

# Issue 5

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## 'Learning for a fuller life'

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# Taverham Junior School

## Newsletter



It is a great privilege to be writing this newsletter as the permanent Headteacher of Taverham VC CE Junior School. I'd like to express my thanks to the whole school community for their support over a very difficult eighteen months and for all the messages of congratulations I've received since returning to school after the half-term break – it is much appreciated.

As always, there has been a lot going on in school in recent weeks. Most notably, was our first experience of being part of the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena in February. By all accounts, it was a fantastic event and, as is the norm, our children excelled themselves and did the school proud. Huge thanks to all the staff involved for supporting the children in the build-up and for attending the event itself. Particular mention must be made to Miss Comfort, who led the choir, for her tireless work in rehearsals with the children to prepare them for the event itself. Thanks must also go to all the parents/carers for their support and for attending the concert and/or the performance in school last week.

We had a brilliant book week last week and it was great to see so many children getting involved on World Book Day itself. As usual, the book door competition was a highlight for the children and we will be announcing the winners very soon. Thanks to Mrs Smith for organising a fantastic week for the children

As you may have seen, we are currently asking for parent's views on our wider curriculum and how it contributes towards our aims as a school. The survey can be completed online (on any device) and can be accessed at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NHFPWP/> We would appreciate as many responses as possible before the deadline of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

As always, we have had a number of sporting events over the last few weeks, please see reports below.

Our term dates for academic year 2020-21 have been agreed and are detailed at the bottom of the newsletter. Hopefully this will be useful to you all for planning of holidays and other events.

If there is anything you're ever concerned or unsure about, please don't hesitate to contact us; we're always happy to help. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mr Henman

## Cross Country Report

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2020 has been a particularly windy season for the Cross Country team. Training has only been cancelled once and we have continued through the weather every other week. The children have been resilient and committed to attending the club on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Our team has had 2 races since Christmas, the first was at Woodland View and the second one was at a very wet and windy Horsford. Our final race of the league is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Old Catton. We have been very consistent with our results, 4<sup>th</sup> in the boys' team and 6<sup>th</sup> in the girls and hope to maintain this with the last race.



Also this term we have had the Norfolk School Games Cross Country Finals. These were held in Holkham Hall's beautiful grounds and for once we also had some lovely weather to go with it. This year we took more than we have ever taken before, with 18 children from TJS qualifying for the event. On the day we had some fantastic results, with 4 of our runners finishing in the top 10. These were Jensen in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Dylan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sebi 4<sup>th</sup> and Freya 8<sup>th</sup>. All children competed with great team spirit and even when they weren't running they were up supporting everyone else.

A special mention also needs to go to the parents. Without you we couldn't have taken all of the children, it was also wonderful to see so many of you able to come along and show your support.

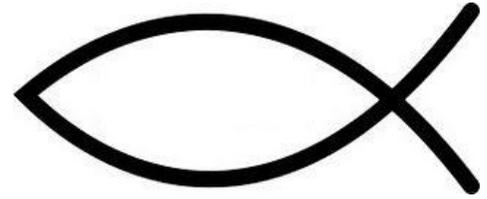
Mrs Green and Mr Jones

## Collective Worship Value

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Our current value for our collective worship assemblies is **Thankfulness**.

At the end of every 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 and shared by children so far this half-term are below:

*Dear God, Thank you for all our gifts. Thank you for all our friendships. We should remember how lucky we are (Thomas, 4JE)*

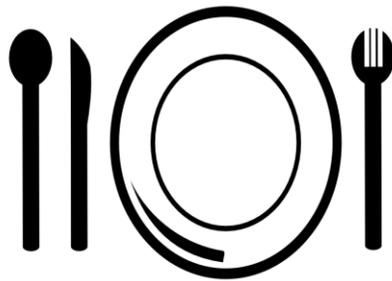
*Dear God, help us to remember that some people aren't as lucky as us. I hope we can all be treated fairly (Cormac, 4JE)*

*Dear God, let us be thankful for the creatures around us and the pets we can have to make our lives beautiful (Tamsin, 3N)*

*Dear God, please help us to be thankful for the things around us that help us eat and drink like bees that give us honey (Ellie and Georgia, 3N)*

## Dinner Money - Reminder

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**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

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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.

## Girls' Football Feb 2020

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Since Christmas, the Y6 girls have played in a CSF tournament and 2 league games. The tournament came first at the Nest, where the girls won all their group games and quarter final. Unfortunately they lost in the semi-final to Martham. Credit to all the team for representing the school in such a positive manner.

The league games kicked off away at Horsford where a very tight game ended 0-0. We had lots of possession and chances but couldn't quite force the ball over the line and Cara prevented the home side from scoring with a fantastic one on one save.

Norwich School came to Taverham full of energy for the second game. We had the better chances but once again found it hard to find the back of the net. In the second half Amelia struck a powerful shot which gave their goal keeper no chance and to the delight of all the team, put the girls 1-0 up. Hard work and determination kept the Norwich team out and we held on to the victory.



