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Dear Parents

Touring the school this week with prospective parents I have been struck by just how purposeful the children appear at present and the Excellent Work Board, situated outside Mr Worrall's room, reflects the impressive results of their endeavours so please find time to have a browse.

Numbers in next Year's Reception and Year 1 are fast approaching capacity and with Nursery numbers continuing to climb, the roots of the school look very healthy indeed.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind Year 2 parents about the 'Year 2 into Year 3' Information Evening, which will take place at 18:00 in the Drawing Room next Thursday, 2 February. The event will be very informal, with an opportunity to meet Year 3 teachers over a glass of wine, tour the prep school and learn about the changes to procedures and routines which inevitably take place when children move up to Big School.

This Sunday marks the first of several opportunities for parents and staff to involve themselves in sporting fixtures. Mr Hamilton has kindly arranged an 11-a-side football match against a touring side (spearheaded by his brother!). Kickoff is at 11am and given the fact that I suspect there are a number of us incapable of playing 90 minutes of football, interested players of all abilities should arrive at Buxton Village Hall at 10:45am for 11am kickoff.

### **Sport**

This week's sports results make excellent reading all round and the girls in particular on Wednesday achieved some superb results. My thanks go to all the coaches and pupils who have worked so hard in the last ten days to ensure we were ready for action this week. Meanwhile, the U10 Netball team travel to Hertfordshire for a tournament at Haileybury College and confirmation that the U11 table tennis side will be representing Norfolk in Blackburn on 24 February came through this week. Busy days!

Girls <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/girls-sport/>

Boys <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/boys-sport/>

More Sport <http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/category/children-news/more-sport/>

Sporting dates this term

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/children-news/more-sport/spring-term-2012-tournaments-14939/>

### **Music**

Thursday 9 February sees a repeat of last year's highly successful Bullard House Music Event. Your children should be able to tell you all about it and it is an event to which parents are very warmly invited, commencing at 14:00 in the Sports Hall and judged this year by Patrick Bailey, who is the Education manager for the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

### **Pre Prep**

Reception children have celebrated Chinese New Year this week. As it is the year of the dragon each class made a large dragon head and this became the focal point for their dragon dance, which they performed in the Pre Prep hall. The children also enjoyed listening to Chinese music and using chopsticks to try various kinds of Chinese food. They tried on traditional Chinese clothes and they all made their own dragons to take home.

Year 1 children celebrated Chinese New Year by sampling prawn and rice crackers and opening fortune cookies. They wrote their names using Chinese letters and decorated Year of the Dragon posters. We all had fun finding out which year of the Chinese calendar we were all born in. This week Year 1 also took part in the Young Writer's Poetry competition. Everyone wrote a poem using their senses to describe how they felt about the seasons.

Year 2 have continued learning about electricity. They have now completed their own highly decorated working clocks and are looking forward to making electrical circuits next week; making bulbs light up, buzzers buzz and spinners spin! The children have also been busy making maps of the Island of Struay – the fictional island from the Katie Morag stories and they have created their own keys to accompany the maps. As part of both topics they have started to make their own model lighthouses, which will eventually be working models.

### **Nursery**

This week, the children in Nursery 1 have been looking at the 'Chinese New Year'. They made lanterns, blossom trees, hats and dragons, as well as trying to write 'Chinese Style'. They especially enjoyed, tasting noodles, rice and crackers using real chopsticks. They have also been walking in the woods, climbing in the Pre-Prep Hall and running around in the Sports Hall.

### **Boarding News**

Sardines, Scottish Dance and Dragon making! There have been so many activities recently, including fantastic Chinese New Year and Burns Night celebrations.

A full report can be found here along with some great photos

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/children-news/boarding/fruit-beds-spring-bulbs-and-chinese-new-year-celebrations-15204/>

Whilst a full report on the recent Burns Night will follow next week, some photos can be viewed in the meantime:

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/children-news/boarding/burns-night-celebrations-15227/>

For a summary of boarding events in the Spring Term

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/children-news/boarding/boarders-spring-term-events-14922/>

I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend.

Mike Crossley  
Headmaster

## Calendar

Further advance dates can be found on the school website here:

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/calendar/>

and specific events here:

<http://www.taverhamhall.co.uk/forthcoming-events/information-evenings-14930/>

Sun	29/1/2012		Girls U10 Netball Tournament (Haileybury)
Mon	30/1/2012		<b>**POSTPONED**</b> Y7 and Y8 Girl Choristers Ely Cathedral
Tue	31/1/2012	08:30:00	Circuits (Parents)
		08:30:00	Y6 Science Trip to Distillery
		14:30:00	Cross Country Norwich School
		16:00:00	Y5 - Y8 Girls (A Team) Swimming Gala v Hethersett (A)
Wed	1/2/2012	<b>Girls</b>	
		14:30:00	Girls U13A, U13B and U11A v OBH (A)
		14:30:00	Girls U11B and U9A v Beeston (H)
		<b>Boys</b>	
		14:15:00	Boys U9 A&B v Wisbech (A)
		14:30:00	Boys 1st XI v Wisbech (A)
		14:45:00	Colts A v Wisbech (A)
		14:45:00	Colts C v Wisbech (A)
		15:30:00	Boys 2nd XI v Wisbech (A)
		15:30:00	Colts B v Wisbech (A)
		15:30:00	Colts D v Wisbech (A)
		18:00:00	<a href="#">Boarders' trip to BBC</a>
Thu	2/2/2012	08:30:00	Circuits (Parents)
		18:00:00	<b>Year 2 to Y3 Parents Information Evening</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>6/2/2012</b>	<b>14:00:00</b>	<b><u>Spring Team Photos (Please note new date)</u></b>
Tue	7/2/2012	08:30:00	Circuits (Parents)
		17:00:00	<b>Year 6 Parents' Evening</b>
Wed	8/2/2012	08:30:00	<a href="#">Parents Forum Group</a>
		<b>Girls</b>	
		14:30:00	Girls U13a, U13B and U11A v Gresham's (H)
		14:30:00	Girls U11B and U9A v Gresham's (A)
		<b>Boys</b>	
		14:15:00	U9 Boys A&B v Gresham's (A)
		14:30:00	Boys 1st XI v Langley (A)
14:30:00	Colts A, B,C & D v Town Close (A)		
Thu	9/2/2012	08:30:00	Circuits (Parents)
		16:00:00	<a href="#">Karate Grading for Pre-Prep</a>
		16:30:00	Y3 and Y4 Boys and Girls B Team Swimming v Hethersett
		16:30:00	Swimming Gala Y3&Y4 B Team v Hethersett
		19:00:00	<a href="#">Boaders' Valentines Evening</a>
Fri	10/2/2012		E&A Grades Home
			<b>Non Uniform Day for Unicef</b>
<b><u>Half Term - 11 February to 18 February</u></b>			