show. Next week we have the end of term discos and the Year 6 barbecue/disco and other leavers' events. This is an interesting, exciting, but an understandably anxious and emotional time for our leavers. I hope the Year 6

children enjoy their last few days at Taverham Junior, and that they will have many good memories of their time here. I will certainly miss them because they are a great group of children who have achieved a great deal; I would like to wish them all the best at high school and look forward to hearing of their continued success.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mr Hughes, one of our Year Group Leaders, who is taking on a new role at Drake Primary School, in Thetford. Mr Hughes has been at the school since 2005 and played a significant part in the school's success in that time. We have all enjoyed working with him and will miss his calmness, intelligence and humour. I would like to say thank you for his hard work and contribution over 13 years as a teacher and senior leadership team member and wish him all the best in his new job and for the future.

We also say goodbye to one of our teaching assistants, Claire Laurence-Couzens, who is leaving us to devote more time to her singing and performing businesses. 'Mrs L-C' joined us initially as an MSA in 2014. As well as the excellent care and support she has given the children, we will miss her significant contribution to singing in the school, particularly in Year 6. I would like to thank her for all this and wish her all the best for the future.

Finally, I would like thank everyone; staff, parents and children, who help to make most days at Taverham Junior a pleasure. An especially big thank you goes to the staff for all their hard work, dedication and commitment, which has made 2017-18 another successful year (finished off with a positive Ofsted inspection) and also for all the wealth of extra-curricular activity that goes on throughout the year.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Paul Stanley

Headteacher

School Field and Safeguarding

Please note that the school playing field should not be accessed by parents or members of the public unless invited by the school or school staff, particularly when pupils are having lessons on the field. This is for safety and safeguarding reasons which we hope should be obvious. Parking in the overflow car park does not mean that parents and younger siblings can wander onto or use the field and it is disappointing that, when politely reminded of this by school staff, some parents have responded rudely and aggressively.

Well Done!



We would like to say a big thank you and well done to Ashton H for raising £641.18 for

the Mercy Ships charity. Ashton raised this by selling Wrist bands at school, having a stall at the summer BBQ, selling items he no longer needed and by gaining a £200 donation from TLC Church. Ashton will be presenting his cheque to a representative from Mercy Ships at a service at TLC church.

Well done Ashton!

PTFA

As another year comes to an end we would like to thank you all for your support this year raising funds for the school. It was always going to be difficult to top last year's achievement of helping to buy a new school minibus but we hope that parents have appreciated the considerable reduction in the cost of school trips this year. We have also continued to maintain the water coolers in school, paid for toilets and a generator for sports day and also donated money to the school nature club for a new pond and plants. We do have some surplus funds this year, which we will be looking at in September and asking the school where they feel the money could be best spent.

We have one event left this year – the school discos. Please refer to the information emailed home to you for details but do



remember that years 3, 4 and 5 will all be in the first disco together from 5pm to 6pm and that Year 6 have their own leavers disco and BBQ from 6.15pm to 8pm. The PTFA are providing all the food and a drink each for the children at the leavers BBQ.

Our AGM will be being held in the school on Wednesday 19th September at 7.30pm. We are a friendly bunch and always love to see new faces at our meetings whether you'd like to be fully involved or just help at the occasional disco.

Thank you again for all your help and we hope you have a lovely summer.



Ofsted report

I hope that all parents and carers have had a chance to read our Ofsted 'report'/letter, which was sent out to parents on July 3rd and is on our website. There was a nice story in the EDP/EEN on July 9th and it's been good to be able to finally talk about it!

I'm very happy with the report, which I think gives an accurate picture of the school, recognising that we are a 'Good' school that 'continues to improve rapidly.' The report acknowledges and praises many positive aspects of the school's ethos, relationships, and provision; I am particularly pleased with the inspector's statement that school leaders 'put the needs of the children at the centre of all they do.'

I hope that, on reading this report, everyone associated with the school will feel as proud as I am to be part of Taverham Junior School. I would like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard to build on our previous successful inspection in 2014. I would also like to thank our wonderful pupils for talking so eloquently and positively about the school, and demonstrating their excellent learning, progress, attitudes and behaviour. I'm very grateful to the governors for their continuing support and involvement in the school. Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their positive comments on 'Parentview' and their ongoing support for and engagement with the school and their children's learning.

Paul Stanley

The Green Team

The Green Team have worked incredibly hard this year and we are pleased to tell you that we have managed to achieve our Eco-Schools Silver Award! Our main project to achieve this award was our waste audit. We surveyed all of the bins in school to see what was being thrown away and came up with an action plan to improve our recycling. The main points included,

* Making sure everyone knows exactly what we can recycle in our grey bins.

* Making sure that we are emptying our class recycling bin every day.

* Introducing 'paired bins' around the school grounds to make it easier for the children to recycle – particularly their lunch waste. Broadland District Council have provided us with four extra grey bins so that now every waste bin will have a recycling bin next to it.

* Introducing a food waste bin, being emptied daily by Green Team members into our compost bins. We hope to look at the kitchen school waste in September.

