



5 November 2010

Dear Parents

I would like to start with the wonderful news that Miss Menegaz has had a baby daughter called Zoe born on the 1 of November. Both mother and baby are doing well after a long labour which seems to be par for the course for staff or their spouses from Taverham Hall.

It is wonderful to have Mr Wood back in the fold and I know he would like me to thank all the parents and children who regularly enquired about baby Oliver's health whilst he was in hospital at Great Ormond Street.

I would also like to highlight the fantastic performances which took place during the Junior Concert just before the end of half term. This was the first opportunity for many of these children to perform in front of an audience and they did extremely well. Much of the credit for the event itself must go to Mr Drew-Batty who also accompanied the musicians during the concert.

Christmas Card Competition

We have had many wonderful entries for our Christmas Card Competition and all parents of those children who entered should have received an order form by now. Each pupil has been given the opportunity to have their design printed into Christmas Cards as long as the order form has been completed and returned by their parents. Additional order forms will also be available at the school's Christmas Fair on Monday 15 November.

In addition, the designs of the winners of this competition will be used as the school's actual Christmas Cards.

The winners with the most eye catching designs are:

Tilly Mann – Year 4 and
Alexander Rose – Year 8

Runners up are:

Mackenzie Woodcock	- Year 3
James Duffy	- Year 3
Daniel Hamilton	- Year 4
Helena Drew-Batty	- Year 5
Madeleine Clements	- Year 5
Evie Andrews	- Year 5
Molly Crabtree	- Year 5
Louisa Crabtree	- Year 6
Alex Conway	- Year 7
Ryan Martin	- Year 7
Katy Larter	- Year 8
Sacha Burke	- Year 8
Joshua de la Noy	- Year 8

Well done to all pupils who entered this competition - great effort and time was put into the wonderful range of designs.

Music

Music Exams

Practical music examinations will take place at the King of Hearts, Fye Bridge Street on **Monday 29 November**, beginning at 0900 hours. All candidates will travel to and from the examination centre by school minibus. Pupils must wear school uniform and remember their music and instruments! We will leave the school at 0800 hours.

Singing Day

Our second Singing Day will take place at the school on **Monday 15 November**. This year we have six schools taking part involving 180 pupils. The aim of the day is to promote singing as a fun activity and is led by our Director of Music, William Drew-Batty and visiting voice coach, Lisa Cassidy. At 1415 there will be a concert in the Sports Hall which will feature individual choirs and three new pieces learnt on the day! Parents of pupils are warmly invited to attend the concert which will end at 1500.

Sport

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

One of the highlights of the week must be Edward Clough's defensive work which led to the winning try for the Colts' B rugby side who won for the first time this season.

Annie Serruys scored a hat trick in the first team's victory at Hockey and Jack van Poortvliet grabbed the winning try in a five try thriller which the U11 A side managed to win 21-14.

Boarding Community

Halloween Pumpkin Night – Monday 1 November

The boarders' Halloween Pumpkin Night started with tasting some pumpkin pie after which many decided to dress up in some fantastic costumes. This was followed by a night walk which ended at Mr & Mrs Worrall's house where they were greeted by a fabulous display of pumpkins in the front garden and were offered 'spooky red jellies'. With the tea lights lit we could really appreciate all the different pumpkin faces and features, ranging from one with a bandage and one 'eating' another one, to carvings of cats and bats. Many thanks to all the boarders who carved these over the half term holiday.

The next evening, some of our boarders used their costumes again when they devised some impromptu drama pieces acted out on the Big School stage.

Pre-Prep

Year 2 have been working hard on all their artistic projects this week, completing some superb collage aerial view pictures to link with their geography topic work. They have also started work on a 'repeated design' technique, rotating a pattern 4 times to create the finished effect. To link in with their work on Bonfire night in History, they have created fantastic firework and bonfire scenes on the computer.

Year 1 children have begun writing their 'Dear Zoo' books and are having great fun deciding which animals should be sent back and why, and doing the illustrations. Their books will be on display next week, so please come and enjoy them. In Forest School this week the children enjoyed natural painting; collecting grass, berries, mud, leaves and bark to create their pictures. Some of the girls then used their collection to make potions, while the boys worked as a team to make a den complete with traps! In Science Year 1 looked at the stages in their own development from a baby, through to a

toddler and the present day. They all brought in baby photos and had great fun trying to match their friends with their photos.

