

Issue 2

November 2019

'Learning for a fuller life'

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Taverham Junior School

Newsletter



Welcome Back!



A belated welcome back to all our families after the half-term holiday – I hope you all had a good break. As always, there has been lots happening in school.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the open evenings for Year 4, 5 and 6 last half-term. We received some very positive feedback from parents during the evenings and they seemed to be very successful in sharing information, establishing expectations/routines and giving parents a chance to meet their child's new teacher and see their classroom. Our new parent meetings for Year 3 children were also very well-received and have contributed to our youngest children having a very positive start to their time at TJS.

Thank you very much to everyone who donated so generously to our harvest appeal for Norwich Foodbank. There was a fantastic display of tins, jars and packets of food in the hall for our harvest assembly on October 7th, led by Rev. Seabrook. We hope Norwich Foodbank will be able to give us an idea of how many families they were able to help with all the food that was donated by parents/children from our school.

The Year 5 children had a great day at West Stow village last half term, in a visit linked to their Anglo-Saxon topic. All the children have recently also enjoyed Karate taster sessions, courtesy of SESMA.

We have had a number of sporting fixtures recently; as is the norm, the children have approached these in a very positive and sporting manner and we have had a great deal of success (see below for more details).

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the recent Year 3 Reading Café. The event was really well-attended and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

We have recently appointed two new MSAs to support the children during lunchtimes. Mrs Broughton and Miss Fisher started in their roles last week.

The children enjoyed the PTFA Halloween discos on October 16th; these made a fantastic profit of £609. Thank you to all the PTFA members, many of whom are new, for their fantastic organisation of the event and for making it so enjoyable for the children. As previously mentioned, the PTFA secured £4000 of funding via the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. We have been using this money to improve the playtime provision for children by buying more equipment for break and lunch times and improving our playground markings.

Our Shoebox appeal is well under way with the deadline for filled shoeboxes being November 8th. Our aim is to get 100 packed shoeboxes this year to send to vulnerable children in Eastern Europe. Thank you very much for all families that are getting involved in this important scheme.

We have lots coming up too. Our annual Tolerance Week begins on 11th November and we will be getting involved with Children in Need day on the 15th.

During week commencing 18th November we are having our 'Families Week', giving parents and carers the opportunity to come in during lunchtime and eat with their children. Please see separate letter for information about booking etc.

Preparations have already begun for our annual carol service at St Peter Mancroft Church on Wednesday 4th December with our wonderful musicians and singers getting ready for this important event. We hope to see many of you there.

Please see details of all dates below; this information is also available on our school website.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school

Paul Henman
Acting Headteacher

Message from Chair of Governors

The governors have always recognised and appreciated the tremendous support our school has received from parents, carers and the wider community. Attendance at events in school and elsewhere, such as the carol service at St Peter Mancroft, is impressive. However I think that the true indication of the relationship between the school, parents / carers and the community comes when the unexpected happens. Therefore we would like to thank you for your support of the decision to close the school on 17th October, the day of Paul Stanley's funeral.

I know that some of you were able to be at Colney Wood. The Woodland Hall, where the service was held, was packed, with people standing in the doorway and outside. The service was a lovely celebration of Paul's life and what was special to him. I know many were moved by the tributes from his family and friends

As I said in my letter at the end of last term about his retirement, Paul made a great difference to this school. When the time is right, we will talk again to Sue and the family about how best to recognise and celebrate Paul's 10 years at Taverham and his significant contribution to the success of our school.

Chris Wilson-Town

Coats to School Please!

As the weather gets colder, can you please ensure that your child wears a coat to school, and that the coat is clearly labelled with your child's name (along with all other items of clothing!) We try and ensure the children are outside at break and lunchtimes unless the weather is particularly bad, so it's important that all children have a coat in school, even if they're brought to school by car.



Girls' Football Autumn 2019

The girls started their season with an impressive joint 3rd placing at the Dracup Tournament at the Nest with a win, two draws and 2 losses. Although this was the first time that the girls had played together (and some playing in their first ever competitive match) you would never have known it as they defended brilliantly and worked so hard for each other.

League games commenced against Woodland View on a wet Friday afternoon. Lily put the team ahead only for WV to equalise with a few minutes to go. The team showed great resilience and kept on working hard and were rewarded when Lucie scored the winner just before the final whistle.

Avenue Junior visited TJS with a very strong team and scored without reply. The girls should take credit for the mature manner in which they represented the school, they created chances and were very unlucky not to score.

