

THE NOTICEBOARD

End of School Year 2018 - 2019



Tannery Drift
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At the end of another busy year at Tannery Drift it is great to spend some time reflecting on how far we have come and how much we have achieved.

Our Year 4 leavers, in particular, are an amazing example of just how much our children are achieving and growing. When they started at Tannery Drift, many of them in Nursery, some in Reception and others later on, we could see tiny glimmers of the people that we now see. These children performed on stage last week to two large audiences, during both performances the children displayed confidence and humour. We are so very proud of the fantastic people that they have grown to be. It is no less wonderful to see our younger children learning and growing each day, they all come so far every year and we all feel privileged to see this happen.

The most difficult thing about the end of the school year is saying goodbye to those moving on to new things. Our Year 4 children are leaving us to move on to the next phase of their education – we wish them all wonderful things for the future!

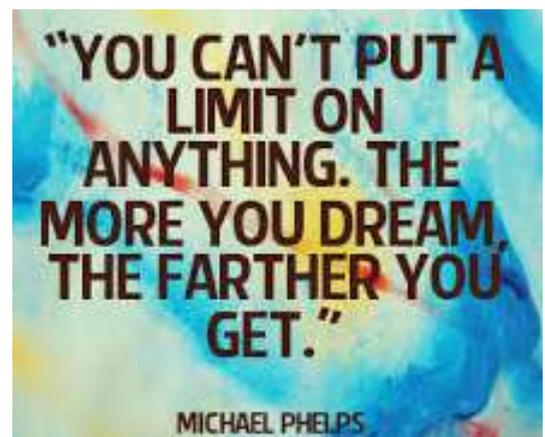
We are also saying goodbye to some members of staff, we know you will join us in wishing Mrs Bradford, Mr Gallimore and Mrs Evans the very best of luck and thanking them all for their contribution to the school.

One of our Governors has also reached the end of their term or office, Alex Marinkovic has served on the Governing Body for 4 years, during which time he has chaired the resources committee and been our Health and Safety Governor – supporting us to achieve an outstanding audit in this area during the Spring term. Thank you Alex for your excellent contribution and for giving so much of your time to support our school.

To everyone else we look forward to seeing you all again in September and hearing about what the children have done during the Summer break!

Thank you all for your kindness, the staff are very grateful for the thoughtful gifts that they have received. Thank you also for your support this year, we look forward to working with you next year.

Have a wonderful Summer!



Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

Some Highlights from the 2018/19
Academic Year



Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr.

Our brilliant Key Stage 2 children wowed audiences last week with their performance of Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr.

As you would imagine the show was full of plenty of humour and provided the children with a great opportunity to show off their acting skills.

A huge thank you to Miss Jones and Mrs Jacklin who worked exceptionally hard alongside the children to make costumes, props and backdrops for the performance. Many hours of behind the scenes work goes into creating these items and the show simply wouldn't be the same without them. Thank you also to Mrs Bradford who has put so much effort into helping the children to learn the songs and provided excellent direction during rehearsals. We would also like to thank Mr Gallimore who supported the backstage crew to fulfil their roles getting props onto stage, managing lighting and more!

We would also like to thank everyone who came to watch and support the children, we are sure that you were as impressed as we were with their excellent showmanship and confidence in front of their audience.

Finally, a congratulations to our marvellous Key Stage 2 children!



Governor Update 2019

As we come to the end of another busy school year, it was great to see so many of you at the recent Open Evening. For the first time we used the occasion as an opportunity to gather feedback from you – thank you to everyone who took time out from seeing their child's work or meeting their new teacher to fill in the iPad survey or speak to a governor in person. We got some great responses, including lots of lovely comments about the school and many constructive and helpful suggestions for what could be even better.

I say 'even better' because it has, once again, been a highly successful year at Tannery Drift. The hard work of pupils and teachers alike has meant that, across the school, results for progress and attainment have been excellent. As Governors it is our job to set high expectations and we regularly review the school data through the year, and we were delighted with the outcomes. But it's not just about the numbers, and successes like renewing the school's Gold Artsmark, our Under-9 tennis team becoming County Champions and the wonderful two performances of *Madagascar* are just some examples of why we're so proud to be part of the school team. Thank you (and your children) for being part of it too!

