

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 12 – 1st December 2023

Our Value for Life this term is Trust.

A Message from Mr Carlyle

A big thank you to FOTS who have used some of last year's raised funds and have spent £2000 to buy resources across the school, including books for the library and classrooms, forest school equipment, clocks, maths resources, art materials and music equipment."

Preparations for the nativity are in full swing and there is a genuine sense of enthusiasm and anticipation from the children. I have no doubt that they will do their very best and I know that the audience is going to really enjoy it.

I had the pleasure this week of welcoming Mr Phoenix into school. He spent some time in the classrooms, as well as having a lengthy meeting with me and also speaking to staff. He is very much looking forward to starting in January and cannot wait to begin his headship at both Tacolneston and Morley. I am sure that he will be made to feel very welcome.

This week Miss Grant and I took a small group of children from both schools to the Norfolk Record Office at County Hall in Norwich. Whilst there, we were able to go behind the scenes to look at how documents are catalogued and stored, as well as having the opportunity to look at some old documents that related to the schools from well over one hundred years ago. We learned a huge amount and there will be a follow up visit next term, which I am sure will be equally as interesting.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle

An update from your Governors

The Tacolneston & Morley Local Governance Committee (LGC) met on Tuesday last week. Firstly a quick reminder of who your school governors are:

Parent Governors – Katie Brown (Morley) and Sophie Brewster (Tacolneston).

Trust Governors – Roger Cordey, Kathleen Flowerday, Alan Kent, Serife Kher, Gemma Lawrence and Sherry Locke.

School – Mark Carlyle (Executive Headteacher), Laura Ketley (Staff Governor).

Several of the Trust governors have children at our schools – Sherry at Tacolneston, Gemma at Morley, and I have two grandchildren at Morley. We had hoped that our new Headteacher

Andrew Phoenix would be able to join us at the meeting ahead of his start next term but unfortunately he was unwell on the day.

Our discussion focussed on issues under Academy Improvement including pupil attainment, attendance, behaviour, safeguarding and progress against the Academy Improvement and Development Plan (AIDP). You may recall that Mr. Carlyle sent out a "pupil-friendly" version of this document which is much easier to refer to! We also reviewed the risk registers for the two schools. One of the first areas that Mr Phoenix will be looking in the Spring Term at will be to revisit the Vision and Values of our school federation and I am sure this will involve discussions with both pupils and significant overhaul of our school websites which we are aware has (rightly) had some criticism from parents.

Finally we expressed our gratitude to Mr Carlyle for his invaluable input over the last two terms. He has been with us only for a short time but he has provided a very smooth transition and has put in place many new initiatives on which we can all build over the rest of this school year.

We have a Governor's meeting every half-term and our next meeting is on 13th February 2024.

Alan Kent, Chair of Governors



Christingle

Your child will have brought a Christingle candle home yesterday. Please fill these with change and return them to school as soon as possible.

Children in Need Sponsored Ramble Money

Last call for your ramble sponsor forms and money to be returned to school on Monday please.

Can You Help?

Sugar for Shelters will be collecting our sugar donation on **Tuesday 5th December**. In previous years we have been able to give a large amount to this worthwhile cause. At present, we have only collected 15kg. Please consider adding an extra bag of sugar to your shopping this weekend and bringing it in to school on Monday. British Sugar will match any donations of Silver Spoon.



Wellies in School

Please make sure your child has wellies in school at all times. Now the weather has become much colder we will use the field when the playground is icy and slippery.





DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS SHOP

Next week is an exciting week for FOTS. We are holding our Secret shopping event.

KS1 should have all received their forms. Please return these with the money in an envelope. The children can hand these to their teachers.

KS2 just need to bring their money, if you would like to send them with a list or a note please feel free.

As this is a new event for us we don't know how much time it will take but we have set aside plenty of time all week, so if your child comes home Monday and says they haven't done it don't worry we will get round to all the classes. We have a great range of gift ideas for all the family from £1 to £3!

We still have a few nativity outfits for hire at £3 each. We have kings, Shepherds, stars and a few animals. Please see Julia Hankin or Amy Harrington and they will be able to help you.





Pupils of the Week

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

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|  | Kingfishers | Rose H - Friendship |  |
|  | Robins | Evie - Perseverance
Oscar - Perseverance |  |
|  | Eagles | Rory - Generosity
Austin - Creativity |  |
|  | Sparrowhawks | Isla - Wisdom
Scarlett G - Koinonia |  |
|  | Reading Star | Gideon |  |
|  | Merits | Ella
Reuben E (Bronze)
Harrison and Rory (Gold) |  |

HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
37	35	33	24

TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
423	454	421	492

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 events



Diary Dates

- 8th Christingle (Children only)
- 11th KS2 Carol Service (Parents welcome) 9:00am
- 12th Guitar Assembly (Parents welcome) 9.00am
- 12th Dress Down Day – Christmas theme/colours
- 12th Christmas Lunch (Children only)
- 13th KS1 Nativity Rehearsal (Children only)
- 14th KS1 Nativity Play (Parents welcome) 9:15am
- 20th Last day of Autumn Term**



Wreningham Village Hall
All Seasons Makers Fayre
2nd December
10am - 2pm

Email allseasonsmakers@gmail.com Want to be a stallholder? Email or call 07757665387



HELP US SPREAD KINDNESS THIS

Christmas

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR KIND,
COMMUNITY MINDED YOUNG PEOPLE TO HELP US
REDUCE LONELINESS THIS CHRISTMAS**



Children of all ages are invited to attend free 'Little Visitor' sessions that run in care homes across Norfolk. Residents enjoy the chance to chat, interact, play games and spend time with young people. Under 18's must be with an adult



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