The last away game was against St Michael's in which the team found its scoring boots. The team passed the ball around with control and were deserved winners. Scorers were Lily, Lucie, Amelia and Phoebe. Great defensive work meant a clean sheet was also achieved.

Well done to all the girls that have played so far, we still await a local derby with Drayton to finish this half of the season off.

Mrs Moulton & Mrs Green



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.

Cross-country Report

The weather has turned wet and cold, it must be the start of the cross-country season! Our Year 3 running club and Years 4-6 cross-country club have both started with a great turnout of eager and talented runners. Our cross-country team has already competed in on league race at Sprowston against 18 other schools. After great running from the whole team, including Dylan (Y5) coming 5th, Freya (Y4) coming 9th and Ethan (Y5) placing 12th, the boys' team currently sit in 5th in the league and the girls' team are in 6th. The team have two more races before Christmas at Eaton Park and Falcon Junior, where they hope to build on their excellent start to the season.



On Thursday 31st October, Mrs Green took a team of 76(!) runners to Taverham Hall to race in a county-qualifying competition. 16 schools competed for an overall team prize on the day while individuals tried to earn qualification to the county competition in March. Of our 76 pupils, 18 were successful in qualifying for the county final. Special mention should be made to the Year 4 girls' team, who all placed in the top 20. Our stand-out individual results included, Sebi (Y3), Lyla (Y4) and Ethan (Y5) who came 3rd, Jensen (Y3) and Amelia (Y6) who came 2nd and Dylan (Y5) and Freya (Y4) who won their respective races. As a result of these performances, and those of the rest of the team, Taverham Junior came 1st in the competition. All of our competitors received a certificate for their involvement in the victory. Mrs Green, Mr Jones and the whole school are proud of these runners and are also very grateful for the fantastic cheering, general support and practical help on the day from parents and families that came to watch. The support from adults and the excellent attitude from competitors helped to make the day such a memorable experience for the children.

Cross-country club is still open to any pupils who wish to have a go at running. All abilities welcome

Mr Jones & Mrs Green

After School Clubs

Could you please make sure you inform the office staff if your child will not be attending their scheduled club. The message cannot come from the child and if there is no message from a parent then we will send the child to their club.

PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone whose children attended the Halloween disco, the children all seemed to have a lot of fun. A very BIG thank you to everyone who came in and helped with the stalls and made the evening a great success.

We are always looking for new members of the PTFA team, anyone who would like join please come along to one of our meetings, you will be most welcome. We also have our own Taverham Junior School PTFA Facebook page which is updated regularly with any events we have coming up, future meetings etc.

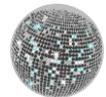
The next PTFA meeting is Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm.

Our next event is an afterschool cake sale on Friday 29th November. This will be held in the hall from 2.50pm and will also include a raffle for a Christmas hamper full of lots of goodies.



As always donations of cakes are very much appreciated, please bring to the school office the morning of the sale. Also a reminder we are a nut free school so please no nutty chocolate spreads or cakes containing nuts. Thank you.

The Christmas disco will be held on Monday 16th December we hope to see you all there.



We now have a completely new PTFA team and we are all very enthusiastic about organising lots of events for 2020. We have a big job on our hands and very big shoes to fill as our predecessors were an amazing PTFA team who worked very hard and did such a great job.

Mrs Jacks

Year 5 Boys Football

The Year 5 Boys football team has enjoyed a busy start to their season with three early games providing an opportunity for all our players to show off their skills for the school team. A tough away win at Cringleford (3-0) was followed by a thrilling derby game against our local rivals, Drayton, where the boys showed great resilience to come from behind three times and eventually tie the match 3-3. Our final game before the winter break was a fantastic 5-0 win against Bluebell with some excellent debut performances from several of our squad players. Training now continues in earnest every Tuesday as we prepare for promotion to a tougher league and a new set of matches scheduled for the second half of Spring term.



Mr Hollidge

Year 6 Boys Football

The year 6 Boys football started didn't get off to the best start in their league campaign but have had some great results of late. In their first game away to Drayton they did almost everything but score in the first half and were incredibly unlucky to somehow come off the pitch 1-0 down. Although there was a spirited second half performance and they peppered the Drayton goal with shots it just wasn't their day and they came off the pitch with a narrow 2-1 defeat. Since then they have won 3 games on the bounce. A 5-0 win away to Angel Road certainly blew away the cobwebs from the last game and with 4 different scorers it was a real confidence boost. 2 wins within a week against followed after half term. The first an emphatic 3-1 win against St Michael's and the second a hard fought 2-1 win over Woodland View. With a few results to come in it looks promising that they will finish top of their autumn league, congratulations to all the year 6 boys that have taken part.

