



15 October 2010

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who attended this week's Year 5 and Beyond evening. It was very well attended and comments received since indicate that everyone found it both informative and enjoyable.

Headmaster's commendations were awarded this week to Ellie Richardson-Howell and Sacha Burke for some first rate research and planning on a project for Pre-Prep pupils. More to follow on this in due course.

The "**Caught Reading**" competition which commenced at the end of the summer term, proved to be very popular with the pupils; there were many entries from a range of years. The winner was Harry Randell with a fantastic photograph of him reading whilst wake boarding! The runners up were Rosie Griggs, reading on the Athabasca Glacier in Canada, Maya Conway, reading whilst trampolining and Oliver Liston, reading whilst up Swaffham Wind Turbine. Well done to all who entered; entries will soon be displayed in the library.

### **Book Fair**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, the school was visited by the Norfolk Children's Book Centre. The Drawing Room was bustling with excited children, all looking at and buying a wide range of enthralling books. Both book enthusiasts and less avid readers were attracted to the book sale; all enjoying their chance to browse the latest books. The book fair will remain a termly event.

### **Year 3's Trip to Time and Tide Museum**

Year 3 have been learning all about the life of children growing up in Britain during World War 2 and on Tuesday they visited the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth. The children arrived at school dressed as evacuees. Their clothing was spectacular and looked as if they had stepped right out of one of the photographs we had looked at of children during the war. The outfits were complimented with authentic looking gas mask boxes and identity tags which the children had made prior to the trip. Upon arrival at the Time and Tide Museum we were greeted by characters dressed in various WW2 attire. A friendly ARP (Air Raid Precaution officer) trained the pupils to spot the difference between enemy and allied planes and they learnt how to look for suitable cover if there was not time to make it to a shelter. The children were intrigued to learn all about rationing and come face to face with the precise amounts of food allowed for 1 person in a week. They didn't think much of the modest portions! We also had an opportunity to try on real gas masks and experienced a mock air raid hiding under a Morrison shelter with friends. It was a fun day and the boys and girls were able to put into practice and touch some many different things that they have learnt about WW2 so far.

### **Music**

Year 8 stunned the school this week with a fantastic rendition of the U2 classic 'I still haven't found what I'm looking for' as our musical treat this Thursday. This was inspired by the recent visit to London to see 'Sister Act' and inspire them it certainly did! Hart Fargo and James Allinson were particularly worthy of note along with Katy Larter and Charlotte Caswell.

## Sport

### **Each week full match reports can be found on the school's website (News Pages – Sporting Moments)**

Highlights this week must be the Under 9 A and B teams who performed superbly against Gresham's. James Cowell and Daniel Hamilton had fabulous matches with Daniel scoring a try that will live long in the memory of all those watching from the sideline. In the A team Saxon Earley had another outstanding match and was ably supported by Matthew Austin. Tiarnan Murphy and Jack Beckett had a great A team debut and Josh Burton captained his team to victory magnificently.

Another exciting and very close Swimming Gala v Hethersett took place this Thursday which Taverham Hall won with 107 points v Hethersett's 99. The atmosphere was electric and all pupils displayed great team spirit and skills.

## Boarding Community

This week our boarders had some interesting themed evenings with 'Tragedy Tuesday' and Wednesday's 'Freezer Night'.

Annabel Kennard, Charlotte Caswell, Callum Brown and Hart Fargo have produced some great write ups regarding 'Tragedy Tuesday' and their full reports can be found on our website under News Pages – Boarders.

Some of their comments were as follows:

"It was great fun which all of us enjoyed and we thank the matrons for their great ideas" – Annabel & Charlotte

"It was good to have everyone involved, we had a great evening" – Callum & Hart

On Wednesday's 'Freezer Night' the boarders enjoyed an evening of frosty fun in the kitchen. The boys and girls really enjoyed making some fabulous Raspberry Ice Cream and Rocky Road treats. Their mixtures were put into trays for an overnight set in the fridge and during Thursday's afternoon break the delicious results were tasted – some lucky parents might get to try some as our boarders are taking small pieces home!

### **DON'T FORGET: 'Pumpkin Night' on Monday 1 November**

Our first night back after the half term holiday break. Bring in your carved pumpkin & a torch.

## Pre-Prep

This week Year 2 have been finishing their project on the local area, comparing different environments such as the town and countryside. The children have looked at aerial views of the countryside and have created their own impressions of an aerial scene in collage. In English, the children have been creating descriptive pieces of writing based on a castle scene, adding their own details and characters. Each one is completely different and all were enjoyed by the class at story time. Today in forest school the children will be continuing their scavenger hunt in the grounds, looking for conkers in particular.

As part of their science work our Year 1 children made sensory pictures in their art lesson, using different types and texture of paper which are now on display in the Pre-Prep corridor. The children also had a fantastic time at forest school this week. They visited the bonfire site and sat and made pea shooters. To do this they had to strip the bark from twigs from the elder tree; however the boys soon decided that it would be much more fun to turn their peashooters into Harry Potter wands and decorate them.

Reception children have completed half a term using the climbing apparatus in the Pre-Prep hall. Their teachers are delighted with their progress and the way in which they all use the apparatus sensibly and calmly. They will certainly need these agility skills for our Activity Week next year – watch this space!

## **Nursery**

The unexpected warm weather this week has meant that the Nursery children have been outside more than usual, involving themselves in fun educational activities:

Clearing the vegetable beds for new crops, writing numbers on the playground using chunky chalks, using sand and buckets to weigh and measure as well as exploring capacity by filling a variety of containers with conkers found at the front of the school.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **MAVERICKS NETBALL SUPER LEAGUE TRAINING DAYS**

**Registration forms** have been sent home to enable you to register for our Netball Pre-Season Training Days at Taverham Hall School's sports hall with coaches from the **Mavericks netball super league** team during the Half Term October break. The training days are open to girls from Year 3 – Year 8 – although the form states from age eight, girls turning eight in Year 3 are also eligible.

This 2 day course will take place on

**Thursday 21 and Friday 22 of October from 10 -3 pm**

**@ £25 per day or £40 for both days** + the Mavericks have just offered

**an additional discount of 15% for multiple family bookings** eg. more than 1 girl per family taking part.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Calling on any parents who are avid sewing machinists! The school library would benefit from 4 robust red bean bags for the children to use when reading. If any parents are interested in making one, please see Miss Chapman.

### **Friends Quiz & Chips Evening Friday 26 November**

Tables are selling fast for this very popular evening. There are only a few tables left so please contact Sally Barter to reserve a place for your team.

This will be the final newsletter of a very busy but productive first half term and I would like to wish everyone a restful break. Our Nursery will be operating as normal over the half term period.

M A Crossley  
Headmaster

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 18 October 1830 Junior Concert Yr3-Yr5 – Inner Hall – all welcome

Tuesday 19 October 1530 Yr3W Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20 October 1430 1<sup>st</sup> XI & U9 Boys' A&B v Wisbech (a)  
1430 Colts A&B v Wisbech (h)  
1430 U13 & U11 Girls v Gt Finborough (h)

**HALF TERM 21 -31 October**

Monday 1 November term recommences  
Taverham Hall School Scholarship Applications Closing Date

Monday-Thursday 1-4 November 1535 Pre-Prep Parent Consultations

Friday 5 November 1800 Whole School Bonfire Night – all welcome

Monday 15 November 0830 – 1600 School Christmas Fair – all welcome