



TAVERHAM HALL

Preparatory School

19 November 2010

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Mr Drew-Batty and all those pupils involved in the 'Singing Day' on Monday which attracted over 170 pupils from local primary schools. The regional press coverage illustrated just how much enjoyment was had by all involved and the combined concert at the end of the day was a lovely way to end a very successful day.

Rev Seabrook, who visits the school regularly on Friday's for our assemblies, has kindly made St Edmund's Church available again this year for our Prep School Christmas Carol Services. Once again, there will be two services with the Juniors (Y3-5) commencing proceedings at 1345 and Seniors (Y6-8) at 1445 on Thursday 2 December. *This is a change to the advertised time of 1900 in the school calendar.*

Many thanks to all those parents and pupils who have already responded to ISI's invitation to complete a questionnaire in preparation for next week's whole school inspection on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 November. The deadline for completion of the questionnaire is Sunday 21 November. Letters have gone out with passwords and guidelines.

PREP SCHOOL

It is exam week for those in Year 5 and above next week and the exam timetable can be found on the website. Pupils are requested to have their exercise books in school during exam week as the Inspectorate team are likely to require them for 'work scrutiny'.

The exam timetable is on the website under the password protected 'Parent/Teacher' section.

This week's musical treat was provided by Callum Brown – vocals, Jamie Clamp, Natasha Morrison and Helena Drew-Batty - percussion and Mr Hamilton on guitar. Callum's performance was astonishingly good and the applause seemed to go on forever!

This week's '**Radiator of the Week**' was awarded to Sarah Andrews who had shown kindness and consideration helping out newcomers who needed direction and time. Well done Sarah!

End of Term Prefects' Supper will take place on **Monday 13 December in the Drawing Room 1900 – 2030**. The concept of a prefects' supper is intended to reward the pupils for the extra duties they have taken on as individuals. We recognise that they are working hard and would like them to have the opportunity to celebrate the end of the term in a slightly grander form than the standard school Christmas lunch. Mr Worrall has further details and has sent a letter out.

SPORT

The 1st XII rugby side had an excellent win this week despite losing star player and captain Will Burton to illness and centre James Spratt with a foot injury. Their 36-7 victory was terrific to watch with Josh de la Noy's tackling and Sam Hunt and Georgie Michael's running a real treat to behold. ***All the remaining sports reports can be found on the school website as usual.***

The Under 10 boys' rugby side head off this weekend to Warwick for the regional stages of a National competition along with myself and Mr Worrall and **departure time is 1445** at the school please. No latecomers please as it is a long haul!

PRE-PREP

This week Reception children enjoyed their first Forest School session, where they made shelters to protect them from the weather. A lot of fun was had by all. The children are really excited now that they have begun rehearsing for the Christmas play and they are busy learning their dance moves.

In Science, Year 1 children have been doing their first experiment, investigating whether all paper is the same and looking at how they can make their experiment a fair test. They have also been experimenting with the Knex construction sets, kindly provided to us by the Friends and Mr and Mrs Parish.

The children in Year 2 have been getting really involved with their history project on the Great Fire of London. They have begun to create a 3D scene of Pudding Lane, designing their own houses in the style of the period. They have also been learning about the importance of eating a balanced diet and have enjoyed trying different fruits. They are now more conscious of the need to eat a healthy diet and are being encouraged to do so at the lunch table.

GENERAL

Christmas Fair

We would like to thank everyone who supported and came to visit the Christmas fair on Monday. Sixteen stalls were set out from 0830 with a great selection of goods. One of the stalls was run by our pupils Sophie Richardson, Rosie Griggs and Jemma Crossley who between them had designed a wonderful selection of hama bead Christmas decorations. The girls did very well on the day and we would like to praise them for their initiative and original idea. A special thank you also to our

cook, Tracy Baker, who once again, made some delicious cakes and muffins - none were left over at the end of the day!

Prizes for the winners of the Christmas raffle have been handed out where possible and some are ready for collection from the school office for those who were not present at the end of the day.

We would also like to thank the school catering and domestic department who looked after many of our parents who joined us for the very successful 'Bacon Butty' morning prior to the start of the fair.

For those parents who did not have an opportunity to visit the fair but who would still like to order some of the Nursery Bags, Pre-Prep mugs, Tea Towels or Christmas cards designed by our pupils, please contact Mrs Crossley via the school office or 01603 868982 or via email a.crossley@taverhamhall.co.uk

School Calendar 2011

Our new annual school calendar for 2011 is now ready. Should you wish to reserve a copy or view the wonderful selection of photos used in the calendar, please contact Mrs Crossley either via the school office or 01603 868982 or email a.crossley@taverhamhall.co.uk.

Parent Forum Group

Thank you to all those parents who have responded to the plea and numbers are steadily climbing. A greater representation at the top end of the school is still required.

Mrs Earley, mother of Saxon in Year 3 is keen to fundraise for a major challenge next summer in aid of prostate cancer. More details to follow in due course but at this point, please contact Mrs Earley if you are available to volunteer your help in any way.

Operation Christmas Child

On Thursday morning a group of 'elected' children, took the shoe boxes to the warehouse in Spixworth. They had fun making a human chain to pass all the boxes from the bus into the warehouse. Our 118 boxes filled the trolley and were gratefully received by Mrs Barber and her helpers.

The children then spent time assisting the helpers with checking many of the boxes already received at the store. They need to ensure only allowable items are in each box, and as ours will be going to Bosnia, all boxes have a hat and gloves included as well as ensuring they all have the basic toiletries too.

It was a very interesting morning and the children were able to see the massive scale of this operation and all the time kindly given by the volunteers. Thank you to all the families who spent time filling a shoe box for these needy children.

Matrons' Corner

Any children suffering from minor ailments and not absent from school are required to report to the matrons' office first thing in the morning and then to their form tutor. On no occasion can children carry self-medication, either prescribed or over the counter medicines. These MUST be handed into the matrons.

Children returning to school after absence due to illness should see the matrons and parents should confirm in writing dates and reasons for absence to the school office.

I do hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and peaceful weekend with their children and I look forward to seeing a number of you in Warwick for an 11 0'clock start on Sunday.

M A Crossley
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 24 Nov 1430	1 st XII, U11B Girls & U9B Boys v Beeston (a) Colts A&B & U9A Boys v Beeston (h) U13, U12, & U11A Girls v St Felix (h)
Thurs 25 Nov 1700	Y5 Parents' Evening
Fri 26 Nov 1900	Friends' Quiz & Chips Night
Wed 1 Dec 1430	1 st XII & Colts A v Culford (h) Colts B v Culford (a) U13 A&B, U11 A&B, U9 Girls v Gresham's (a)
Thurs 2 Dec 1345	Junior (Y3-5) Carol Service at St Edmunds' Church
Thurs 2 Dec 1445	Senior (Y6-8) Carol Service at St Edmunds' Church
Fri 3 Dec 1430	U9 A&B Boys v Town Close (a)