

# 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 25 – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

## **A message from Mr Phoenix**

Welcome back to the new school term! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Easter.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at the end of last term for the Easter service at Tacolneston church. This was a wonderful occasion of celebration and singing, and it was good to have Bishop Ian join us and share his words about the Easter story. Well done to the school choir and Year 3 and Year 4 children who led the main parts of the service, and Mrs Livermore for her superb organ accompaniment. Thank you to all our parents and families for assisting with the transportation arrangements before and afterwards.

During this term we are making some important developments in our school curriculum. We have adopted a new curriculum framework for History, Geography and Art, and beginning with one of these subjects this term, children from Year 1 upwards will be learning in a slightly new way. The curriculum framework provides clear outlines of learning, relevant vocabulary and core concepts for teachers. Our staff are then able to construct their own innovative and engaging lessons around this framework, so that lessons are relevant and designed for our particular children. The structure of lessons has a focus on vocabulary, learning key knowledge, and exploring and applying this in practical, discussion, diagrammatic and written forms. This enables children to think hard about what they are learning and consolidate their understanding. Another key feature is lessons being formed of small chunks so that there is plenty of discussion, application, exploration and challenge in several sections through the session (as opposed to a longer teaching input and then extended pupil response which is shown to result in reduced focus over the session).

Because the new curriculum framework is built around a cycle of learning units slightly different in sequence to what is currently taught, there are a few gaps and areas to cover during this term before embarking on the new framework cycle fully in September. Filling these gaps now will ensure children have the right continuity in their learning from this point forward.

We look forward to some really engaging learning and children achieving well - hopefully they will be keen to talk to you about what they have been learning and how these new lessons work!

Best wishes

Mr Phoenix



## Home/School Arrangements

If your child is going home with another parent please make sure you let the office or class staff know beforehand.

Please also let the office know if you give permission for your Yr 6 child to walk home after school.

## Sparrowhawks - Goodnight Mr Tom

Before the holiday, Sparrowhawks got to finish the term's project work on World War II with a viewing of the film Goodnight Mr Tom, starring John Thaw.

The class were also treated to popcorn for the film - kindly supplied by FOTs - which provided a lovely addition to the experience for the children.

Having read the book by Michelle Magorian, we were able to make comparisons between the novel and the film adaptation - especially all the bits that were missed out. A good example of how the book is (nearly) always better than the film - although the film did a very good job in this case. Fitting a 300 page book into 100 minutes is no easy task.

## Horstead Residential Trip

There will be a meeting for both parents and pupils for all those who have signed up to go on the Horstead Residential trip on Tuesday 21st April at 2.45pm in the Hall. This is an opportunity to hear more about the activities that we will be doing, what your child needs to bring and also a chance to ask any questions that you might have. I will be giving out copies of the kit list and medical forms at this meeting. If you are unable to attend we will ensure that you get a copy of the letters after the meeting.

Many Thanks, Miss Grant

## Car Parking

Please may we remind you that the car park is for staff and visitors or if you have a prior arrangement with school. We ask this so that there are not children walking around the car park when cars are moving around. In the past we have had some near misses and we want to keep everyone safe.



## Earrings in School

If your child has pierced ears and wears earrings please make sure they are removed or taped over for PE days.



## Year 4 Off Road Cycling

A reminder that next week the Y4 cycling course will start. Please remember to have your child's bicycle and helmet at school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and pay any outstanding amounts on SchoolMoney.



## Pupils of the Week

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

**Kingfishers**    **Rose W - Perseverance**

**Robins**        **Ella-Mae - Friendship**  
**Freddie - Wisdom**

**Eagles**        **Indie – Service**  
**Austin - Perseverance**

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

### Gold Cards

Ruby, Bella, Reuben E, Freddie, Oscar,  
 Freya E, Lily-Rose, Reuben S, Emmet,  
 Evie L-H, Lana and Eadie

**Awesome Author**

**Joshua R**

**Reading Star**

**Lana**

#### HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
61	47	48	69

#### TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
972	1053	953	1073