I hope that you all enjoy the summer break, we look forward to welcoming (most of) you back in September and wish the very best of luck to all of you moving on to new schools.

Phil Oddy
Chair of Governors
July 2019

Thank you to Governors & FTDS

As we finish the school year now seems an appropriate time to thank people within our school community who give so much of their time to support the school. Members of both our Governing Body and the Friends support the school in quite different but important ways.

We are very grateful for all that you do for our school and look forward to continuing to work with you next year!

School Games Day

This year School Games Day was focussed on the key values of the School Games: Determination, Honesty, Passion, Respect, Teamwork and Self Belief.

Each house was assigned one of these values, the children then worked together in their house teams considering what these values meant and creating flags that represented both their house and their value.

The children displayed their flags during an opening ceremony before joining in with a whole school warm up to prepare them for a day taking part in a variety of sports! The children played cricket, football, golf and even tried some yoga. Despite the rainy weather on the day the children had a great time!



Early Years After School Club

We are looking forward to welcoming Ellie Hanna to the team, from September, as manager of our new Early Years After School Club. Ellie has a wealth of experience in the Early Years field and is excited to be working with the school as part of this new venture.

Places at the Early Years after School Club have filled quickly with some days being at capacity, we do however have a limited number of additional spaces on Mondays and Fridays. If your child will be in Nursery or Reception from September and you are looking for after school provision on either of these days please contact us via email afterschoolclub@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk.

House Cup

During our final assembly of the year our House Cup winners were announced! Following what has been a tight race at times during the year we are pleased to announce that the winners of the House Cup for the 2018/19 year are: White Rhinos!

1st White Rhinos = 195 points

2nd Green Turtles = 171 points

3rd Golden Eagles = 165 points

4th Blue Whales = 151 points

5th Black Bears = 147 points

6th Red Squirrels = 144 points

Congratulations to our winners and to all of our children for contributing to their team's tally during the year.

There were also house point certificates handed out during the assembly – 9 bronze certificates, 88 silver certificates and an amazing 42 gold certificates! Well done to you all.

Attendance Cup

Attendance for the 2018 – 2019 Year

Class	Attendance %	Place
Red Robins	96.0%	7 th
Little Tigers	93.8%	9 th
Pelicans	96.9%	2 nd
Owls	96.2%	6 th
Red Foxes	96.4%	5 th
Puffins	96.5%	4 th
Penguins	96.8%	3 rd
Badgers	95.8%	8 th
Lions	97.2%	1 st

Congratulations to Lion class for winning the Attendance Cup for the year with a total of 97.2%

We are also delighted to have awarded 16 pupils a certificate for 100% attendance for the year. Special congratulations to: **Greta Barnard, Haydon Burch, Izzy Clegg, Evlynn Davies, Camilla Devooght-Johnson, Felix John, Maia Kaiser, Olanna Marinkovic, Charlotte May, Samuel McCulloch, Tom Newland, Laura Newman, Isabelle Palmer, Jamie Poole, Mark Rivers and Georgia Rowe**

In addition there are 65 children who have achieved 100% attendance and punctuality this term – these children were all recognised during our assembly today, very well done!

School Dinners

A quick reminder to our current year 2 parents that 'universal free school meals' end when children move to year 3 in September. Please refer to the recent school office email for details of how to set up payment for school dinners. If families are in receipt of benefits, children could be able to have free school meals. See www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or ring 0300 123 4048 to check for eligibility and apply.

If you are not eligible for free school meals, all meals must be paid for in advance.

Friends of Tannery Drift

Thank you!

A BIG thank you to everyone who has supported FTDS events and activities this year. With your help we managed to raise almost £500 from the Summer Raffle alone! We have received really positive feedback from the Summer Disco and in particular, the introduction of the Photo booth, for which we thank Miss Seymour and her photographic skills for running at both discos. Please take a look at our Thank You poster which sets out where all the fundraising has been spent. We hope you agree that the fundraising spent has really enriched the children's experiences and access to resources. We are already planning an exciting calendar of events for the next academic year and welcome new faces to join our team, particularly as we say a fond farewell and thank you to the parents of year 4 leavers.

