

Issue 4

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'Learning for a fuller life'

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Taverham Junior School

Newsletter



Welcome Back

A belated Happy New Year to all our families and the wider community; I hope you all had a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday. We have had a very positive start to the Spring Term.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the collection at last month's Christmas carol service at St. Peter Mancroft Church, an amazing £347.50 was raised for The Brain Tumour Charity; thank you for your generosity. Contributions from parents for transport and a generous donation of £400 from St Edmunds Church meant that we were able to cover almost all the costs of the carol service. Our Christmas jumper day on December 14th and collection box in the staffroom raised £393.27 for Save the Children charity – thanks to everyone who contributed.

I hope you all found the interim reports helpful in understanding how your child is progressing against national age-related expectations. These were followed by our learning reviews which, I'm sure, gave you a good insight in to the day-to-day work that is being completed by children inside the classroom. We have received some very positive feedback from parents regarding the new booking system although we did have one or two teething problems – thank you to the few parents affected for your patience. Follow-up learning reviews will take place in May.

Our very exciting Young Voices Choir event in the O2 arena in London is coming up soon. Around 70 of our children have been practising really hard to learn many new songs (with dance moves!) in preparation for this amazing event. We wish them lots of luck for the concert on 5th February and I hope the parents attending really enjoy the show!

Finally, I would like to officially welcome two new members of our staff team. Mrs Wells has joined us as our new Office and Finance Manager, replacing Mrs Blois; and Mrs Penton has started in her role as Teaching Assistant in 5C. Both Helen and Tracey have settled in really well.

Paul Henman

Acting Headteacher

Message from Chair of Governors

As it's still January, I think I can get away with wishing everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you had a joyful Christmas. New year, new decade and for some new beginnings. The governors are pleased to welcome Helen Wells as our Finance and Office Manager. Many of you will know Helen from Nightingale School. Helen is very experienced with school finances and has already fitted in very well with the office team. We also are delighted to welcome Tracey Penton as a teaching assistant in Year 5. Tracey has a great deal of experience at Key Stage 2 and has 'hit the ground running'.

Unfortunately, we have received complaints about parking. Recent 'monitoring' showed that there are a number of parents who appear to show little consideration for residents, pedestrians and other road users. It is more by luck than good judgement that there hasn't been an accident to cars or even worse to children. We know that travelling to and from school is a problem pretty much everywhere and there are no easy solutions, especially when the weather is poor, though we would encourage children to walk, bike or scoot to school as much as possible. As a school, we encourage children to show respect and consideration for others. This can be difficult when some parents are not being good role models. Three specific examples have been highlighted very recently. Parking opposite road junctions, parking on corners and overlapping residents' driveways. The first two contravene the Highway Code and if seen by a police or traffic officer would constitute a traffic offence. The third is very inconsiderate and doesn't help relations between the school and the local community. We are in touch with local councils and organisations about these issues but so much could be done by parents thinking more carefully about how to get children to school.

I would also like to mention the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP), which is a large document about allocating land for housing in Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk. Taverham is part of this plan and there is an allocation of 1400 houses on land stretching from Fir Covert Road, across Breck Farm Lane to Reepham Road. The allocation does include a site for a new primary school. This is a statutory planning requirement where there is potential housing development of this size. The GNLP is out for consultation at the moment, closing on 6th March. Details can be found on the Broadland District Council website. If the allocation is approved, it is unlikely to start before 2023/4 and is likely to be built in phases. Decisions about whether a new school is needed will be made by Norfolk Council Council and all the existing schools will be involved in discussions. I know that a plan which includes a new school can cause concern, so I want to reassure you that we are very much aware of the situation and in contact with key officers. In the meantime, as with the impending Beech Avenue / Ringland Road development, we will continue to welcome all junior age children.

If you have any thoughts or concerns about parking or housing, or just want to know about the work of governors, please get in touch. I can be contacted through the school office.