As well as the waste audit, we have also been continuing our 'Eco-Elephant' rounds on a Friday, deciding which class has been the most environmentally friendly each week – this has become very competitive! We have also been collecting used stamps for the 'Save the Albatross' appeal. Thank you to William S for introducing this worthwhile cause to us and for his continued enthusiasm for it. The box will be back outside the office in September. We had a lovely letter and visit from the RSPB who thanked us for our help.

We also need to thank two of our parents, Vicky Myers and Tracey Skillings, who have helped us so much through the year, particularly with the waste audit. We're looking forward to continuing our hard work next year and maybe even go for the Eco-Schools Green Flag!



**Eco-Schools
Silver Award**

School Uniform

All school uniform is available to purchase online on 'School Money' in the shop section or from the school office.

If you place your order on School Money, we will email/text you when your order is ready for collection.

We are happy to exchange any items that do not fit.

Many Thanks

School Office



Enjoy!

Message from the Chair of Governors

By any measure, this year has proved to be very successful for the school. After much hard work and many meetings and negotiations with the Local Authority, the new classrooms have been completed, are in use and the mobiles have been removed. The mobiles had been here so long, I don't think we realised how much space they took up or how they spoilt the view across the field. No sooner had the classes settled in than Ofsted arrived.

Getting less than 24 hours' notice of an Ofsted inspection means that the school is seen as it always is, rather having lots of time to prepare. Nick Butt's letter confirms that decisions taken about the teaching of reading and mathematics are having an impact and that having a 'pupil premium champion' is making a difference. I am particularly pleased that the clear and effective leadership of Paul Stanley and Paul Henman is recognised, and that Nick Butt saw how determined the whole staff are to ensure that children's learning is interesting and engaging, and that the school runs efficiently and safely.

A big thank you to the children who are tremendous ambassadors for the school and whose positive attitudes to their learning and their enthusiasm for other activities demonstrate 'Learning for a Fuller Life'. My thanks to you as parents and carers, for your support of the school over the year and for the tremendous response during the inspection.

The governors' Children, Curriculum and Standards committee met last Tuesday to look at the Key Stage 2 results and end of year outcomes for the rest of the school. Overall, Year 6 results build on last year's successes and on the key measure of 'meeting the expected standard' place the school above the national averages. Congratulations to all the Year 6 children and we wish them success at their high school. Outcomes for other year groups are also very positive and if the children continue to

make the same progress in the future, then results could remain above national levels. Well done to them and to the staff, especially the Year 6 team.

Two members of staff are leaving at the end of term. Laurence Hughes is going to a senior leadership post at Drake Primary, Thetford, and Claire Laurence-Couzens is focusing on her singing and her Glee Club business. Both have contributed greatly to the school's successes and will be missed. I am sure that their new 'careers' will be equally successful, and I know that Drake will benefit from Laurence's skills and knowledge as a staff governor and year group leader.

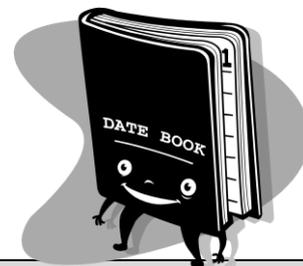
I would like to comment briefly about academisation. As a good and rapidly improving school, there is no external pressure to consider becoming an academy. It is therefore up to the governing board to decide what is most appropriate for the future. The governors continue to believe that there are no compelling reasons to become an academy or that it would improve outcomes for the children. However, it is important to realise that reductions in local authority funding will affect the level and quality of support available and there are very significant national funding changes due in a couple of years. Therefore we will continue to work closely with other schools and organisations where there are clear benefits and keep you informed about the local and national picture.

Finally, I must thank my colleague governors for their commitment and enthusiasm. Nick Butt's comments accurately summarised what we try to achieve. One of the governing board's responsibilities is to ensure the school's vision is put into practice. Therefore, we are very pleased that he saw that Taverham Junior is 'a Christian school for all'.

I hope that whether you are staying at home or going away, you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Chris Wilson-Town

DIARY DATES



June

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.
Please go to our website to check for
updates and new events*

TERM DATES 2018/19

2018 / 2019	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Thursday 6 th September	Wednesday 17 th October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 29 th October	Tuesday 18 th December
Spring Term 1	Thursday 3 rd January	Friday 15 th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 25 th February	Wednesday 5 th April
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 23 rd April	Friday 24 th May
Summer Term 2	Monday 3 rd June	Wednesday 24 th July
INSET DAYS	<i>4th / 5th September 2018 and 18th October 2018</i>	
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	<i>Monday 6th May 2019</i>	

Uniform

Please see below the updated school uniform guidance. All children going into 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 haircuts or dyed hair
Nail varnish or make up
Tattoos

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

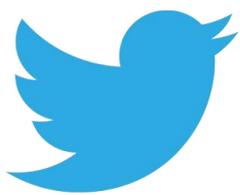
The kit for Games and P.E lessons is:

- 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

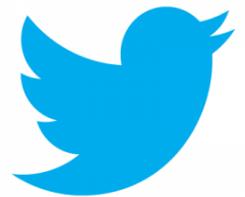
Please ensure that long hair is tied back for P.E lessons.

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

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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

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