



TAVERHAM HALL

Preparatory School

25 June 2010

Dear Parents

With Prize Giving and Speech Day on the horizon, I will endeavour to keep this newsletter brief!

The following pupils have qualified for the final of the Junior Language Challenge which is a National Event. Headmaster's Commendations have gone to William and James Graver, Rhys Pearson-Shaul and Jemma Crossley for this fantastic achievement.

Ezra Leverett, William Barker and Alex Conway have been exceptionally busy designing wonderful insect models in response to the Art Challenge and their efforts are simply first class. They are proudly displayed in the Outer Hall, (the models not the children!) and the boys have also all received Headmaster's Commendations.

As we approach the final run in to a very busy term, my hope is that all parents will have filled in the on-line survey sent out last week. So far we have had 62 responses. Please contact the office at your earliest convenience if you did not receive the survey, as this is an important exercise and one where parental involvement is key.

All parents will be receiving an official invitation to the Prize Giving and Speech Day on 9 July and with so much to celebrate and some very special goodbyes, it would be an occasion which I hope should be extremely well attended. Our guest speaker Lucy Pearson, is an 'old girl' of the school and has gone on to captain England 1st XI cricket side as well as recently being appointed as a Head at a prestigious independent senior school. I know she is looking forward to returning to her old school and addressing staff, pupils and parents.

PREP

The Year 7 Parent Information Evening was well attended and tied in well with Prep School Parents' Forum Evening last Thursday. Both events indicated the strength of support for the school in a number of key areas and my thanks go to all the staff and parents who attended.

Year 3 Potato Growing competition

Year 3 have taken part in the British Potato Council's, 'Grow your own Potato competition'. The potatoes were chitted back in February, planted just before Easter and watered regularly. From the 3 Rocket seed potatoes, grew 980g of potatoes. From the Vales Emerald variety, grew 1050g and from the Maris Bard 500g. Some of Mrs Hoare's old potatoes, which were already shooting when they were planted in March came out winners with weights of 1020g and 1300g!

The bed of Maris Bard was also harvested and they weighed in at 8310g. The Year 3's enjoyed the gardening and we are waiting to hear if they enjoyed the potatoes when they took them home to try!



SPORT

It has been a very hot and productive week on the games fields with rounders and cricket occupying a great deal of time for both staff and pupils. Some pupils will have been involved in three separate fixtures this week alone – oh to be in demand!

We start with the cricket...

Cricket

For the second week running the **Colts' A** produced a dynamic performance with the bat. Again they were indebted to an aggressive 50 by Kieran Peters, which contained nine 4s. He was well supported by James Robb, Freddie Mann, Rob Baker and Will Mitchell who all chipped in to take us to 126 for 6 of our 20 overs. This was a huge task for our opponents, Great Finborough but their opening pair and middle order all ran cleverly between the wickets and thanks to our lethargic and at times disappointing fielding we struggled to contain them. However, two bowlers Rob Baker and Jack van Poortvliet, slowed their progress and the five wickets they captured left us comfortable winners in the end by 42 runs. The Colts' A have now played six games, winning two, drawing two and losing two!

This was a slightly different game for the **Colts' B** as they were having to play pairs cricket for the first time this season, but thankfully it didn't seem to cause any problems. After being put into bat the opening two pairs worked extremely hard and managed to get to 61 runs for no wickets. George Clements and Tom Martin played an important part in this, but it was an unbeaten 25 from Charlie Sizer that was the real highlight. The rest of the boys all played their part and they finished on 111 for 3 off their 20 overs. Finborough's reply was immediate and their opening pair were on course to score over forty runs from their 4 overs had it not been for George Clements taking a wicket with his last ball. After this the visitors never really looked like they could reach our score thanks to some really great work from all the bowlers, with 2 wickets for Edward Clough and Will Graver and three for Yuri Konstantinidis. The boys won by over forty runs, but what impressed most was how they continuously supported each other throughout the game with endless encouragement. A really great end to the season - well done.