New FTDS Secretary

FTDS are looking for a new secretary or joint secretaries from September 2019. More information about the role can be found on the FTDS website. You can also attend the FTDS AGM in September to find out more.

Second Hand Uniform

FTDS will no longer be collecting uniform with the old logo. We will now start to collect uniform with the new logo to re-sell. We will continue to collect and sell grey uniform for the bargain price of 50p per item. Please contact friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com for more information.

FTDS 100 Club

FTDS 100 club is still open to subscribe to for 2019/20! There are only 100 numbers available so we encourage you to sign up now to be in with a chance to win a cash prize! Forms can also be accessed on the new FTDS website link. Any questions, please email: FTDS100Club@gmail.com. The FTDS 100 Club is a charitable lottery. Half of the annual £12 subscription fee goes to FTDS and half goes towards a monthly draw. Participants are assigned a number for the year and two winning numbers are drawn monthly, meaning there are 24 chances of winning a cash prize across the year! It's win-win for you and for the school.

Eco Party Packs for Hire

Don't forget, FTDS 'Eco Party Packs' are available for hire at £5 each. An inexpensive way to cater for any upcoming birthday parties or events, with the added benefit of reducing single use plastic and raising funds for the school. Each pack contains 30 cups, 30 plates, 30 bowls, 4 platters, 2 jugs. More details on how to book these packs for your party can be accessed via the new FTDS website link. Booking forms can also be taken from the FTDS leaflet holder (on the outside wall, by the dining hall doors) until the end of term.

FTDS Event Dates

* FTDS AGM – Monday 16th September at 7.30pm (Enrichment Room) – all welcome, including new parents/carers.

2019 - 2020 Term Dates

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 4th September 2019 to Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 4th November 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term:

Tuesday 7th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term:

Tuesday 21st April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020

Tuesday 2nd June 2020 to Tuesday 21st July 2020

There will also be an Occasional Day on Friday 6th December 2019

Please be aware that the early May Day bank holiday has changed from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May 2020.

Please avoid taking any term time holidays.

Please note that school dates can all be found on the website: Parents – Term Dates – Events, and then exported to your mobile device.

2020 – 2021 Term Dates

For those of you who are planning holidays much further ahead please note the dates below from Hertfordshire County Council for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Inset days are still to be added to the calendar but this will help you now to plan your holidays outside of term time:

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 to Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term:

Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021 to Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term:

Monday 12th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 7th June 2021 to Thursday 22nd July 2021

Dates for your Diary:

DATE	EVENT
September	
Wed 4 th	New Term Begins
Sat 14 th	Illyria Outdoor Theatre Performance of 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'
Mon 16 th	FTDS AGM – 7.30pm
Thu 19 th	New to Year Group Meetings for Years 1 – 4*
Fri 27 th	Puffins Class Assembly
October	
Fri 4 th	Red Foxes Class Assembly
Tue 8 th	Reception and Nursery Parent Information Evenings - 6pm*
Fri 11 th	Badger Class Assembly
Tue 15 th	Open Afternoon for Prospective New Parents, 1.30pm - 2.45pm*
Fri 18 th	Penguin Class Assembly
Tue 22 nd	Parent Consultations, 3.50pm – 6.30pm*
Thu 24 th	Parent Consultations, 6.00pm – 8.30pm*
Fri 25 th	Lions Class Assembly
Mon 28 th - Fri 1 st	Half Term
November	
Tue 5 th	Open Morning for Prospective New Parents, 9.30am – 11.00am*
w/c 11 th	Arts Week*
Wed 13 th	Youth Speaks*
Fri 15 th	Pelican Class Assembly
Wed 20 th	Open Classrooms*
Fri 22 nd	Owls Class Assembly
Fri 29 th	Kingfisher Class Assembly
December	
Fri 6 th	Occasional Day – School Closed
Fri 20 th	End of Term – 2.00pm finish

* Further details to follow