

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 19 – 9th February 2024

Our Value for Life this term is Perseverance.

Message from Mr Phoenix

It has been a very busy week at Tacolneston this week!

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, and we have been reflecting in Collective Worship this week on the importance of the things we say and do, and how our words and actions impact other people. Just as in day-to-day life, it is equally important for us all to be positive and kind in the way we interact online. For advice as parents with online safety, there are lots of resources and ideas on how to support and protect your child/ren here <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

This week, some of our older children joined with their peers from Morley to visit the Norfolk Records Office, as part of a project centred on history and heritage at Deopham church. The Records Office staff were impressed by the engagement and interest the children had, and their skills in piecing together what life was like, from maps, census data, records and a school log book. Because of the level of maturity and respect the children showed, the staff were able to trust them to handle and look first-hand at actual historic documents, which is a great privilege.

Also this week, our infant children visited the Norwich Synagogue as part of their RE learning. The synagogue volunteers who showed them round were really impressed with the children's behaviour and their prior knowledge about Judaism. The children loved experiencing the atmosphere in the synagogue, the scrolls and tasting shabbat food!

It's not just the children but our teachers and support staff have been extra busy this week too! In staff training evenings, all staff have been working with colleagues in school and across St Benet's Trust to share best practice in teaching and learning. We have been exploring strategies to check that children really understand what they have been taught, to ensure there is support in place to help everyone reach their goals, and how sharing examples of work can inspire and challenge children in their own learning.

It's great to have such a committed staff and expertise we can share as well as new ideas to learn and explore. Thank you also for your commitment to school as parents. One indicator of that commitment to education is children's attendance, which currently stands at 94% over this academic year to date. In the 1860s school logbook we saw at the Record Office, the headteacher wrote one week "Everything is in perfect order, with attendance at 93%". I'm not sure 93% attendance is 'perfect' but attendance is important and let's keep it up - and keep our attendance better than the Victorians!

Andrew Phoenix

Valentine's Disco



Thank you for returning your slips for the Valentine's Disco, if you would like your child to attend and haven't handed your form, with payment, in then please do so by Monday at the latest.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The sheets are up in the foyer for you to sign and make your appointments.



Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is entitled to vouchers you will receive these today.

FOTS NEWS

Bags2School Collection on **Monday 12th February.**

Please bring your donations to school on Monday morning.

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:

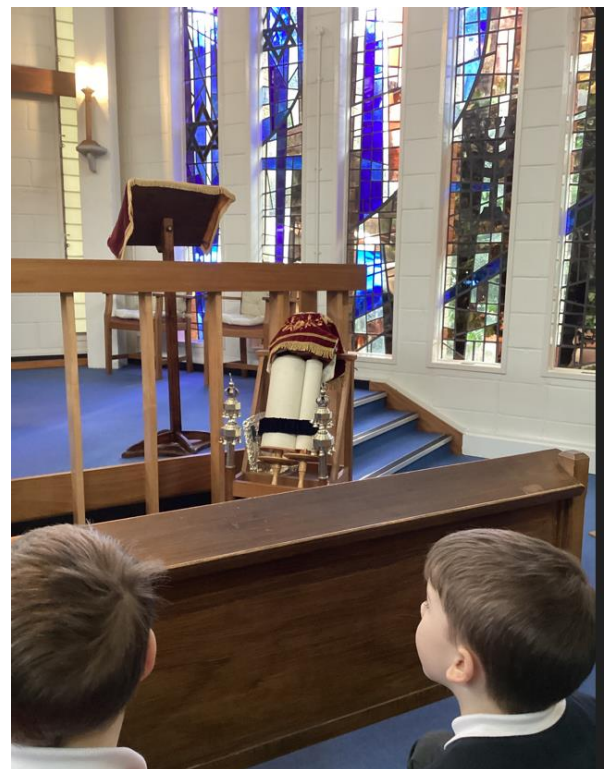
- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

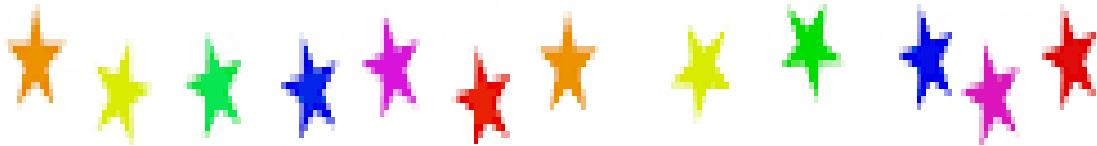


* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

Robins Trip to Norwich Synagogue

Robins' class had an excellent trip to Norwich Synagogue this week. Mrs Ketley was very impressed with the children's knowledge of Judaism. They had lots of opportunity to learn about Jewish culture, dressing up and tasting food. Thanks to our parent helpers, pictured below, for helping to make the trip such a success.





Pupils of the Week



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



Kingfishers **Arthur - Perseverance**



Robins **Whole Class - Wisdom**



Eagles **Ella – Service**
Oscar D - Creativity



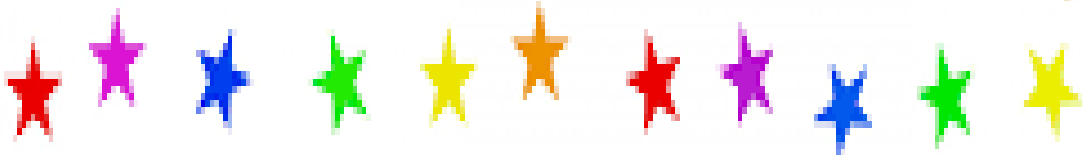
Sparrowhawks **Jacob – Perseverance**
Pippa – Perseverance
Scarlett G - Creativity



Reading Star **Alyssa**



Merits **Gideon, Halle, Chloe (Bronze)**
Indie (Silver)



HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
45	55	52	49

TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
760	823	730	854

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