This week Reception had their first PE session in the Sports Hall; everyone enjoyed themselves enormously as they tried out balancing and ball skills. In Art the children have experimented with different ways of portraying fireworks and they have made some very impressive rockets to suspend from the ceiling. On Friday Reception will go swimming for the first time at school, an event that they are eagerly awaiting!

Nursery

In the Nursery our younger ones have been learning all about themselves whilst the older pupils have been learning all about arctic creatures. The boys and girls now have a very good knowledge of which parts of the world are hot and cold. Much fun has also been had whilst planting some spring cabbage in the Nursery Gardens and playing with the leaves outside!

OTHER NEWS

Parent Focus Group

We are hoping to be able to form a Parents Focus Group. However, for this to work effectively we do ideally require representation of each year group. As such we would like to put out another request for those parents who feel they would like to be part of this group to contact the school office please either via telephone 01603 868206 or email enquire@taverhamhall.co.uk.

Lift Sharing Scheme

Responses have been received and a list has been drawn up and forwarded to those parents who expressed an interest in this.

Mr Grand's New York Marathon in aid of Prostate Cancer

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported Mr Andy Grand in his training for the New York Marathon; so far he has raised a huge £1,540.29! His training is going really well, already on his second pair of trainers! Andy is running the New York Marathon in less than 2 weeks for The Prostate Cancer Charity and there is still time to show your support and donate! If you would like to support this fantastic charity, please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/andy-grand-new-york-marathon> to help him reach the £2,000 target.

Mr Martin is also doing his bit for Prostate Cancer by attempting to grow a moustache for 'Movember'. He too can be sponsored and contacting him directly will be the ideal way of doing this.

School Events

A letter regarding our forthcoming **Bacon Butty Morning** on Monday 15 November from 0730 to 0815, **Family Christmas Party** on Sunday 5 December from 1300 to 1600 and **Ceilidh Dancing Evening** on Friday 10 December has been sent home with pupils – can we remind all parents to return the booking forms a.s.a.p. to the school office please.

You should have already received a leaflet with details of the **School's Christmas Fair** on Monday 15 November from 0830 to 1600 hours and we look forward to parents, family and friends joining us for this festive event. Many of our children have been busy designing bags (Nursery), tea mugs (Pre Prep),

tea towels (years 3, 5 and 7) and Christmas cards (whole school) which will be on display at the fair. A new 2011 School Calendar will also be available again.

PLEASE NOTE: further orders for the pupils' Christmas Cards, Tea Towels, Mugs and Nursery Bag can still be placed at the Christmas Fair for those parents who have not returned an order for these yet. Items ordered at the fair will be ready for collection week commencing 22 November.

Operation Christmas Child

Please note that the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal boxes need to be brought into school by Tuesday 9 November.

Friends

The Friends' Society have already sold out of tickets for the forthcoming Quiz & Chips event on Friday 26 November. Anybody wishing to go on a waiting list at this stage should contact Sally Barter from the Friends or the school office as drop-outs are always a possibility but unlikely.

Christmas Decorations Morning

On Friday 26th November we will be putting up Christmas decorations around the school again. Our dedicated Flower Arranging Club welcome help and assistance from parents who are free and happy to join in. This popular annual event will also offer those parents helping out the opportunity to join their child(ren) for lunch that day. Any willing volunteers please forward your details to the school office.

Having made the decision that the Bonfire and Fireworks Evening will be going ahead today, we are all hoping that the weather will hold and estimated numbers are now standing at over 400 people which promises to be a fabulous event.

I do hope everyone enjoys a safe and enjoyable weekend which will no doubt be punctuated by fireworks!

M A Crossley
Headmaster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	8 November	Year 4 Trip - Romans at Lynn Museum	
Tuesday	9 November	Year 4R Parents' Evening	1530
Wednesday	10 November	Music & Sports Scholarships	am
		U9 A&B girls v Beeston (a)	1415
		U12 boys v Glebe (h)	1430
		U9 boys A&B v Norwich (h)	1430
		U13 U11 A&B girls v Town Close (a)	1430
Thursday	11 November	Academic Scholarships	am
		Year 4F Parents' Evening	1530
Monday	15 November	School Christmas Fair – all welcome	0830 – 1600
		School Singing Day – concert	1415
		In Sports Hall	
Monday – Thursday 22 – 25 Nov		Year 5-8 Exams	
Thursday	25 November	Year 5 Parents' Evening	1700
Friday	26 November	Christmas Decorations Morning	0830
		Friends' AGM & Quiz & Chips Night	1900
		- Dining Hall	