

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

Week 1 – 9th September 2022

Our Value for Life this term is Generosity.



-WELCOME-

Dear Parents/Carers,

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome to the new school year!

It is always a delight to welcome the children back to school after the summer break and to hear their holiday stories! We also welcomed new children on Wednesday and it already feels as if they have always been with us!

We send a lot of information to parents/carers at the beginning of the new academic year and our newsletters are posted on our website every Friday, but if there is anything you are unsure about, please ask. It is easy to overlook our new parents sometimes as some of what we do has become second nature, so don't hesitate to speak to one of us or email the office or your class teacher. We also have lots of useful information on our website, eg. school calendar, school brochure, our policies and your child's class information.

If you wish to catch me at any time, I will be based at Morley on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at Tacolneston on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Assistant Headteacher – Mrs Cooper – is available at Morley on Thursdays and at Tacolneston on Fridays. Our Senior Teacher at Tacolneston – Mrs Rixon (formerly Ms Diaper) – is also able to deal with parent queries, if the class teacher is unable to help in the first instance. If you have queries about your child's special educational needs, you can contact Mrs Ketley who is available on Mondays and Tuesdays. Our Office Manager, Mrs Durrant, can be contacted at the email address at the top of this letter if you need any information or would like to arrange a meeting with one of us.

Your support needed

We are always looking for help from our community of parents and relatives and would really appreciate it if you were able to take part in any of the following activities:

Forest School

Forest School sessions take place at Tacolneston on Wednesday afternoons. We would welcome helpers for these sessions. Please speak to the office or Mr East for further information.

Friends of Tacolneston School – FOTS

We have a very dedicated and hardworking team of parents/carers who support our work in school through their fundraising efforts. They are always looking for more help and would welcome any new members – even if you were only able to give a limited amount of time. The money raised by FOTS has enabled us to buy books, furniture and play equipment in recent times. Look out for information about their first meetings this term.

Parent/Carer Cafes



I hold a meeting for parents once per term where I can share what we're up to in school and receive feedback from you. I have found these meetings extremely helpful as a way of gaining understanding of the types of issues that parents are interested in and are keen to know more about. If you have been one of our regulars, thank you for your continued contribution. If you haven't attended one of our meetings, do try to get along or send your comments and questions with a friend. We're very informal and babies and toddlers are welcome. The next meeting at Tacolneston will be Tuesday, 4th October – 8:45 to 9:45.

Helping Out:

- One of the most important ways in which you can support us, is by offering a small amount of time each week to **read stories to the children or hear them read to you.**
- Are you a practical person who could be of help in our afternoon **art and design technology** sessions or our **outdoor learning** sessions?
- Are you interested in finding out more about primary school teaching and would like to **support the learning** in a class?

If you do have time to spare and would like to help us, please contact Mrs Durrant to discuss times etc. Please note, that we have a policy of not placing volunteers in their own child's class.

Collective Worship and Our Value for This Term:

This term, we are focusing on '**Generosity**':

I hope that you will support us by talking to your children about their thoughts and questions in relation to this Christian value. Our first major focus for this value will be our Harvest Festival celebration in October when we will be asking for donations for the Wymondham Food Bank.

If you would like to join us for Collective Worship, you would be very welcome. It takes place every day at 10:30 for 15 minutes. Just give us some notice as, due to timetable changes, we sometimes move it to a different time in the day. Your child's class will invite you to a special assembly later in the year and you will also receive invitations to our learning cafes.

We will also be holding our Friday morning reading sessions for parents/carers and children in Kingfishers and Robins classes. These sessions run from 8:40 to 9:00 am.



Shared reading tips

We ask you to read every day with your child. Here are some tips which you may find helpful when supporting your child's reading at home:

Tip 1: Ask questions about the book. Support your child by asking a range of questions about the book they are reading together with you.

- The 'five Ws'—who, what, where, when, and why—can provide useful question starters.
- Use a mixture of closed questions (which can be answered with a single word, or a small number of words) and open questions (which require a fuller response). For example, a closed question

might be – ‘Did you like this story?’; an open question might be – ‘What did you like about this story?’

- Children might also be asked to summarise what has happened in the book or story so far, and to predict what will happen next.

Tip 2: Link reading to the real world.

- By talking about links between the book and real life, you can make the story more interesting and help your child to develop their understanding of ideas in the book. For example, while reading about Cinderella going to the ball, you might discuss the similarities between a ball and a birthday party.



