

Issue 1

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'Learning for a fuller life'

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Taverham Junior School

Newsletter



Welcome Back!



A warm welcome back to all our families following the summer holidays and, in particular, to parents and carers of children who are new to our school.

The new school year has got off to a very positive start and all the staff are very impressed with how the children have settled in to their new classes. I must say that I am particularly pleased with the new Year Three children in how they have started the year with enthusiasm and maturity. Congratulations also to Miss Collins who got married over the summer holiday and has returned as Mrs Cassidy.

As always, there has been a lot of work completed over the summer holiday. The kitchen and all three Year Five classrooms have been decorated and some unsafe wooden seating has been removed; these will be replaced by more picnic-style benches in due course.

Newsletters will be sent home on a monthly basis and I hope you find them useful in keeping you informed regarding everything that is happening in school. At the end of the newsletter you will find diary dates for the main events throughout the year. These sometimes need to change and, of course, other events will be added as the year progresses. Our parent's calendar, available on our school website, is regularly updated and is the best place for you to go for up-to-date information about what's happening in school. We will also send you emails and text messages to keep you informed; you can also follow us on Twitter at @TaverhamJunior. I believe that we do a good job of communicating with our community but please ask if there's anything at all that you're not sure about.

As a staff team, we want to be as approachable as possible to children and parents. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact the office to make an appointment with me or another member of staff, or speak to your child's class teacher after school. Due to our 'soft start' in the mornings, it is not possible to speak to teachers before school; however Mrs Wilson and I are always outside in the mornings to answer any queries or pass on messages.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks to Mr Stanley who retired from the school during the summer holidays. He was a brilliant Headteacher of Taverham Junior School for many years and his contribution will be felt for a long time to come.

Best wishes,

Paul Henman
Acting Headteacher

Message from Chris Wilson-Town

As the new school year begins, on behalf of the governors, I would like to add my welcome to all children and parents / carers, particularly those who are new to the school. Josie Rayner-Wells, vice chair of governors, was at the school gate last Friday morning and confirmed that it has been a really positive start, especially for the Year Three children.

Part of the school budget is always earmarked for refurbishment or building improvement and as Paul Henman has mentioned, some of this money has been put to good effect over the summer holidays. Grateful thanks to Neil Hall, our site manager, who has been available during the summer and ensured everything was ready for the start of term.

I can confirm that there is a vacancy on the governing board for a parent governor. If you are interested or want to know more about becoming a school governor, please get in touch with Paul Henman or myself. From our current governing board, Neil Dyas, Vicky Myers, Michael Holmes and Matt Lambert are also parents, and I'm sure would be happy to chat informally to anyone who is interested. In addition, Josie Rayner-Wells and I will be available at the school on Thursday 19th September from 9.00 until break-time to talk to any parent or carer about what governors do or about general matters.

As you know, during the summer holiday Paul Stanley retired as the school's Headteacher. For the past year, Paul Henman and Mary Wilson have been Acting Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher respectively, supported by Sam Jones. The governors have agreed that these arrangements will continue for the rest of the financial year i.e. through to Easter 2020. This will ensure that there is stability and continuity whilst the governors investigate making permanent appointments.

The Governors plan to use future newsletters, as well as the website, to keep you informed about what we are doing and any national or local decisions which affect the school. In the meantime, if you have any comments about the school's priorities or about national or local educational issues, please let us know. I can be contacted via the school office.

Chris Wilson-Town

Chair of Governors

Reading volunteers

We would like to recruit some more volunteers to listen to children read in our school. We are looking for people who can offer an hour a week (or more!) and who can show enthusiasm about reading and patience when working with children. If you can help us, please email the office (office@taverhamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk) detailing the day(s) you can offer and whether morning or afternoon would suit you best. We will organise a DBS check for you before you start. Thanks in advance for your help.



School Security and Safeguarding

In order to ensure the children's safety, the security of the school and the well-being of staff, please note the following:

- Parents/carers should not enter the school building at any time unless invited and escorted by a member of staff.
- Any parent/carer needing to enter the school building should do so via the main office entrance, where they will be signed in and given a badge.