The **Colts' C** played a game of pairs cricket against Gt Finborough. Our guests were short of some players so we lent them 4 of our cricketers and prepared for an exciting match. We lost the toss and were put into bat. We started really well as Toby Little dispatched the first two balls for boundaries. We then learned the importance of defensive play as Toby was twice bowled swinging at balls that were right on his stumps. We only lost 1 more wicket all afternoon and started to pile on the runs with some big hitting for Ben Green, Isaac Little and Alex Conway, sensibly supported by the captain Will Barker. The pick of Gt Finborough's bowlers was a Taverham boy, Joss Mordaunt whose 2 overs went for 5 runs. Jamie Clamp kept wicket for Finborough and did an excellent job only giving away 2 byes. Alex Conway's top score of 19 gave us a final total of 108 (starting from 0). Finborough started slowly as our bowlers put them under a lot of pressure. Harry Randell clean bowled one of their batsmen to make the run chase much more difficult for our opposition. Samuel Baker, representing Finborough offered some resistance, first with a 2 which stopped short of the boundary and then with a magnificent

shot down the left side which raced away for 4. We managed to keep Finborough's score down with a regular succession of wickets. Ben Green caught and bowled one of their players and then contributed with some fine fielding to allow Isaac Little a run out. Will Barker came on to bowl and took 3 wickets; 1 clean bowled and 2 caught behind by our excellent wicket keeper, Harry Randell. Alex Conway also got a wicket as did Jamie Burke with some lovely straight bowling. This left Finborough's final pair of Ryan Martin and Joss Mordaunt needing 62 off the last 4 overs. They gave it a good go, Jos hitting 19 off 14 balls and Ryan hitting a magnificent 24 off 10 balls, but they fell just short so Taverham won the game. It was a really good afternoon which was enjoyed by all.

The **U9 A's** finished the cricket season in fine form with a win over Gt Finborough on Wednesday afternoon. Taverham were put in to bat first on a scorching afternoon and immediately took control of the game. Against weaker than usual bowling from opposition sides this season Taverham batsmen gave no quarter amassing their largest total, ending on 327 runs. Outstanding batting by James Cherry (highest scorer with 21 runs), Ryan Green, Aaron Hollinger, Harry Williamson, Josh Burton and Gregory Chamberlain led the way, all scoring boundaries without the loss of their wicket. Shot of the match went to Walter Buttery after driving the ball straight over the bowlers head for an impressive four runs. There was still work to do and Taverham were in no mood to be complacent. Bowlers were accurate from the start but it took Harry Williamson's maiden over to kickstart the team. Man of the match contender Stephen Mace was his usual busy self in the field and during his first over took two wickets, first taking a catch and then two bowls later bowling the batsmen out forcing him to simultaneously hit his own stumps. Man of the match Josh Burton followed suit and also took two wickets (one bowled and one stumped) to add to his ten run haul with the bat. Three more wickets (all stumped) followed from the bowling of Walter Buttery, Gregory Chamberlain and Harry Williamson. By the end Taverham's bowling and fielding display had been as successful as their batting leaving Finborough with a total of 261. It was a fitting end to the season and showed everyone watching what the team was capable of. Final congratulations go to Mikey Keith who has captained every game impeccably. You have all been a credit to the school for the way you have performed this season and your attitude in victory and defeat has been commendable, well done to all that showed grit and determination to improve as a team as the season developed, the last two victories are just reward for your considerable efforts.

Rounders

The **U12's** competed at the Langley Rounders Tournament. Another excellent afternoon of rounders although we were not quite so successful as last week. This time we made it to the semi finals before being beaten once again by Norwich High school, this time 4 – 12 but in a double innings match. On the way to the semi final we beat: Blofield Middle 12 – 3, Woodbridge school 8 – 7, lost to Wymondham 5 – 8. Once again we find fielding is our strength and everyone in the team did very well. As usual excellent catches in the deep field courtesy of Annie Serruys, Annabel Kennard, Charlotte Caswell and a first for Isobel Hall. Good reliable bowling from Rosie Griggs and some excellent dismissals at first created by great passes between Victoria Baker and Samantha Blackman. Rounders scored by not such regular scorers Sacha Burke and Sophie Owles. Respectable batting innings from Charlotte Caswell, Katy Larter and Rosie Griggs, whilst Annie Serruys had an exceptional afternoon, scoring 11 ½ of the total 28 and a half rounders that Taverham put on the board during the tournament. Annabel Kennard played a true captain's game, leading by example, offering encouragement and reminders and being an efficient organiser. Well done to one and all and thanks to a happy band of supporters.

