

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week Commencing:
Monday 13th January 2020



Tannery Drift
First School

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Monday

19.30 FTDS Meeting – Enrichment Room –
all welcome

Tuesday

12.00 Drama Club – Years 3 & 4

12.30 Drama Club – Years 1 & 2

Wednesday

Deadline for applying to Nursery, Reception
and Year 5 for September

12.00 Tennis Club – Year 4

12.30 Tennis Club – Year 3

Thursday

Friday

12.00 Tennis Club – Year 2

12.30 Tennis Club – Year 1



First let me start by wishing you a Happy New Year and welcoming everyone back to the Spring term. The team would like to thank you all for your kind wishes, cards and gifts before the holidays.

We have been looking at kindness this week, with an assembly focused on how one simple kind word or action can have a positive impact on someone's day. I have been really impressed by how well many of the children have taken this lesson through the rest of their week and hope they will continue to do at least one kind act each day.

All classes have settled back really well and are excited by new topics and learning opportunities.

Thank you for your support at the start of the New Year.



What's coming up next week...

On Monday, Friends of Tannery Drift invite any parents with an interest in helping raise funds for the school to come to their first meeting of the New Year. All are welcome and the meeting will take place in the Enrichment room (new building) at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

Drama Club, Tennis Club and Music Lessons have already begun and will continue as usual. We hope to be able to finalise the School-run clubs as soon as possible. Please watch this space for further information.

Staff Updates

Today was Mrs Marvell's last day in Early Years and we would like to wish her well with her next adventure. Having attended school here herself and sending her own children here also it has been a real emotional journey and she will be greatly missed. With this departure we are now looking for a well-qualified Early Years practitioner to join the team. If you are interested or know someone with the relevant qualifications, applications can be made online here:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,learning-support-assistant_57828.htm

In other staffing news I would like to introduce Ms Beth Kerr who joins the team as Family Support Worker. She will be in School on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Mrs Becky Powell has also joined us this term in the role of Pastoral Support Worker, working across the school with the children.

Enrichment Classes

Year 1 will have Enrichment classes this term with Mrs Simons and this week Owl class were learning all about the important work charity Link Ethiopia does.



Admissions

Please be reminded that applications for Nursery, Year 5 and Reception **close this Wednesday 15th January**. All applications must be made online and details are below. If you do not have internet access at home you can use the local library or contact the school office for assistance.

Applying for a place for Year 5

If you have a child in Year 4 you will need to apply for a Year 5 place for September 2020:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx

Applying for a Nursery Place

If you are considering applying for a Nursery place for September 2020, applications are made directly to school and must be submitted by 5pm on 15th January. More information and the application form can be found here: www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/admissions-information/

Applying for a Reception Place

Applications for a place in Reception in September 2020 are still made online via Hertfordshire County Council: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx

Friends of Tannery Drift

<https://ftds.hoot.cloud/>

Happy New Year

We hope you are all refreshed from your Christmas break and ready for another exciting term full of events!

Cake Sale

It is the Yr 1 & 2 Friends of Tannery Drift Cake Sale on Friday 24th January!

If Yr 1 & 2 parents are able to provide donations of cakes and biscuits, either home-made or shop bought, they will be very much appreciated. Please note that we cannot sell items containing nuts, so no items with nuts/marzipan (including bakewells) please. On the morning of the sale please take any donations to the school office.

The cake sale will be held in the hall at 3.15pm.

If you are able to help us setup, supervise or clear up for the cake sale, please sign up as a helper via our website [FTDS.hoot.cloud](https://ftds.hoot.cloud/) or email us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

Eco Party Packs for Hire

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).

Second Hand Uniform

If you have any donations of uniform with the new logo that would be much appreciated.

We still have jumpers/cardigans with the old logo available for sale for a contribution to FTDS of £2.00 however, we are no longer accepting new donations with the old logo as children will be unable to wear the old logo uniform from September 2020. We also have multiple grey uniform in various sizes, which we sell for the bargain price of 50p per

item. Please do contact ftdsuniform@gmail.com if you want to look at anything. Meeting up is easiest before or after school on a Friday but other days can be arranged.

We are continuing to act on feedback from the FTDS survey last year and we appreciate any further feedback, in particular regarding the Christmas Fair, either via email or our red FTDS post box.

FTDS event dates for your Diary

FTDS Meeting – Monday 13th January – 7.30pm

Yr 1 & 2 Cake Sale – Friday 24th January 2020

Disco – Friday 7th February 2020

Attendance and Punctuality:

| Class | Attendance % | No. of Lates |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Red Robins | 91.3% | 0 |
| Little Tigers | 95.5% | 2 |
| Pelicans | 97.9% | 1 |
| Owls | 99.6% | 1 |
| Red Foxes | 98.1% | 0 |
| Puffins | 97.2% | 0 |
| Penguins | 97.2% | 1 |
| Badgers | 95.4% | 1 |
| Kingfishers | 99.0% | 0 |
| Lions | 95.2% | 0 |

Dates for your Diary:

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

DATE EVENT

January

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| Mon 13th | FTDS Meeting – 7.30pm |
| Fri 24th | Badger Class Assembly |
| Fri 24th | FTDS Yr 1/2 Cake Sale* |
| Fri 31st | Penguin Class Assembly |

February

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| Fri 7th | Lion Class Assembly |
| Fri 7th | FTDS Discos |
| Tue 11th | Parent Consultations (3.50–6.30pm)* |
| Thu 13th | Parent Consultations (6–8.30pm)* |
| Fri 14th | Kingfisher Class Assembly |
| Fri 14th | Non-Uniform Day for HomeStart* |
| 17th – 21st | HALF TERM |
| Mon 24th | Back to School |

March

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| Fri 6th | Puffin Class Assembly |
| Fri 13th | Sport Relief* |
| Fri 13th | Red Fox Class Assembly |
| Fri 20th | Pelican Class Assembly |
| Fri 27th | