



TAVERHAM HALL

Preparatory School

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Dear Parents

Parents of those pupils in Years 7&8 should be especially proud this week. I have simply been overwhelmed by the number of emailed correspondences I have received since last week's Open Morning, complementing the school on the tour guides in particular. The fact that these have been from prospective parents, many visiting the school for the first time, had made for a wonderful start to the week.

With confirmation that, due to increased numbers, Year 3 in September 2010 will be a two-form entry comes the inevitable interviewing of prospective candidates which will take place during the final week of half term. Due to this, I will be busier than usual and consequently this will be the final newsletter of this half term.

PREP

The 'Excellent Work' board is full of new material which parents should find the time to consider and the recent poetry work undertaken by Year 8, displayed in the Outer Hall also makes fabulous reading.

This week's musical assembly was provided by Thomas Barter playing the violin and Abigail Foster playing the piano. Both pupils performed really well and overcame their nerves to impress us all. Oliver Liston received a musical certificate in assembly which indicated that he has a great deal of promise as it was a prep test for the piano undertaken by the Associated Board of Music. Well done Oliver.

James and William Graver were the proud recipients of two football trophies in this week's assembly having lost by just the one goal in a final held at Carrow Road. Charlie Sizer happened to be on the team that beat them and also received a fabulous trophy in Friday's assembly!

Last week's 'Radiator of the Week' was awarded to Sacha Burke and Eleanor Richardson-Howell who were two of the tour guides who did such a wonderful job last Friday. Of particular note was that the parents in question chased me half way round the school before leaving just to inform me of how impressed they had been with the girls!

Parents are reminded that next Monday's Book Fair (24 May) and talk to parents by Marilyn Brocklehurst, from the Norfolk Children's Book Centre, should be a very worthwhile event and parental attendance at 1700 is greatly encouraged. **If you wish to attend, your child can be supervised in prep or big school during this talk.**

This week's matches were always going to be tough against Town Close. Mr Goldsmith takes up the story.

SPORT

The **1st XI** competed at Town Close and produced an excellent and closely fought game. Taverham decided to bat first after winning the toss. James Spratt showed how perseverance and getting a start can reap rewards. Playing straight and following the practicing that we had done the previous day, he played very well for his 8 runs and put on 25 for the first wicket with Sam Hunt. Sam then went to an unplayable delivery that reared up and was caught. Robert Goldsmith played good shots but was out for 27 when an attempted pull shot went high and was brilliantly caught by the bowler. Ben Quilter then steadied the ship with a solid 15, but his running between the wickets cost him and Harry Gayfer their wickets. Others batted with guts on a difficult wicket. William Burton ended not out 3 as Taverham posted 105 all out. After tea Taverham got off to a flyer. Robert took a wicket with the first ball and Ben did the same from the other end as Harry took a sharp chance at cover. Ben finished with 2 for 21 off his 7 overs. Sam took a superb catch and bowled with a diving catch to remove one of the Town Close county batsmen. Freddie Gayfer came on to remove the top scorer but alas too late as Town Close won in the 25th over by 4 wickets. The fielding and concentration shown by all the fielders was superb and all players represented the school well. Work to be done on lines and length will improve the team further.

Mr Newton...

Colts' A suffered a 39 run defeat in a high scoring Norfolk Cup match against Town Close. Losing the toss proved crucial as Town Close opted to bat first on a pitch that grew slower and lower as the match wore on. Despite some accurate bowling from captain James Robb, we struggled to make a breakthrough and it wasn't until Kieran Peters joined the attack that we put a brake on Town Close's scoring. However, they still managed an impressive 143 for 5 from their 28 overs. Full marks should go to the Taverham fielding display and this was typified by some fine stops and steady bowling by Will Mitchell and an outstanding caught and bowled by Robert Baker. Facing such a daunting total we made a slow start but cleverly kept wickets in hand as James and Kieran gradually put Town Close under pressure and at 70 for 1 after 16 overs we were well in the hunt. Sadly, Kieran was out soon after and despite James' breezy 36 our inexperienced lower order failed to cope with the scoring rate and the vagaries of the pitch. We eventually finished on 109 for 9 so at least had the satisfaction of not being bowled out and reaching three figures thanks to a sensible knock from Tom Poole.

Colts 'B' lost narrowly despite some excellent bowling from Harry Darley and Toby Little. Further details to follow in due course.

The girls fared rather better...

U13 Girls v Langley. We had the disadvantage of batting first and Cecily Rainey was the only team member really fired up and she scored 4 of the 6 rounders accumulated in our first innings. However, we can usually rely on safe effective fielding to keep us in a game although this fell a little short of expectations and going into the second innings we were only a whisker ahead. Tough talking at half time managed to turn the game around and by mustering more determination and

becoming more alert, our score leapt to 25! Langley's hitting was more powerful second time round but our fielding was also sharper and although some balls got through we held them to a total of 14. Top scorer was Cecily, but useful scores (3 or 4 rounders each) provided by Georgina Lyon, Hollie Milton and Annabel Kennard. Good deep fielding by Annabel and Charlotte Billig, the latter taking catches, as we have now come to expect and an excellent stop, so nearly caught, by Samantha Blackman. Joint player of the match: Cecily and Annabel.

The **U10 Rounders Team** played at home to Town Close this Wednesday afternoon. It was a beautiful afternoon for a match, and we saw lots of parents come to support their daughters, which was great to see. We lost the toss and started off batting in the first innings, which was unfortunate as the girls did not seem to be firing on all cylinders to begin with. Jemma Crossley was the only team member to score in this innings with 2 lovely full rounders from some great hits over 4th post. Town Close were strong fielders and got all out pretty quickly. They were also strong in batting with a number of the team hitting some incredible distances to gain some great full rounders. Their score at the end of the first innings 7 rounders to 2. After the half time chat, the girls rallied themselves and came back with some fire in their bellies. Jemma again strong with her batting and Madeleine Clements showed some fantastic skill placing the ball beautifully to go on and score some full rounders. Emma Martin as captain for the match also scored some great half rounders as did Amelia Ellis-Baumber, with Molly Crabtree showing some great potential for next year's team. Miriam Whadcoat as our only left handed player was also hitting the ball well today. At the end of the innings we had scored a further 8 ½ rounders which was fantastic. Town close were again very strong in their batting with some big hitters. Harriet Blake performed very well at backstop; Carlotta de la Noy replaced Miriam at first post and a special mention to Lydia Ellis-Baumber for some superb bowling. Town Close scored a further 9 rounders. The score at the end of the match was Town Close 16 Taverham 10 ½, a very even second half of the match. Thanks must also go to our 3 Year 4 players Molly, Madeleine and Evie Andrews for helping the side out and playing so well. Well done girls. Player of the Match: Madeleine Clements for some great batting and fielding. Jemma Crossley: highest scorer of the match.

PRE-PREP

The highlight of this week for the Reception children has been their visit to St Edmund's Church. The children travelled in the minibus driven by Mrs Crossley and they were met by the Rev Seabrook. He spoke to the children telling them about the interior of the church. The highlight of the visit was climbing up to the organ loft, playing the organ and ringing the bell.

Excitement was in the air for Year 1 children this week. A St Bernard dog called Wilberforce, who is their classroom mascot, received a treasure map and instructions in 'pirate writing' in a bottle that had been washed ashore at Sea Palling. This was very opportune as the children were drawing their own treasure island maps and beginning to write their adventure stories. Next week, as part of their forest school activity, the children are going to follow the map and hopefully unravel the clues to find the treasure!

Year 2 have been working very hard with their SATs tests in English and Maths over the last two weeks. They have also been totally involved in their science project on plants and minibeasts in their local environment. This week, much to their delight,

several of their tadpoles have become little froglets! In addition, the children have each got their own painted lady caterpillar to look after (all have been given names by their adoring keepers) and are looking forward to seeing all the changes.

GENERAL

It is a very busy week next week as the 'Dates for your Diary' indicates.

FRIENDS' FETE

Any toys in good condition, confectionery etc. and items for the tombola and raffle should all be brought to Pre-Prep in advance and cakes and homemade produce should be brought there on the morning of the fete on **Friday 28 May**. Please ensure this date is in everyone's diary.

EASTON COLLEGE GARDEN PROJECT

The Restoration of the old Walled Garden is the first exciting joint project between Taverham Hall School and Easton College. The project started in April this year and has been financed and supported by very generous donations from local companies Baileys of Norfolk, West Norfolk Scaffolding, Read Timber and the Friends of Taverham Hall School.

The project has almost been completed and further details will become available soon and will also be posted on the school's website.

We have had our first donation of plants by Mrs Tonicha Stanbridge, mother of Alice in Reception. Mrs Stanbridge kindly gave the project 2 climbing rose plants and 1 kiwi fruit climbing plant .

We also have our first volunteer: Mrs Pat Chapman, who is a very keen gardener and kindly offered her help with the restoration of the garden.

PARENTS' BOARD

We have created a Parents' Board section on our school website. Parents who are interested in posting their services via this board are asked to submit their entry plus logo (as a jpg file) and website link where applicable to Mrs Crossley on a.crossley@taverhamhall.co.uk.

There is no cost involved for posting this information on the school website. However, the school would welcome a link back to the Taverham Hall School website www.taverhamhall.co.uk from the website of those parents who are willing and able to facilitate this.

BUS ROUTE

We have only received 3 responses to date. To ensure we have received everyone's feedback can you please email Mrs Crossley on a.crossley@taverhamhall.co.uk as

soon as possible, should any of the school bus routes be of interest to you. It will otherwise be a very difficult exercise to undertake with any real understanding of parental needs.

I do hope everyone enjoys a peaceful, relaxing and sunny weekend.

M A Crossley
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 – 27 May		1535	Pre-Prep Parent Consultations
24 May		1700	Talk to parents by Marilyn Brocklehurst of Norfolk Children's Book Centre
25 May	Tue		Prep School Team Photos
25 May	Tue	1830	Parent Information Evening – Y6&7 trip to Naples
27 May	Thurs		Hands on the Past History Day
28 May	Fri	1415	Pre-Prep Sports Day
28 May	Fri	1500	Friends' Fete
29 May – 6 June			Half Term