Mr Loughlin

School Dinners – Families Week

Families week is running from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November

If you would like to have lunch with your child then please book your lunch on School Money, in the shop section. The Cost of an adult meal is £2.94.

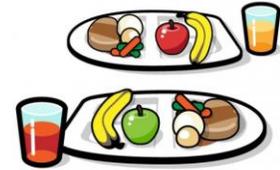
Monday – Margherita pizza with jacket potato wedges

Tuesday – Chicken curry with steamed rice

Wednesday – Sausages with Yorkshire puddings

Thursday – Oriental Chicken with Noodles

Friday – Breaded Fish Fingers



If you would like the Vegetarian or a jacket potato then please email the office.



Lost Property

We have an ongoing issue with lost property, with many items not being named.

All items named will be return to the child. But if you are missing any items please come in after school and take a look.

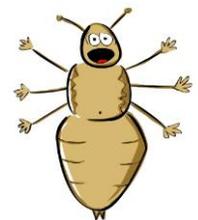


Many Thanks

HEAD LICE

Head Lice are an ongoing issue for all schools, including ours. They are a source of stress and distress for pupils and parents alike.

There is no longer a nurse who visits schools and we are not able to inform parents of individual pupils if their children have head lice; instead schools must regularly remind all pupils and parents of the importance of the regular conditioning and combing of hair and of long hair being tied back. If your child has head lice and you are not sure what to do please ask us. If you feel it is an ongoing problem for you, again, please speak to us and we will do all we can to help.

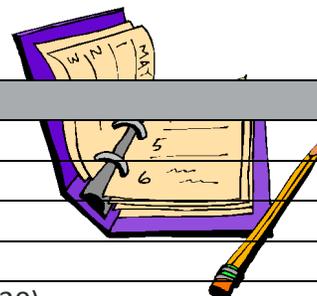


Travelling Book Fair

We have the Travelling Book Fair in school from Monday 25th to Friday 29th November. The Book Fair will be open in the library each day after school until 4pm.



Dates for your Diary



November	
Mon 4 th	Science Week
W/B Mon 11 th	Tolerance Week
Fri 15th	Children in Need
W/B Mon 18 th	Families Week (Parents/Carers in for lunch)
W/B Mon 18 th	Open Mornings for Year 2 Parents (tours at 10.30)
Thurs 19 th	Year 6 Gressenhall Trip
W/B Mon 25 th	Travelling Book Fair – 3-4pm in the Library
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
Mon 16th	Christmas Disco
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
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

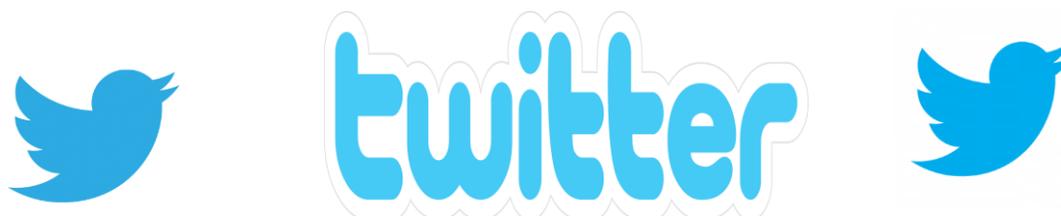
May	
Fri 8 th	Early May Bank Holiday
W/B Mon 11 th	SAT's Week
W/B Mon 18 th	Outdoor Education Week
Thurs 21 st	Summer BBQ
Fri 22 nd	End Of Half Term
June	
Mon 1 st	Start of Half Term for Staff and Children
Tues 9 th	Whole School Photograph
Wed 10 th	Summer Concert Rehearsal
Thurs 11 th	Summer Concert
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>	

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Term Dates for 2020/21

2019/2020	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Monday 7 th September	Wednesday 21 st October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 nd November	Friday 18 th December
Spring Term 1	Monday 4 th January	Friday 12 th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 22 nd February	Friday 26 th March
Summer Term 1	Monday 12 th April	Friday 28 th May
Summer Term 2	Monday 7 th June	Wednesday 21 st July
INSET DAYS	<i>TBC</i>	
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	<i>Monday 3rd May 2021</i>	