The **U11** team played at home on Wednesday afternoon against Riddlesworth Hall. Our captain for the day Philippa Crabtree won the toss and we fielded first. There was some impressive fielding, Louisa Crabtree took some fantastic catches at second deep, our fielding was strong and we were working well as a team, Riddlesworth scored 5 ½ rounders. Our batting on the other hand was weak and by the 15th ball we had yet to score. Jemma Crossley finally opened up the scoring with a full rounder, but it

was too little too late we just scored 4 ½ rounders. Our fielding let us down in the second half, for some reason the girls started making costly mistakes and Riddlesworth started to rack up the rounders, scoring another 9 ½ rounders. We came into bat and started to pull it back scoring 8 rounders, Philippa Crabtree and Jemma Crossley scoring well but it just was not to be. The final score was Riddlesworth 15 Taverham 13.

PRE-PREP

This year's After School Dance Club Summer Show was no exception to previous years; the children danced brilliantly, not only with lots of enthusiasm but in step and in time to the music, no mean feat! The children in the dance club, Katie Bayfield, Carys Green, Harriet Jolley, Charlotte Richardson-Howell, and Laura Williamson have obviously worked hard all term under the guidance of Mrs Chamberlain and we thank them for entertaining us so well. They all looked very colourful as they were all in matching floral dresses, leggings and sparkly hair bands. The highlight for the audience was their interpretation of some of the Abba songs! These were carefully choreographed and performed with amazing accuracy from children so young.

This week Year 1 had a fantastic Forest School session. Some of the children put on camouflage paint and their teachers had to find them hidden in the undergrowth and behind trees. Others baked their own bread in the fire pit in the woods and everyone enjoyed tasting it.

On Friday Year 2 children entertained their parents to a French Breakfast. The Pre- Prep hall had been decorated and had taken on the appearance of a French café complete with authentically dressed French waiters and waitresses. Ben Blowers welcomed everyone and Sarah Andrews and Oliver Leinster introduced the entertainment. The children sang two songs – Alouette and Le Coucou, they also performed a dance routine to Le Coucou. Charlotte LeMay and Alice Moore hoped everyone would enjoy their breakfast and the hall rang to a resounding 'Bon Appétit!' The children spoke in French and parents had been practising their responses. When the visitors left, children and staff settled down to a well deserved croissant and pain au chocolat. A special breakfast to remember.

NURSERY

The Nursery sports day is the highlight of our the Nursery calendar. It is an event that most of the children show real enthusiasm for and gives them the initiative to develop competitive spirit at an early age something that many schools don't allow anymore).

From running to obstacle and sack races, from the youngest to those nearly in full-time school, they tried their best and were keen to win. A few tears from Miss Linton's class were to be expected, but a wonderful day was had by all. How lovely to join all parents for lunch on the Colts' Field afterwards.



Barnardos Charity Walk

Nursery parents should not forget to join us on **Friday 2 July at 1100** for a walk through the school grounds to raise money for Barnardos. All children will need a packed lunch on that day.

GENERAL

Flower Rota

New members are sought for the rota. No experience is necessary as the more experienced members will guide you. If you have an interest or would like further information, please contact:

Kirsty Burton 01603 747720 or Sarah Brown 01328 701067

Whole School Photograph

The school photograph is now available for you to view. It will be on display on the table in the outer hall of the Prep school and the corridor outside the staff room in the Pre-Prep.

The photograph is not of the usual high quality we expect from Tempest and as a retake of the photograph is not an option at this late stage we have negotiated a discount on this photograph. Any orders will be charged at one half of the cost indicated on the enclosed form. Tempest would like us to pass on their sincere apologies.

Orders should be returned to your child's form teacher or the school office by **9 July 2010**.

Photographs ordered by any leavers will be posted direct from Tempest to your home address. If you **DO NOT** want your address given to Tempest and would rather collect your photograph from the school please advise on the order form.

The cost of the photograph will be charged to your school account at the end of term so please **DO NOT** enclose payment with your order

I hope you have peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

M A Crossley
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday	29 June	AM	Moving Up Morning	
Tuesday	29 June	AM	ABRSM Exams Norwich	
Wednesday	30 June		Royal Norfolk Show Day	
Thursday	01 July	1600	ASC Karate Gradings	parents welcome
Friday	02 July	1100	Barnardos Charity Walk	parents welcome
Friday	02 July	PM	Midsummer Ball	
Wednesday	07 July	1200	Pre-Prep Instrumentalists Concert	parents welcome
Wednesday	07 July	1300	Pre-Prep Parents & Pupils Picnic	grounds
Wednesday	07 July	1400	Pre-Prep Performance of 'Captain Noah & His Floating Zoo'	parents welcome
Thursday	08 July	AM	Prep Final Assembly	
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Friday	09 July	AM	Speech Day & Prize Giving	parents welcome