

# THE FLYER

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Work together, learn together, grow together....

Our value for life this term is  
**Service & Koinonia**

Week 34  
Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019



Last week's attendance  
**Was ONLY 92.03%**



## Father's Day Breakfast

It was good to see so many Dads, Grandads and the odd Mum at school this morning for the breakfast. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and the chance to come and spend time with the children at playtime.

Thank you for your support.



## Dinner Money

We note that there are still some outstanding bills from last week. We would be grateful if these could be paid promptly via the School Money system.



We would be very grateful for donations for the stalls at the Summer Fayre next week. These could include plants, cakes, and prizes for the Tombola.

We would also be grateful for offers of help on the day.



## Father's Day Open Gardens at Morley

Don't forget the Open Gardens at Morley Rectory on Sunday. A great afternoon out for all the family. Free admission for children. Loads of free activities for the children including trips around Morley farms, free flower arranging demonstrations and a bee hive demonstration. We also have a BBQ, teas and cakes and several acres of garden.

Please help the Tacolneston and Morley Federation to raise money. Looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you there.

Robert Culyer



## Cycling Proficiency

As the second part of the cycling course had to be cancelled this week please note that it will now take place on Monday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final session will now be on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## Story Time

There will be no Story Time on Wednesday as we have ESKA Karate in school.

## Letters Home this week

- Summer Fayre
- Eagles – singing at the Summer Fayre

## **FOTS NEWS** **(Friends of Tacolneston School)**

If you are new to the school, welcome! Please do join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TacolnestonFOTS/> to keep abreast of important news and upcoming events.

**Don't forget to join us for the Summer Fayre Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 11.30am-3.00pm, everyone is welcome.**

### **Pupils of the Week**

Our awards are given to pupils in recognition of them demonstrating one of our school values.

Year R – Thomas G - Friendship  
Year 1 – Charlie - Perseverance  
Year 2 – Harry - Courage  
Year 3 – Betty – Perseverance  
Year 4 – Thomas C - Courage  
Year 5 – Roxie - Courage  
Year 6 – Josh - Truthfulness

**KS1 Merit Award – Joseph**

### **HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week**

<b>AUTUMN</b>	<b>WINTER</b>	<b>SPRING</b>	<b>SUMMER</b>
34	43	30	42

### **TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES**

<b>AUTUMN</b>	<b>WINTER</b>	<b>SPRING</b>	<b>SUMMER</b>
936	857	912	967

**PARENT FORUM**  
**TACOLNESTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**7<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Attended by:**

Laura Green – Head Teacher  
Kate Easter – Deputy Head Teacher  
Julia Hankin – Robins  
Rachel Mitchell – Eagles  
Rowan Easter - Robins

**Items Discussed:**

**Norfolk Fostering Service:**

- Mrs Green shared some marketing information from the Norfolk Fostering Service (a not for profit organisation). She explained 80% of foster carers come through the school system and that this is a cause that is very important to us. We have had looked after children and previously looked after children in our schools and it has been wonderful to see how they thrive and develop when placed in a loving and nurturing home.

**Classes for September 2019:**

- Mrs Green explained that the classes will have the same teachers and TAs in September with the exception of Sparrowhawks where Mrs Livermore will teach from Tuesdays through to Fridays and Mrs Cooper will teach on Mondays. Mrs Cooper will continue to teach Kingfishers on Wednesdays. Learning Support Assistants who work 1:1 with pupils will move to that pupil's class.
- Parents asked if it was true that we had 17 children joining us in Reception. Mrs Green explained that Norfolk County Council's Admissions Department had made the mistake of confusing our pupil admissions numbers with those of Morley. We have a PAN of 15 at Tacolneston and 20 at Morley but Admissions got the numbers the wrong way around. This means that we could have a class of 33 in Robins in September 2020. However, there is the possibility that a family will move before that time. We also have capacity for 20 children in the Kingfishers classroom and are likely to have a mixed YR/1 and Y1/2 depending upon individual children's needs. Kingfishers and Robins teachers team teach and there is flexibility in our KS1 provision.
- There was a question about mixed year group teaching. Mrs Green said that teachers plan and teach according to ability rather than year group and we are experienced in doing this at Tacolneston where we have previously had a YR/1 class.
- Parents asked if we would keep the PAN at 15 in future years and Mrs Green confirmed that we would. Sometimes, due to admissions criteria we have to take above this number (we are not given a choice) but we try to keep to a maximum of 16.