Mr Henman and Mrs Wilson are available on either school gate at the start of the day and any information that the teacher needs to know can be passed on via them or in a letter/note which your child can give to their teacher. Alternatively, a note can be written for staff in your child's reading record. If the message is a more general one, parents/carers can ring the office and speak to someone (or leave a message on the answerphone, which is checked first thing every morning). Communication can also be made via email: office@taverhamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk.

If you have a more urgent or serious concern and need to speak at greater length and/or in private with a member of staff, please contact the school office, who will liaise with the member of staff in question and arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

I hope that parents/carers feel reassured that, as a school, we are doing everything we can to ensure that you are able to access staff when appropriate and to communicate with the school, while making sure that all children are safe and secure.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Open Evenings/Year 3 parent teacher meetings

You will all have received a letter regarding these and the dates are listed at the end of the newsletter. We hope to see many of you at these events.

Breaktime snacks

As a national 'Healthy School' we have a healthy snacks policy. Break time snacks should be fresh/dried fruit or veg. Healthy snacks can be brought from home or purchased in school (the kitchen sell fruit/veg and fruitbread at breaktime, all items priced between 20p and 30p).



School Priorities for 2019-20

Every year we create a simple set of bullet points to summarise our main focuses for continuing school improvement and development over the next academic year and share these with parents. Taverham VC CE Junior School's priorities for 2019-20 are as follows:

- Develop reading stamina and complex retrieval skills to improve standards in reading.
- Review genres and use of assessment to improve standards in writing.
- Develop more consistent approaches to calculation methods and problem solving to improve standards in maths.
- Review our curriculum offer to ensure breadth and clear progression of skills
- Reinforce the Christian ethos, vision and values of our school
- Prepare for the implementation of statutory Relationship Sex and Health Education
- Improve school engagement with parents/carers and the local community

- Ensure teaching staff respond effectively to assessment information gained during lessons and from more formal tests
- Develop a mental health action plan to assess how we support children and adults at our school

Trainee Teachers in School

This year, we will once again be working with SCITT (Suffolk and Norfolk School Centred Initial Teacher Training) and hosting placements for two trainee teachers: Adam Mamment will be working with Mrs Potter in 4P with another trainee joining Miss Comfort in the Spring Term. SCITT has a well-established track record of training excellent teachers and is highly regarded by schools and headteachers.

Harvest Festival: advance notice

After the success of the last few years, thanks to the generosity of parents, we will be continuing with our 'traditional' approach to harvest this year, in that we will be asking parents for donations of food items, which we will then send to Norwich Foodbank. More details will follow in the next few weeks. As always, Rev. Seabrook will be leading a harvest assembly for the children, on October 7th.



School Dinners

Children can order school dinners at a cost of £2.30. Dinners are ordered by the children each morning in class at registration. They can choose from a hot dinner, packed lunch, jacket potato, pasta bar or vegetarian options.



Parents/Carers can pay on School Money. Money can be loaded on to your child's account or you can pay as and when your child has a lunch.

The menu that is currently running is the same as the summer term Menu. And can be found on our school website. Next week we will be on week one.

A new menu will start after half term.

We will be holding a 'Families Week' in the week commencing Monday November 18th, giving parents the opportunity to sample our school meals and spend lunchtime with their children. Details to follow.

Charity

Each year, we choose one or two charities to be the focus of our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

For 2018-19 our charity was The Brain Tumour Charity. As a school we raised a total of



£1452.47

We will let you know when we decide on our charities for 2019-20.

School Shop



The school shop sells a wide range of stationery items at very low prices (pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, folders, whiteboards, whiteboard pens etc.) and is run by Year 6 children, supervised by Mrs Lacey (on Tuesday lunchtimes) and Mr Lamb (on Thursday lunchtimes). There will also be a 'mini' school-shop every day at break time selling essential items in the spare classroom next to the library.

