

THE TACOLNESTON 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*

Week 10 – 17th November 2023

Our Value for Life this term is Trust.

A Message from Mr Carlyle

It has been another tremendously busy week, which began with collective worship on Monday to mark the start of anti-bullying week. This is an annual event in the calendar across the country and the theme for this year was 'Make a noise about bullying'. The hope is always that bullying is eradicated from all schools and weeks such as this are important in keeping the profile high.

It was lovely to see the two reception classes at Tacolneston and Morley come together this week for their trip to the theatre and then their lunch and afternoon learning and play time. There was a lovely mix of children and adults and it is certainly something we would like to do again at some point in the future.

I'd like to take the opportunity to update you on some staffing adjustments happening over the next few weeks. We will be welcoming back Mrs Beck from maternity leave on 1st December, rejoining Eagles Class on a Thursday and Friday. I know she is very much looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Mrs Livermore will be reducing her teaching commitments at Tacolneston from January 2024 to three days per week, on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Merryweather will be working in Sparrowhawks on a Monday and Friday for the remainder of the academic year, to provide the continuity and progression.

Following Mrs Rixon's departure at the end of last term we were very grateful that Mrs Botting stepped in to teach Kingfishers on a Monday and Tuesday. From next term Mrs Botting will return to teaching solely at Morley, so we will be welcoming Mrs Jenny Pearson on a Monday and Tuesday until the end of the summer term.

There is still much to do and look forward to over the next five weeks or so and I very much look forward to sharing this with you.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle

Maths Day

On Wednesday, Year 4 pupils were fortunate to take part in a Dinosaur inspired Maths day led by The Inspiration Trust, students from Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form as well as UEA students. The pupils took part in a carousel of activities and throughout the day, each and every pupil immersed themselves fully in the tasks and demonstrated exemplary behaviour.

Despite several pupils being a little apprehensive about attending a maths day, the enthusiasm, confidence, smiles on faces and comments of 'This has been the best day ever' and 'I wish we could stay longer', showed how much they had enjoyed the day.

For many, a dinosaur version of snakes and ladders, involving multiplication, subtraction, a pack of cards and greater than or less than was a favourite task, whilst others particularly enjoyed finding which egg each belonged to each dinosaur - it is amazing how two plastic egg trays, a vast amount of plastic eggs, sets of clues and some raffle tickets can generate such intense concentration, teamwork and competition.

It was an absolute pleasure to take the children to this event and I am very much hoping to be involved again next year.

Well done Year 4 for being such model students and representing Tacolneston Primary so well. Many members of staff commented on your exemplary behaviour, attitude to learning and ability to work so well with each other,

Miss Grant

Pupil Absences

If you are taking your child on holiday or out on a day trip please remember to complete a Leave of Absence form. Your children will be excited by the change in routine and will be open about their excursion to staff and friends on their return.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is entitled to Free School Meal Vouchers you will receive these today (Friday 17th November). Please look out for them in your inbox.

Dinner Money

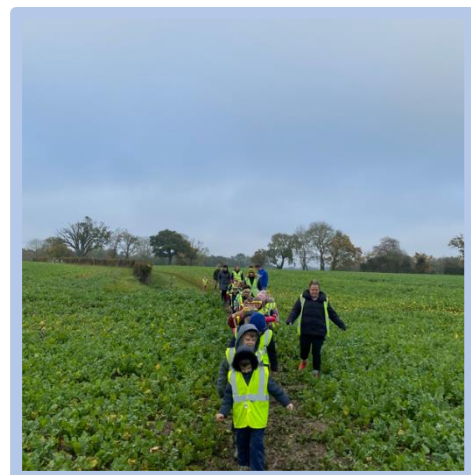
We would be very grateful if you would settle any outstanding dinner bills as soon as possible. There are some accounts unpaid from September. We have to pay for the dinners from the school budget and it helps greatly if we are reimbursed promptly.

Christmas Sugar Collection

Please donate a bag of sugar to our Christmas Sugar Collection Appeal. Huge amounts of sugar are needed in Shelters and Food Kitchens in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. British Sugar will match any donations of Silver Spoon sugar. So please add a bag to your weekly shop and bring it in to school. Many thanks.



Children in Need Sponsored Ramble



FOTS NEWS



The Secret Christmas shop is coming to our school! The week of 4th December children will be able to purchase presents for family members and friends and bring them home all wrapped and labelled. Presents will range from £1 to £3 and children will be able to purchase a maximum of 6 items each.

More details to follow about how this is going to work but our elves are currently really busy getting all this ready!

Don't forget the Christmas cards (and other bits) are available to order again, just use the original details that were sent home.





Pupils of the Week



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



WHOLE SCHOOL - Generosity



For giving up their Friday morning to walk and raise money for Children in Need.



Kingfishers **Whole class – Respect**



Robins **Gideon – Courage**



Eagles **Jessica F-P – Perseverance**
Thea – Perseverance



Sparrowhawks **Molly - Courage**
Year 6 - Perseverance



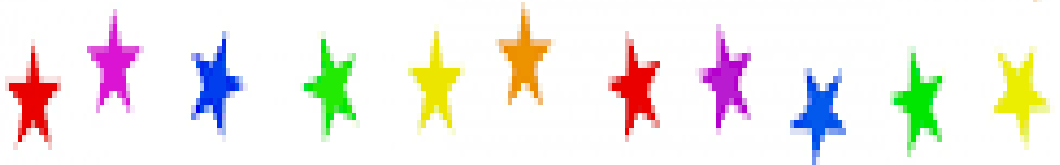
Reading Star **Triston L**



Swimming Certificates



Ella, Scarlett R, Riley, Toby, Finley, Indie, Charlie, Phoebe, Triston, Reuben, James C and Rory



HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING | SUMMER |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 42 | 45 | 35 | 40 |

TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING | SUMMER |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 373 | 402 | 375 | 450 |

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