

THE FLYER

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**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10**

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

Books at home

Please check at home for any outstanding library or reading books and return them to school as soon as possible.

**Our value for life this term is
Creativity**

**Week 1
Friday, 11th September 2020**

Home Learning

We will continue to provide home learning for pupils who are having to go into quarantine and we will be using the Google Classrooms for homework. Our parent survey showed that some families found it difficult to access the Google Classroom during the school closure period. Teachers will be explaining and helping children to understand how to access and use the Google Classroom over the next few weeks. Reception parents should note that you will need a school email account in order to access the Google Classroom. These email accounts will be given to us by Norfolk County Council once your child has been in school for a full week. We will send these out to you with information about how to use them and how to access the Google Classroom in due course.

Welcome Back

What a wonderful week we have had in school! It has been an utter joy to have the children back with us looking eager and excited to be with each other. All of our hard work in preparing for the new term has come together and school is a calm, safe, busy and happy place to be. Thank you for all the kind comments we have received about our arrangements and your patience in working with us when things have seemed confusing or very different to normal. We may have to adapt as we go along but we know we can do that as a flexible and resilient community of children, parents, carers, staff and governors.

Contacting School

If you wish to contact your child's teacher please use the class email rather than contacting the office email address.

The addresses are as follows:

kingfishers@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk

robins@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk

eagles@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk

sparrowhawks@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk

New Staff Member

Please join us in welcoming new staff member Miss Vickie Deane to school this term.

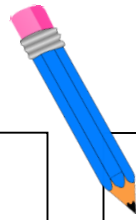


Drop offs and pick ups

Thank you for bearing with us as we fine tune our procedures for the safe dropping off and picking up of your children. I have received feedback from a small number of parents who are finding the 3:15 pick up time too busy and would prefer that we return to the staggered pick up times. Having different pick up times for each class is difficult for parents who have more than one child. It also causes difficulty for our taxi drivers and for parents who need to pick up children from other settings. However, in order to find a compromise, from Monday 14th September, we will have a pick up time of 3:10 for Kingfishers and Robins, and 3:20 for Eagles and Sparrowhawks.

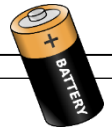
We have noticed that some children are being collected by two adults. You are reminded that we have asked that only one adult collects your children. Please remember that everyone needs to ensure that they remain at 2m distance from other families. We have lots of space on our playground and field to ensure that all families can safely stand at a distance from each other. Transitory passing is a relatively lower risk compared to standing face to face opposite someone else.

When leaving the school, you need to follow the coned-off area around the side of the car park. Small numbers of parents are walking down the middle of the car park. This is dangerous and sets a poor example for your children. If you are leaving your child at the gate at the end of the path, please come through the gate and turn left to leave through the double gates. In this way we can maintain the one-way system.



Request for Design Technology / Art Materials Money

During the year your child/children will have the experience of cooking, other culinary experiences and the involvement in all aspects of Design Technology, such as clay model making, using electrical circuits and various art and craft materials. Due to the ever-increasing pressure on school budgets, we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 (per child) for the whole year to cover the cost of purchasing extra items needed for Design and Technology. This is due at the beginning of the Autumn Term, and we would be grateful if you would make your payment preferably via the school's on-line payment system - School Money or in cash to the school office (in a named envelope), within the next two weeks. Thank you for your support.



Battery Recycling

We continue to do our bit to help the environment by having battery recycling tubs in reception. We have already filled two whole tubs and have two more to go if we are to reach our initial target by half term. Please feel free to drop any batteries (size AAA-D) into these buckets when it is safe for you to do so. Over the coming weeks, battery collection packs will be made available for new pupils and for anyone who wishes to have a new box at home. Drop Mrs Livermore an email to request a replacement home collection box: sparrowhawks@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk

Well Being - First Response

First response is a 24/7 mental health helpline manned by trained mental health professionals set up by Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust. This number is available to all members of the public whatever their age and offers advice, support and signposting for people who feel unsafe, distressed or worried about their mental health.

In addition, you can also call the line as a professional to get advice regarding a person you are working with or help in how to send a referral.

The first response number is: 0808 196 3494



Parking

Parking is always a hot topic for schools. We urge you to park as far away from the school as you possibly can so that you can avoid the mayhem of traffic by the school gates and can build some healthy exercise into your day!! We also have some elderly and disabled grandparents who need to park closer to school so please be considerate of them. All of our families should be aware that you should not be parking within 10 metres either side of the school entrance. Furthermore, you should not park close to a junction. The Highway Code states that motorists should not park 'opposite or within 10 metres of a junction except in an authorised parking space'. The school are not responsible for the highway. It is the responsibility of the whole community to follow the rules and show consideration for each other. It really is better to walk, cycle or park at a reasonable distance.