Nut-free school-Reminder



Because we have a number of children with severe (i.e. potentially life-threatening) nut allergies, we are a nut-free school, and have been for a number of years. Please ensure that your children do not come to school with any nuts or products containing nuts (e.g. 'Nutella' or other chocolate/hazelnut spreads). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Uniform

It's great to see the children looking so smart in their new uniform; thank you to parents for their continued support with sending children to school in the correct attire, particularly those who follow the rules about shoes. There are a few children who are not coming to school with correct uniform and we would be grateful if this could be addressed as soon as possible. A reminder of the uniform guidance:

Mulberry sweatshirt (or cardigan or fleece) with school logo

White polo shirt (plain, or with school logo)
Pupils in Year 5 and 6 may continue to wear the mulberry polo shirt with school logo

Mid/dark grey or black trousers

Mid/dark grey or black knee-length skirt or pinafore dress

Smart, tailored knee-length shorts

Red/white striped or checked 'summer' dress

Plain white/grey/black socks or
 Plain white/grey/black tights

Flat, black shoes

**Denim, chinos, cords, leggings or track suit bottoms are not allowed*



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

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED:

Short or long skirts or shorts

Boots (of any kind)

Trainers

*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.*

PE/Games

Pupils should bring their P.E. and Games kit into school every Monday and take it home for washing each Friday. Pupils who forget their kit do not miss P.E. or games as they will be issued with spare kit, which we keep in school. Please also note that *pupils are not excused from P.E. and games without an explanatory note from their parents*. Games lessons for all year groups take place on Wednesdays; these are led by coaches from CSF (NCFC's Community Sports Foundation)

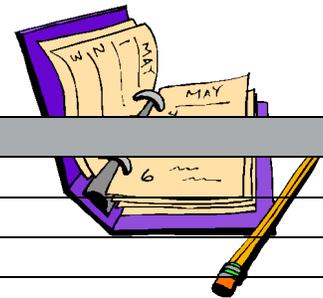


School Photographs

These take place for individual children and siblings on Monday 14th October.



Dates for your Diary



September	
Wed 18 th	Year 6 Open Evening (6-8pm)
Thurs 19 th	Year 5 Open Evening (6-8pm)
Thurs 19 th	PTFA AGM 3-4pm
Fri 20 th	RAF Visitor in school for Y6 Pupils
Mon 23 rd	Year 5 trip to West Stow
Tues 24 th	Year 3 Parent/Teacher Meetings (3.30-5pm)
Wed 25 th	Year 4 Open Evening (6-8pm)
Thurs 26 th	Year 3 Parent/Teacher Meetings (4-5.30pm)
October	
Tues 1 st	Year 6 Legacy Day
Tues 1 st	Year 3 Parent/Teacher Meetings (5-6.30pm)
Thurs 3 rd	Year 3 Parent/Teacher Meetings 5.30-7pm)
Tues 8 th	Year 4 Learning Café (8.45-10.10am)
Thurs 10 th	World Mental Health Day
Mon 14 th	Individual Photographs
Tues 15 th	Year 6 Height and Weight
Wed 16 th	PTFA Halloween Disco
Fri 18 th	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 28 th	First Day of New Half Term for Staff and Children
November	
Mon 4 th	Science Week
W/B Mon 11 th	Tolerance Week
W/B Mon 18 th	Families Week (Parents/Carers in for lunch)

