

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 27 – 3rd May 2024

Our Value for Life this term is Perseverance.

A message from Mr Phoenix

Children have been making the most of the warmer weather on the field and the 'Galleon' climbing equipment. Some children commented to me that 'it's too hot!' and I think this goes to show the contrast in the cooler weather we have had for so long and what it normally is for this time of year!

I have had the pleasure this week of talking with staff and children about the new curriculum lessons we have embarked on, and looking at some of the children's work. The feedback is very positive - having 'short bursts' of learning with varied activities keeps up focus and interest, revisiting ideas with questions and quizzes helps retain key learning, and being able to present learning and record ideas in different ways enables all to succeed. A great start to the new curriculum approach. I have also been able to share this with our Trust team during an academy review day held on Thursday this week.

We are now in that time of year where there are statutory assessments for many of our classes. Our children (and staff) have been working hard towards these - children taking the learning in their stride and responding well to extra support and focussed work on areas they need. Thank you for your continuing support in helping your child/ren with learning at home and reassuring them about tests and assessments. We work hard to make these as non-threatening as we can, and I expect many children will say they actually enjoyed the tests when they have completed them!

Best wishes
Mr Phoenix

Change of Menu

Please note that next week, the lunch menu for Tuesday and Thursday (mains, puddings and allergen aware) will be swapped due to preparation issues caused by Bank holiday Monday.

Kingfishers Assembly

Kingfishers are holding their assembly on **Tuesday 7th May** at 9am, parents are welcome to attend.



Packed Lunches

Please remember that sweets and chocolate are not permitted in packed lunch boxes. Please only choose items from the biscuit aisle to lunches.



Save the date

Sports day Monday July 8th (reserve date in case weather prevents us - Wed 10th)

Sparrowhawks Summer musical 2:00pm Thurs 18th July



Half Term Tech Camp

Next Thing Education Camp Ltd are running a tech camp this May half term at **Mulbarton Primary School, NR14 8JG** on the **28th – 31st of May 2024** from **9 am to 4 pm** each day.

Next Thing's Tech Camps are all about making learning fun, encouraging skill-building and giving children the opportunity to try something different! From programming challenges, Robot Coding, Photoshop Skills, Minecraft, DJ mixing and LEGO programming, we have all the creative boxes ticked! Whether your child is a tech whiz, or new to STEM education, let them come along and make new friends, have a blast, and gain skills that will last a lifetime.

Here's what our parents thought about the Easter Tech Camp:

"Lovely staff. Very friendly and helpful. Son had an **amazing time** at tech camp. Would highly recommend it."

All staff are DBS Checked and qualified to run the greatest sessions in the safest environment. For more information **check out our flyer attached** or **visit our website:** www.nextthing.education

Don't forget to use the code MAY5 for £5 off your booking.

MAY HALF TERM 2024
28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

- LEGO ANIMATION
- MINECRAFT CODING
- 3D PENS
- CIRCUITRY
- SMART ROBOTICS
- LAZER TAG
- VR
- ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS

HERE THIS MAY HALF-TERM!

TECH CAMP

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE
www.nextthing.education

What to bring to camp?

- Personal lunch and drinks
- Water bottle
- Woolly toy
- Headphones
- Woolly toy
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We are in your area!

We have more than 30 camps running this May. Find your local camp on our website: www.nextthing.education

£5 OFF
WITH CODE: MAY5

Kids love NextThing!

"My child had a fabulous time, and this is the first type of STEM holiday club I've seen in our area. I'd definitely recommend and book again!"
Parent - St John's College School

W: www.nextthing.education
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Pupils of the Week

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

Kingfishers

Ruby – Wisdom

Robins

**Elsie – Perseverance
George - Perseverance**

Eagles

**Triston D – Service
Jude - Perseverance**

**Sparrowhawks Leo – Thankfulness
Jcob - Service**

Merits

Bronze – Alex M, Phoebe, H, Lottie, Freya E, Scarlett G and Jessica

Silver – Zachary

KS1 – Jade, Rose W and Rose H

Gold Cards

Jack, Zachary, Blake and Lottie

**Awesome Author - Jade
Reading Star – Freya H**

HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
32	30	23	33

TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
1044	1154	1022	1146

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

SUMMER FAYRE - Sat 22nd June 2024

We are pleased to announce we are able to go ahead with this year's Summer Fayre. Thank you to the volunteers so far. It is a fantastic event that the children love, and is a great way to bring the school and local community together.

Volunteers –

For those that haven't had a chance, the rota is still up outside the office. Just half an hour is a big help to support the event and FOTS. Please add your name against a timeslot and stall/game.

Donations –

For the tombola, please can each class donate the following by 7th June [2024](#)

Kingfishers: Chocolates

Robins: Sweets

Eagles: Drinks

Sparrowhawks: Biscuits

Wine and Water game -

Empty screw top wine bottles are needed for this game and newspapers please.

Raffle –

Our Sparrowhawks have written fantastic letters to local businesses in the hope that we will get some prizes donated. If there are any parents, guardians or grandparents who have a local business and would like to donate a prize it would be very much appreciated.

Cakes -

We usually sell tea/coffee and cake. Last year we had very few cake donations so please don't think these are not needed. It would be lovely to have some home-made cakes but if you do not have time a shop bought cake is fantastic too.

Please have your cake ready and donated by 11.30am on the day of the fayre, or if you are unable to attend leave outside the office on Friday 21st June.

Remember no nuts, and please specify ingredients

Stalls –

If you would like to have a stall on the day, please let one of the FOTS team know. £5 donation

Tacolneston has Talent –

It's Back! Laura from FOTS will be explaining all in an assembly soon.

Any questions please contact FOTS on friendsoftacolneston@gmail.com

Make a difference for families in Norfolk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When

4-week training course
starting **Wednesday**
5th of June 10:00-14:00

Where

St Elizabeth's Church
Hall, Cadge Road,
Norwich, NR5 8DG

We are looking for **compassionate, non-judgmental and caring individuals to join our community of over 100 volunteers to share their parenting experiences and knowledge with families in Norfolk.**

Volunteering with Home-Start Norfolk is a fulfilling experience. Make a significant impact on young children and their parents in your community. By generously dedicating a few hours of your precious time each week, you can make a lasting impact on the lives of children

The benefits of volunteering can last a lifetime—not only for the families you are helping but for yourself as well.

To find out more about volunteering visit

www.homestartnorfolk.org/volunteer or call 01603 977040

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