Online Safety

We want to work with parents/carers to ensure that our children use the internet safely. We will be sending out a monthly newsletter to offer information and guidance about online safety and you will find attached to this newsletter a booklet called ‘**A Guide To Parental Controls**’ which contains some very useful information about different operating systems, social media sites, TV/streaming services etc.

Families in hardship and needing wider support

In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support.

Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes, and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service.

Families may get in touch with NAS via their [dedicated website which includes an online application form](#), or if they cannot access the internet, they can call **0344 800 8020**.

Read, Write, Inc

At Tacolneston we are embarking on a new phonics programme called Read Write Inc. Read Write Inc. is a popular phonics scheme that teaches children the sounds in English, the letters that represent them and how to form the letters when writing. Read Write Inc. includes reading books written using only the letter they have learnt so that children will quickly feel confident and successful.

Here is the link to a useful short video overview of Read Write Inc phonics that we will be sharing in our Meet the Teacher sessions at the beginning of term. Parent information booklets are available on the website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjIPILhk7bQ>

Here you can find lots of information and free resources to support your child's learning.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Meet the Teacher

Please come and meet your child's teacher on the following days at 9am.

Kingfishers	Thursday 15 th September
Robins	Monday 12 th September
Eagles	Wednesday 14 th September
Sparrowhawks	Friday 16 th September

Mrs Rixon

Some of you may be aware that Ms Diaper was married in the summer holidays and will now be known as Mrs Rixon. Congratulations!

Parking at School

Please can we make new parents to the school aware that the car park is for staff and visitors **only**. There is a lot of traffic on and off the car park throughout the day and it is not safe for children to be moving around the car park on foot.



Swimming

Year 4 and some Year 5 children will be swimming next Tuesday. You will all have received consent forms. Please return these to the office by Monday. Your child will not be able to swim without a completed consent form.

P E Days

Please note the days each class will be doing PE this year. Your child will be required to come into school in their kit. **Please make sure that any earrings are removed or taped up.**

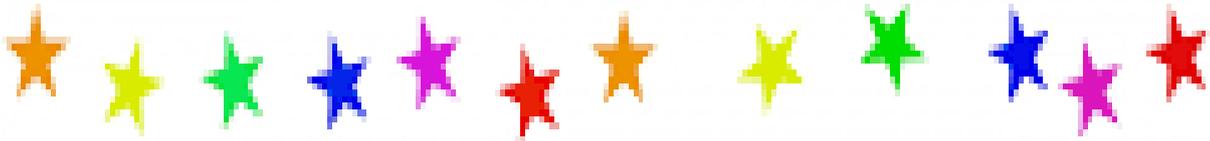
Kingfishers	Thursday
Robins	Thursday and Friday
Eagles	Thursday and Friday
Sparrowhawks	Wednesday and Thursday



Children's Britannica Set

We have been approached by an ex-pupil of Morley School, who has a lovely set of Children's Britannica books – 20 in total. He would like to donate them to a book loving home. Please contact the office if you are interested.

It is very exciting to be at the beginning of a new academic year – welcoming our 4 and 5 year olds to the start of their primary school life and watching all of our children developing and growing in skill, knowledge, confidence and love. Thank you for the trust that you place in us to do this work.



Pupils of the Week



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



Robins

Evie - Perseverance
Wesley - Respect



Eagles

Joshua - Service
Jessica L - Perseverance



Sparrowhawks

Loxley, Amelia, Aridah and Ellie –
Friendship



HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
13	11	10	23

TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

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If you are new to the school, welcome! Please do join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TacolnestonFOTS/> or email us at friendsoftacolneston@gmail.com to keep abreast of important news and upcoming event



Norse

Fresh Ideas Feeding Minds



There is such a thing as a

FREE LUNCH!

Your child may be eligible for a free school meal which could save you over £400 a year and gain additional funding for your school. To see if you qualify, visit

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



Don't forget school meals
are still free for Reception,
Year 1 and Year 2
regardless of
circumstances!



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Basketball Club

with Mr. Smith

Come and join Mr. Smith after school, at Tacolston Primary, every Thursday.

Open to all year groups.
Starting on Thursday 15th September for the whole term, until December 15th.

Every Thursday After School
3:15pm-4:15pm

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Book Now by contacting Mr. Smith at
happysports@yahoo.com

Please note there are only 15 spaces available and your space will be confirmed by email on a first come basis.



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A fun day out for all, stopping off at as many Churches and Chapels as you can!

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**Saturday 10th September 2022
9.00 am - 5.00 pm**