**Reports:**

- Mrs Green said that there is a new format to end of year reports to parents this year. There will be less written statements from teachers. This has been introduced in an effort to protect teacher wellbeing through a reduction in work load. A large number of schools are moving to this approach. However, we are introducing new end of term reports which will give parents a snap shot of their child's progress and ongoing targets. In this way it is hoped that parents will be better informed, on a regular basis, about their child's learning and the ways in which they can support them.

**Resources/Play Equipment:**

- The play equipment in the pebble area is falling into disrepair and school are requesting

that FOTS focus their fund raising efforts on replacing this equipment. We would like to ask the children for their views on the type of equipment that they would enjoy playing with. One of the parents mentioned that there is a general push towards designing more open and imaginative play spaces for children rather than just climbing equipment. Mrs Green said that she liked the sound of this. The galleon has platforms at a height and she would prefer that any new equipment is lower to the ground to minimise the risk of accidents.

- Mrs Green said that the school are very grateful to the FOTS for their donations towards guided reading books for the classes. These have already enhanced our teaching and learning provision.

### **Writing Curriculum:**

- Mrs Green explained that school has developed a rapid action plan for whole school improvement of writing. We would like parents to play a part in this work by supporting a new homework initiative in September where every child will be expected to complete a writing task at home each week. The task will be linked to topics and work done in the classroom and the expectation will be based upon the skill level for the age group concerned.
- Parents said it would be helpful to have some guidance about expectations for things such as spelling. Mrs Green agreed that it would be a good idea to have 'common exception words'/high frequency words and advice for parents at the front of the homework books.
- School hope to celebrate homework by putting examples of work completed with good effort on display.
- Parents said that the children 'loved' the idea of the pen license at the end of Y3.
- Mrs Green asked parents for their ideas for ways in which we can improve children's writing. One of the parents said that having a word of the day was seen to work very well in a nursery setting. Mrs Green agreed that this was a very good idea and something that teachers often do in their classrooms. From September all children from Y1 will have vocabulary books where they can keep collections of interesting words. They can then refer to these when they are completing written tasks.

### **Wet Play Times:**

- Parents said they were concerned that during wet play times up to 46 children from Kingfishers and Robins were expected to play in one classroom. Mrs Green explained that there is some flexibility with children playing in the Robins classroom and the Eagles classroom depending on the activity that they chose to do. Wet play times have been arranged in this way in the past because we only had 3 MSAs. We now have 5 MSAs and 1 LSA so it may be possible for Kingfishers to play in their own classroom. Mrs Green will investigate this.

### **Action Log:**

<b>Norfolk Fostering Service</b>		<b>Completed</b>
1	Parents to spread the word.	
<b>Writing Curriculum</b>		
2	Teachers to develop writing/spelling guides for parents to go into homework books in Sept.	
<b>Wet Play Times</b>		
3	Mrs Green to reorganise wet playtimes so that Kingfishers can stay in their classroom.	

**Next Parent Forum: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9-10am**

Join in the Fun at...

**Tacolneston  
Primary School**

# Summer Fayre

**Saturday  
22<sup>nd</sup> June  
11.30 am - 3pm**

Admission:

only **50p**  
per Adult

accompanied Children go free.

**Tea and Coffee**  
**BBQ • Raffle • Games**  
**Bouncy Castle**  
**and much more.**