November Continued....	
Mon 18 th	Open Mornings for Year 2 Parents (tours at 10.30)
Thurs 19 th	Year 6 Gressenhall Trip
Tues 26 th	Flu Immunisations
December	
Wed 4 th	Carol Service – St Peter Mancroft (7.30pm)
Mon 9 th	Year 3 Christmas Lunches
Tues 10 th	Year 4 Christmas Lunches
Wed 11 th	Year 5 Christmas Lunches
Thurs 12 th	Year 6 Christmas Lunches
Wed 18 th	End of Autumn Term
January	
Mon 6 th	Spring Term begins
Fri 10 th	Reports to Parents
February	
Wed 5 th	Choir to perform at O2
Fri 14 th	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 24 th	New Half Term Starts for Staff and Children
March	
W/B Mon 2 nd	Book Week
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day
March Continued..	
Mon 9 th	Sport Relief
Tues 10 th	Cake Concert
Wed 25 th – Fri 27 th	Year 6 Caythorpe Residential
April	
Wed 1 st	Last day of Spring term
Thurs 2 nd	INSET
Mon 20 th	First day of Summer Term for Staff and Children

May	
Fri 8 th	Early May Bank Holiday
W/B Mon 11 th	SAT's Week
W/B Mon 18 th	Outdoor Education Week
Thurs 21 st	Summer BBQ
Fri 22 nd	End Of Half Term
June	
Mon 1 st	Start of Half Term for Staff and Children
Tues 9 th	Whole School Photograph
Wed 10 th	Summer Concert Rehearsal
Thurs 11 th	Summer Concert
Tues 16 th	Year 2/3 Concert
Fri 19 th	Year 2/3 Multi - Sports
Wed 24 th	New Year 3 Parents Meeting

June Continued...	
Thurs 25 th	Sports Day (Year 3 & 4)
Fri 26 th	Sports Day (Year 5 & 6)
Mon 29 th	City Sports
Tues 30 th	City Sports
July	
Wed 1 st	Year 3 Norfolk Show Trip
Thurs 2 nd	City Sports
Thurs 9 th	TRANSFER DAY 1
Fri 10 th	TRANSFER DAY 2
Mon 13 th	Reports out to Parents
Wed 15 th	Year 6 Play (1.30pm)
Thurs 16 th	Year 6 Play (6pm)
Mon 20 th	Year 6 Awards Assembly
Mon 20 th	Leavers BBQ and Disco
Tues 21 st	Leavers Events(Church Service, Assembly)
Tues 21 st	Last Day of Summer Term

Dates/Times are subject to change. Please check future newsletters and the school website

TERM DATES 2019-2020

2019/2020	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September	Friday 18 th October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 28 th October	Wednesday 18 th December
Spring Term 1	Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 th February	Wednesday 1 st April
Summer Term 1	Monday 20 th April	Friday 22 nd May
Summer Term 2	Monday 1 st June	Tuesday 21 st July
INSET DAYS	<i>1st and 2nd September 2019</i>	
	<i>April 2nd 2020</i>	
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	<i>Friday 8th May 2020</i>	

MSA vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant at the moment and an email was sent out last week with more information about the post. If you are interested, or just want to find out more, please contact the school office.

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Are you the parent of a child or young person with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

Join us for coffee at an information and feedback session about

SEN Support and Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

We've invited Norfolk SEND Partnership Information, Advice and Support Service (**SENDIASS**) and a representative of the Local Offer to join us so you can:

- Find out more about SEN Support and EHCP assessments
- Tell us about your own experiences of support for your child with SEND
- Ask questions in a relaxed setting
- Share ideas with other parent carers



Tuesday 17 September 10.00am – 1.00pm
Community Room, South Lynn Community Centre, 10 St. Michael's Road, **King's Lynn**, PE30 5HE

Monday 23 September 10.00am – 1.00pm
The Suite, Dereham Football Club, Aldiss Park, Norwich Road, **Dereham**, NR20 3PX

Tuesday 24 September 10.00am – 1.00pm
The Noble Hall, The Priory Centre, Priory Plain, **Great Yarmouth**, NR30 1NW

Monday 30 September 10.00am – 1.00pm
The Colman Room, South Norfolk House, Cygnet Court, **Long Stratton**, NR15 2XE

Wednesday 2 October 10.00am – 1.00pm
Main Hall, Aylsham Care Trust, St. Michael's Avenue, **Aylsham**, NR11 6YA

If you can come, please email us at events@familyvoice.org.uk or call/text on 07535 895748.