Class Information

It will not be possible to have our usual 'beginning of the year parent briefing' meeting with your class teachers. Therefore, please make sure that you go to the class page on our website where you will find copies of your class teachers autumn term letter, the class time table, Knowledge organisers for the autumn term topics and other curriculum information.

Technology Survey

In the next few weeks, we will be sending out a survey to find out about your access to technology. We want to ensure that every child in our school can gain access to online learning in the event that they are unable to come to school. Throughout the summer term, we were delivering packs of work to families who couldn't access the learning. We will continue to do this but we would also like to help families find a resolution to their technology needs if we can.

Residential Trips

You will be aware that the residential trips did not take place this year. Mrs Durrant will be in touch shortly to arrange a refund for any monies already paid. Refunds will be made by BACS.

Swimming

Please return your consent forms for swimming next week. NO FORM, NO SWIM!



Robins

Robins class have been learning what it means to be a creator as part of our Creativity value. We have created our own world with brand new animals in it! We have also been learning about animals, nature and autumn as part of outdoor education, including learning about the blackbirds nest!



Survey Findings

At the end of the summer term, we asked you about your experience of the school closure period. We were delighted with the response to this survey which showed that the majority of families were happy with what we provided. However, we know that we have some areas to improve on and we are now working on this. Here are the key findings:

QUESTION	EXCELLENT	GOOD PLUS	SATISFACTORY	POOR	WORKING WELL	EVEN BETTER IF
How do you rate the information and communication from the school during this period?	76%	98%	2%	0	<p><i>We very much appreciate [the school's] communication. We claim to be able to compare having four kids in four different schools</i></p> <p><i>Communication about Covid 19 has been excellent and questions answered as well as detailed risk assessments</i></p>	<p>More information about how to bring all children back in September and how school is dealing with COVID-19</p> <p>A small number of parents asked for weekly contact from the class teacher</p> <p>Dates and key information was lost in long letters</p>
How do you rate our provision of home learning?	50%	89%	20%	4%	<p><i>I think the way in which the staff [] have handled the challenges of providing home learning for our children has been outstanding. Work has been varied and has come with clear instructions, and the children have been given lots of encouragement along the way. I know this will have taken a lot of work, but we are so thankful to you all for all that you have done.</i></p>	<p>Printing is a problem for a lot of parents</p> <p>Keep merit system going so that children can be rewarded for work</p>

				<p><i>The google meetings with the teachers were really positive and lifted the children's spirits seeing familiar faces. They loved the videos of stories being read from teachers and [the] assemblies</i></p> <p><i>[The teacher and TA] did a great job supplying plenty of work for [] to do. They were always available for questions and we followed a detailed timetable which was great for home schooling. Very well planned and thought out with creative fun activities and resources suggested for any additional learning. It made home schooling less daunting. Much appreciation and I feel the school was very good at keeping me informed.</i></p> <p><i>Loved how every single post was responded to. Thank you.</i></p> <p><i>... timetable was excellent and helped structure the day and give an idea of timescale expected for each piece of work.</i></p>	<p>More virtual chats and meetings</p> <p>Support for setting up the technology, e.g. some families couldn't connect to Google Classroom</p> <p>One parent found it difficult to keep up with the work on Google Classroom as they said the work disappears in the 'chat' (?)</p> <p>More 'variety' for older years</p> <p>'Generic literacy packs' not very engaging</p> <p>Have a clear structure/timetable</p> <p>Ensure teacher feedback</p> <p>Ensure consistency between different classes</p>
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	LOOKING FORWARD TO IT	I FEEL FINE	I HAVE CONCERNS		POSITIVE COMMENTS	CONCERNS
How do you feel about the September full opening of school?	47%	40%	13%		<p><i>...your provision of home learning has been superb – [the teacher] has been exceptional at responding on Classrooms and to direct emails. We've heard other schools' provision has not been anywhere near as thorough as ours. Well done to all involved and wishing you all a brilliant and well-deserved break over the summer holidays!</i></p> <p><i>We are all so excited about September</i></p> <p><i>I am reassured you're doing everything you can.</i></p> <p><i>No concerns - the children who went back to school loved it and wanted to stay all day</i></p>	<p>Working around the staggered times</p> <p>How will it be possible to maintain social distancing?</p> <p>Confusing messages from Government</p> <p>Worry that their child will catch the virus</p> <p>Will school provide home learning if school closes again?</p> <p>How will children catch up on their learning?</p> <p>Children not prepared for moving to the next year group as their time in the previous year group was halted abruptly</p>

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.

Pupils of the Week

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

- Year R** – Whole Class - Courage and Jude – Friendship
- Year 1** – Jessica FP – Helpfulness and Freya - Generosity
- Year 2** – Blake – Courage and James S – Thoughtfulness
- Year 3** – Whole Class – Courage
- Year 4** – Whole Class - Courage
- Year 5** – Whole Class – Courage, Friendship and Koinonia
- Year 6** – Whole Class - Courage, Friendship and Koinonia

