

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 14 – 15th December 2023

Our Value for Life this term is Trust.

A Message from Mr Carlyle

It has been an incredibly busy week, which has been filled with singing, acting and music. All of the children involved in the productions and performances have been absolutely amazing and I hope you are all as proud of them as we are. A special time to be in a primary school has been made even more special by everyone's hard work and enthusiasm. It was lovely that Mr Phoenix was able to join us for the nativities this week and he was extremely impressed by the hard work and talent on show.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the kitchen team and the staff who did a brilliant job this week serving our Christmas meals. It ran like clockwork and it is no mean feat to serve that many delicious meals in such a short space of time. Well done everyone.

This will be my last newsletter of the term and I just wanted to say an enormous thank you for my time at Tacolneston and Morley. From the very start I was made to feel extremely welcome by children, staff, parents, governors and the wider community. I have always felt that being a school leader is a great privilege and I have very much enjoyed playing a small part in the development of these two wonderful schools. I will be staying on at St Benet's MAT in a leadership role so will no doubt hear all about how things are going and I have no doubt the schools will continue to flourish and thrive.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Best wishes

Mark Carlyle

Christmas Post Box

The last posting date is Monday, 18th December for all you school cards. Please make sure that they are all clearly marked with full names and classes.



Panathlon Event

Monday 11th December was the day that Tacolneston went to the Panathlon challenges. There were 7 challenges. 1st was like basketball, the second was like darts but with four balls. Red, blue, green and yellow. The 3rd was a platform with 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 and you had to roll something across if you hit the red one you got double points. The 4th challenge was called Parachute Popcorn. Basically you hold a big parachute and you just put ball on it and you say 3, 2, 1, Go! And you shake the parachute and gathering the balls. The 5th was bowling, in the bowling, we all lined up and took it in turns to try and knock over as many pins as we could. The 6th was called Boccia Blast. In Boccia Blast we all had a ball each and we had to sit on a chair and try to knock over a pole or get a ball out of a hoop or get your ball in a hoop. The 7th one was a bean bag throw, you have to throw on the numbers.

Tacolneston won the competition and we got medals and a trophy

By Blake and Freya



Outstanding Money

Please settle any outstanding payments for dinners, music and trips so that we can close our accounts for 2023. Thank you.

Menu Changes

On the last day of term **Wednesday 20th December** the menu will be

Fish fingers or
Vegetable goujons
Chips
Peas and sweetcorn

Ice cream

On our return to school on Thursday 4th January the menu will be as advertised but the dessert will be fruit yoghurt.

There will be no jacket potatoes available on either day.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is eligible for free school meal vouchers over the holiday. These will be in your inboxes today.

Children in Need – Sponsored Ramble

The School Council would like to thank everyone for supporting this event.
We are pleased to announce that we raised a massive **£656.00** for Children in Need.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on our ramble, without your support the event wouldn't have happened.

Well done everyone for a great fundraising event.

Tacolneston School Council.



Christingle Candles

There is still time to hand your Christingle collection candles in to school, Mrs Durrant will donate them over the holiday.



FOTS NEWS

A huge thank you to all the children that visited our Christmas shop last week. It was very busy but everyone loved buying presents for family and friends knowing it will be a surprise for them.

We would like to congratulate KS1 and KS2 for fantastic performances in the Nativity and Carols this week. It was lovely to see the Glockenspiels which FOTS donated last year being played

We ask that all hired nativity costumes could be returned to reception in a named bag please.

Raffle winners for both KS1 and KS2 - the winners are.....

Neil Linford Hazel
Freddie Welling

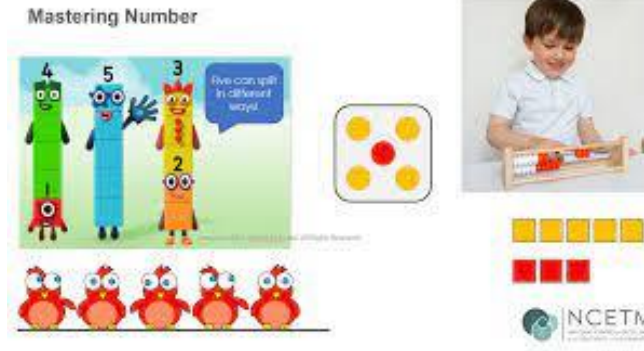
Thank you for supporting all our fundraising events this year, we will share more about recent purchases in the New Year. The total money raised from our Christmas events will also be announced after Christmas.

We still have a few Christmas mugs and glasses left, they are £3 each. If you would like to purchase one please speak to Amy Harrington.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas from FOTS



FOTS presented the children with a sack load of books in Collective Worship today.



We have really enjoyed working on the Number at Home project from the NCETM with you over the last half term.

We have been busy looking at the homework diaries and seeing how you have been getting on, as well as hearing about the activities from the children too! Thank you all very much for your support, it is much appreciated and has had such a positive impact on your child's learning.

Please could we ask that you return the **double sided counters** to school **before the end of term**, as we will be needing these for learning in the classroom in the New Year!

In order to help us plan ahead for our Mastering Number project could you please spend just a few minutes completing the following survey to give us some feedback

[Maths Survey](#)

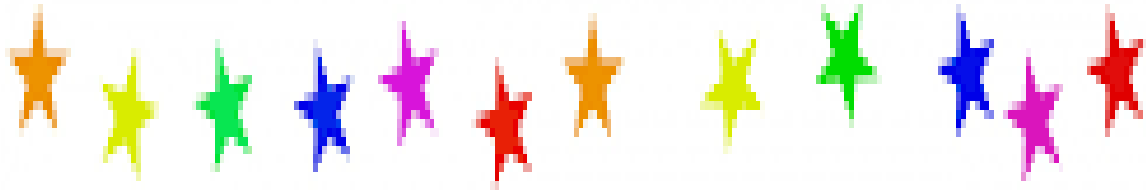
HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
51	57	44	52

TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
573	540	486	573

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



Pupils of the Week



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



Kingfishers

Bella - Creativity



Robins

Eadie – Courage

Whole class - Courage



Eagles

Lexi – Service

Phoebe – Creativity

Wesley - Friendship



Sparrowhawks

**Mia, Scarlett, Freya H, Lottie,
Freya S, Ben, Triston, Freya E
and Jessica - Courage**



Reading Star

Oscar J

Merits

**KS1 - Pixie-Dee, Ivy, Jade, Rose
H, Dillon, Seb, Eadie, Archie,
Oscar and Emmett.**



KS2 - Toby (Gold)

Awesome Author – Ivy