Chris Wilson-Town

Collective Worship Value

Our current value for our collective worship assemblies is Courage. We have already looked at the Bible story of David and Goliath as a starting point for this theme. At the end of every whole-school assembly we have children leading a prayer/reflection. These prayers are written on blank fish templates and then get displayed on our amazing sea background near reception for everyone to look at. Please have a look yourselves next time you're in school. A selection of the prayers written by children so far this term are below:

Dear God, please give us courage when we really need it, courage for the poor, courage for speaking out, courage for the ill and lonely. We all need courage in our lives so believe in yourself. Amen
(Bex Charlotte and Mia)

Dear God, Thank you for the courage that you give us to try new things that we might be afraid of. The courage that you give us helps us step outside of our comfort zone and do what we are afraid of. (Che)

Courage is a virtue. We all need to show courage for the things that are wrong in the world, like the environment...we should give hope to those in need and those in danger. (Sean)

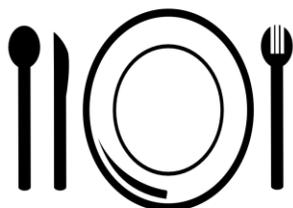
Dear God, please help us to show courage and help us to stand up when things are wrong. (Paige)

Dear God, please help us to be courageous when we are trying to do our best and to believe in ourselves when we are doing our work. (Frankie)

Dear God, please help us to be courageous and help us stand up for others even if we don't know them. (Sam)



Dinner Money - Reminder



All school dinners are £2.30. The small increase has been in place since the start of the Summer term 2019.

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.

Traffic Survey

Many of you would have noticed that we conducted a traffic survey on St Edmunds Rise on 13th January. I was joined by Kirsty Bolton (parent and cycle safety instructor), Caroline Karimi-Ghovanlou (District Councillor for Broadland North) and our Year 6 house captains. We counted the number of cars driving up and down the road between 8:20 and 8:50am, repeating the survey that was conducted last year. Unfortunately, and despite the introduction of the Bike, Walk, Scoot scheme, we recorded an increase in the number of cars using the road at this very busy time. As we advised in September, there are some recommended locations, a short walk away, where cars can park which will help alleviate the congestion on St Edmunds Rise and make it a safer place for our children before and after school. These are Laburnum Avenue, Springfield Road, Walters Road and the Library car park. Please could we ask that parents/carers use these locations or, if possible, bike, walk or scoot from home.



Your assistance in this important matter is appreciated.

PTFA News

The PTFA committee will be holding their first meeting on January 30th at 6pm. If you would like to join the PTFA then please come along. In our first meeting we will be discussing our fundraising goals for the year. Once decided, we will inform parents of our goals.

We as always, will be asking for help with donations of cakes, tombola prizes or your time, throughout the year. The PTFA really does appreciate the support we receive from parents.

Christmas Jumper Appeal – We are collecting any unwanted Christmas jumpers in preparation for this year’s Christmas event. If you would like to donate a Christmas jumper, then please take it to the school office.



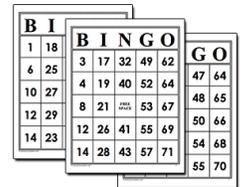
Summer BBQ – Are there any local business that could donate a prize for the Summer BBQ raffle?

If you are able to help could you please contact Debbie Macmillan (PTFA Secretary) debbiemacmillan85@gmail.com



Bingo and Chips – Year 3 & 4 - Thursday 13th February – 3pm – 4.45pm. £4 per child.

Year 5 & 6 – Thursday 27th February – 3pm- 4.45pm. £4 per child.



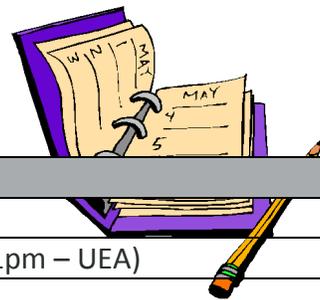
Please pay on ‘School Money’ in the shop section.

Easter Cake Sale & Tombola – Friday 27th March – from 2.45pm in the Yr 4 playground. As always any donations of cakes would be much appreciated.



Thank you very much for your continued support of the PTFA

Dates for your Diary



February	
Wed 5 th	Choir to perform at O2
Mon 10 th	Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics Finals (9.30am-1pm – UEA)
Tues 11 th	Year 4 Aboriginal Day
Thurs 13 th	Year 3 & 4 Bingo and Chips 3-4.45pm
Thurs 13 th	SAT's and Caythorpe Meeting (6-7pm)
Fri 14 th	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 24 th	New Half Term Starts for Staff and Children
Thurs 27 th	Year 5 & 6 Bingo and Chips 3-4.45pm
March	
W/B Mon 2 nd	Book Week
Wed 4 th	Cross Country County Finals (10.45am-3pm – Holkham Hall)
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
Fri 27 th	PTFA Cake sale and Tombola
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 11 th	Travelling Book Fair – 3-4pm each day in the library
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
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	
Thur 2 nd	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>	

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