

# 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 17 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Our Value for Life this term is Perseverance.**

## **Message from Mr Phoenix**

This week has seen some changes I have introduced to improve children's experience at playtimes and lunchtimes. Firstly, having seen how well the children play together and lovely examples of older children looking out for younger children on the playgrounds, we are trialling free-flow use of the wooden play equipment. So, as long as it is not wet or slippery, any children may use the wooden climbing equipment at any time during playtime and lunchtime. We have adults supervising, and I have already been able to observe the children playing considerably and responsibly on the equipment, watching out for each other and making sure there is safe space to play.

Secondly, I have introduced a new lunchtime prayer. The aim of this is to ensure the children come into the dining hall in a quiet and orderly way ready to share in the lunchtime prayer together as a whole school before being served their meals. Lunchtime is a really important part of every child's day, so I composed the prayer to help the children think about the value of both food and friendship as well as the importance of being thankful for what we have.

The prayer is:

Dear Lord, Thank You for bringing us together today  
Please bless this time as we eat and play.  
May our food nourish us and our friendships enrich how we live,  
Help us to be thankful for all that You give.  
Amen

My other challenge for the children this week has been for them to respond as quickly as they can to our whole-school signal for quiet and attention. The signal has been established a long time, and is a member of staff raising their hand, with children responding by doing the same while being quiet and listening. Having a refreshed focus on the signal this week has enabled some classes to get super fast at responding! It is really helpful to have a signal common to the whole school as it enables any member of staff to gain everyone's attention whenever this is needed.

There has been lots of great learning taking place this week. I have seen some wonderful art and design work, with children taking a real pride in art techniques and their sketchbooks. Have a look on the website 'Latest News' for some art examples from Eagles and Sparrowhawks classes. We also had a group of visiting teachers to Tacolneston, to come and see Maths Mastery teaching in action. They took away lots of notes and ideas, and it is great to be able to share the good practice going on in our school with a wider professional audience.

I must also say 'well done' to our group of children from Y2, Y3 and Y4 who took part in the 'Spirit of the Games' sporting event at the UEA this week. They came back very enthusiastic about the activities they had done - which included archery, basketball, curling and various athletic and team games.

Have a good weekend,

Andrew Phoenix

## **Sesame and Nuts**

Please may we remind you that we have children in school with serious nut allergies so we are a **nut free school**. Please do not include any nut products in snacks or lunchboxes. This includes sesame products (sushi and hummus) and products such as Nutella, cereal bars etc.

## **Photo Consent Forms**

Thank you to those of you who have returned their completed consent forms, if you haven't handed yours in yet please do so as soon as possible.

## **Lost Property**

There are a number of items of lost property in the foyer. Please come and have a look and see if anything belongs to you. Anything **not** collected by half term will be disposed of.

## **Occupational Therapy Digital Library**

Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board have produced the Occupational Therapy Digital Library – a new digital resource for parents, carers, educators and health and social care professionals seeking expert guidance and tools to support children's success in everyday activities.

Please follow this link: [www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/occupational-therapy-for-parents-carers](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/occupational-therapy-for-parents-carers) to find an extensive collection of articles, videos, interactive activities and downloadable resources that cover topics such as personal care, toileting, using cutlery, skills for learning and play, sensory and emotional regulation and much more.

## FOTS NEWS

The FOTS held our first meeting of the year this week, we reflected on last year's successes and have started to make plans for 2024.

I am pleased to announce that we raised a total of **£629** from our Christmas fundraising events, thank you all for your support as always.

We are excited to announce that FOTS have arranged a real treat for the children at the end of half term. We have hired a fantastic theatre company to come and perform "The Wizard of Oz" to the whole school, this is being funded by FOTS and we hope the children will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

We are hosting "bags2school" again on **12th February**, bags2school collects our unwanted household items and turns them into cash. See below for a list. We are opening this up to the village this year so if you have friends, family or neighbours locally who are having a spring clean, please let them know we would very much appreciate their donations, the more we collect the more we earn.

Bags and confirmation of timings will come home in school bags next week. More info can be found on their website at <https://bag2school.com/how-it-works>

### WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

*\* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items*

We are looking forward to hosting our valentines disco on 15th February, keep an eye on school bags for ticket slips, posters will go up next week.

We also have plans to host a Mother's Day "cuppa and cake" afternoon in March and another "Bingo and Chips" night at Easter. Check out the school diary and save the dates.

Please note we are cancelling the mismatch dress down day as with Easter falling early this year, we will actually be on Easter holiday on 9th April! However, we are replacing this with a whole school "PJ day" on 17th May to celebrate the end of SATS week.

Lastly, please do get to know us, we are always keen to hear your thoughts and ideas, one or more of us are normally at pick up or you can contact us via facebook or email. It would be wonderful to have some new members, especially those with younger children or grandchildren at the school, just to ensure representation from all year groups.



## Pupils of the Week



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



**Kingfishers      Jade – Wisdom**



**Robins            Freddie – Perseverance  
Lana - Service**



**Eagles            Alex – Service  
Riley - Perseverance**



**Sparrowhawks    Triston – Service  
Freya S - Perseverance**



**Reading Star      Austin**

**Merits            KS1 Lana, Evie B, Edward H**



**Awesome Author – Freya E**



### HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
28	39	41	46

### TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
684	733	649	768

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](mailto:friendsoftacolneston@gmail.com) to keep abreast of important news and upcoming events



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# Conference 2024

## Family Voice Conference 2024

Parents and carers of children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are being invited to the 12th annual Family Voice Norfolk conference.

The conference will take place on Saturday, 23 March 2024 at the John Innes Centre, Norwich, NR4 7UH.

This free event is designed to give parents and carers access to information and workshops around subjects relating to SEND, all in one place.

Look out for highlights on the day, including:

- Keynote speaker
- Information stands
- Six workshops and presentations
- Face-to-face "speed-dating-style" (individual) sessions with service professionals and voluntary organisations – a chance for you to speak one-on-one with experts.
- Free refreshments, lunch and on-site parking.

Please click [here](#) to book your place. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Please note that if your children are attending with you, we are sadly unable to offer activities for children and would suggest that you bring any fidget toys, books, simple activities, iPads etc, that your child or young person might need.

The conference centre is likely to be very busy and can become noisy, but we will have a quiet room available for anyone who needs to use it. Your children and young people will be required to stay with you at all times.

If you have any questions or enquiries about the conference, please email Family Voice.