



TAVERHAM HALL

Preparatory School

12 November 2010

Dear Parents

This week's newsletter must commence with a huge thank you to the Friends' Society and to Mr Chapman, grandfather of Emily Chapman in Year 5, after a wonderful bonfire night.

The firework display was even better than in previous years despite the weather's best attempts to put a dampener on things and the hog roast and barbecues were first class. A special thank you to Mr Spratt, provider of the hog roast and Mike Skipper, Terry Havis and David Brown who spent the best part of 16 hours ensuring the event ran safely, smoothly and with the minimum of fuss for the 300 people who attended the event.

PREP

Remembrance Day Service on Thursday was a very special occasion. Staff and pupils worked together to ensure the message was clear and that there was a clear understanding and appreciation of the significance of the day.

SPORT

Wednesday's sports fixtures yielded some excellent results. The Under 9 rugby sides comprehensively defeated Norwich School with Charlie Greeves' try in the 'B' team game particularly memorable. Saxon Earley notched up another 3 tries in the 'A' team victory taking his average to beyond 2 per match! The girls' hockey sides fared well with Louisa Crabtree, once again leading the way for the Under 11 team. **Full details of all matches played can be found on the school website.**

Congratulations go to Tom Martin who has been selected for the Midlands' rugby Barbarians squad for their forthcoming match against the North in Worksop. Yuri Konstantinidis, Robert Baker and Tom Poole all played well in the trials but it was Tom who caught the eye and will go onto represent the school at the next stage. Well done Tom.

Lydia Ellis-Baumber and Sophie Owles were presented with medals in assembly this week for their individual successes in the dry slope skiing matches. Callum Richardson, Matthew Doyle and Sam Crossley in year 2 also deserve a mention after winning two tournaments whilst representing North Walsham Under 7's rugby team in recent weeks.

Emily Chapman was awarded 'Boxer of the Week' at her local boxing club and Alex Rose and Tilly Mann were proud winners of the Christmas Card competition.

This week's recipients for 'Radiator of the Week' were Tiernan Murphy and Sophie Richardson for demonstrating kindness and consideration towards others in the community. Well done to both children.

The forthcoming Year 5 and 6 pantomime looks to be progressing well and with both this event plus the Nursery and Pre-Prep performances to look forward to in the next month, it feels like Christmas is on the way!

PRE-PREP

Reception children have had a very busy week writing and painting pictures of themselves to go on their wall display, all about 'The Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe'. They painted patterns on elephants as part of their follow up work on Elmer and finally they made mobiles which are hanging in their classrooms, based on the Nursery rhyme 'Hey Diddle Diddle'.

All the Reception children had a fantastic swimming lesson last week and are eagerly awaiting this week's session.

Year 1 braved the rain on Tuesday to go on a Forest School scavenger hunt. Unfortunately it was too wet to have a bonfire and although the children were disappointed not to be able to toast the marshmallows, they still enjoyed eating them back in the classroom.

In the Sports Hall Mr Goldsmith introduced Year 1 to basketball; this was very popular and the children did not want the lesson to end!

Year 2 children have been finding out about Divali, creating mendhi and rangoli patterns.

They have also been baking different types of bread as part of their topic on food. Their homework has been particularly tasking taking the bread home to taste!

NURSERY

It is particularly gratifying at this stage to highlight the success of specific areas of the school. Nursery 1 is now full and as we welcome Nancy Rivett to the Nursery teaching team on the back of increased numbers, it is also worth mentioning that the school has over 15 nurseries regularly visiting the school to make use of our fabulous Forest School facilities.

GENERAL

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY – SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

We have had a fantastic response to this event to be held on Sunday 5 December 1300 – 1600. The deadline has been extended to Friday 19 November for parents to

reserve their places, using the booking form. Details can be obtained from the office or from Mrs Crossley.

CEILDH DANCING – FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

Again we have a good response to this event to be held on Friday 10 December 2000 – 2300. However to make the evening viable and for the caller to make the dances more enjoyable we still need more takers. Please use the booking form and return it to the school office by Friday 19 November.

EASTER SKI TRIP

There is still once place available on the forthcoming THS Ski Trip 8 – 16 April 2011. If you are interested please see Mr Wood.

M A Crossley
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 Nov	Monday	0730 All Day	Bacon Butty Morning Christmas Fair Singing Day for visiting Primary Schools
17 Nov	Wednesday	1430 1430 1430	1 st XII v Gt Finborough (h) U10 Boys v Glebe (h) U13, U11, U10 & U9 Girls v Glebe (a)
19 Nov	Friday	1430	U11 A&C Girls v Norwich (a) U11 B Boys v Norwich (h)
21 Nov	Sunday	All Day	U11A match rearranged U10 Boys Rugby Tournament at Warwick