The last game is against Woodland View next week.

Mrs Moulton

## PTFA News

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### Cake Sale and Tombola



The PTFA will be holding an Easter Cake Sale and children's tombola on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. This will be held in the Year 4 playground from 2.45pm.

The PTFA will be donating all of the cakes for the sale, they would however like a donation for the tombola if you are able to. Easter related items would be much appreciated. For example, Easter eggs, sweets, teddy. Please bring any donations to the school office.



### Easter Disco – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Due to concerns raised by parents and staff after the last disco, regarding the amount of sweets purchased by some children. We have decided to trial a £1 limit for sweets per child.



We will add £1 to the price of the disco ticket and your child will then be issued a voucher to the value of £1. The children will then be able to use their voucher at the sweetie stall (if your child does not want to purchase sweets then they can use their voucher at any stall).

Children are still welcome to bring a small amount of money with them to spend on the tombola and games stalls.

***Thank you very much for your continued support of the PTFA***

## Year 6 Boy's Football

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Before the start of the new league season, some Year 6 boys took part at a football tournament at The Nest with over 25 other teams from around Norfolk. They played superbly in the group stages scoring plenty of goals and, with some resolute defending and superb goal keeping, also kept clean sheets in all of their games. Sadly, the quarter final stages were where they met their match in a tight game against Costessy who just edged the game. The year 6 boys have only just started their second league campaign and started promisingly with a great 4-0 victory over Eaton. However, they were brought back down this week with a loss to Avenue. Although it was hard to take for the boys they worked hard throughout and the overall score line did not reflect the balance of the game. With a cup run still on the cards and more league games still to play there is plenty to still look forward to in the coming weeks.

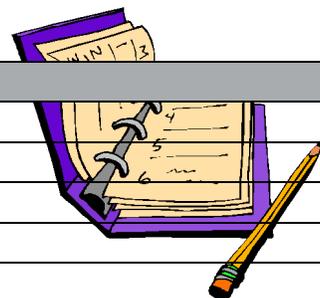
## Year 5 football report

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The second half of our season finally kicked off with a tough away trip to Avenue Junior. The home side had not lost this year so it was no surprise when they made a strong start to the game. However, following some excellent saves from our goalkeeper Connor, Taverham were able to fashion an early goal when Charlie H got on the end of a superb cross by his strike partner, Harry. The goal really settled the team who went on to dominate the first half which finished with Charlie H doubling Taverham's advantage. An evenly contested second half saw Harry and Charlie W add to Taverham's tally with the boys finishing deserved 4-3 winners. Well played to the whole team. A fabulous start to the season!



## Dates for your Diary



March	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Meeting 6-7pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 Australian Maths Café 1-3pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 Australian open evening 3-4pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Caythorpe Residential
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Cake sale and Tombola
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	PFTA EASTER DISCO – letter to follow
April	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Spring term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Summer Term for Staff and Children

May	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Early May Bank Holiday
W/B Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	SAT's Week
W/B Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Book Fair – 3-4pm each day in the library
W/B Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Education Week
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Summer BBQ
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End Of Half Term
June	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of Half Term for Staff and Children
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Formula Goblin race event at Scottow
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Photograph
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Concert Rehearsal
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Concert
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2/3 Concert
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2/3 Multi - Sports
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	New Year 3 Parents Meeting
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (Year 3 & 4)
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (Year 5 & 6)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	City Sports
July	
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Norfolk Show Trip
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Sports
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	TRANSFER DAY 1
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	TRANSFER DAY 2
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reports out to Parents
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Play (1.30pm)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Play (6pm)
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Awards Assembly
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers BBQ and Disco
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Leavers Events( Church Service, Assembly)
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Summer Term

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

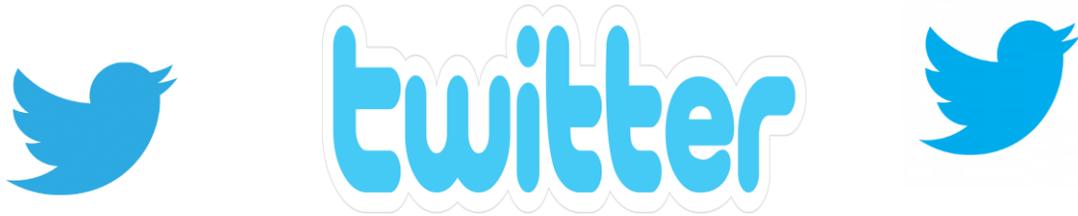
### TERM DATES 2019-2020

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

### TERM DATES 2020-2021

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

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TJS will be engaging with Sustrans '[Big Pedal](#)' fortnight from Weds 22 April to 6th May to encourage healthier travel to school.

During the fortnight children will be encouraged to walk, bike or scoot to school, to earn rewards for their class in inter-class competitions.

Taverham BikeWalkScoot Project will also be coming into school to provide:

- Bike Checks for children, parents and teachers bikes
- Cycle Training for Years 5 & 6 (level 1 & 2)



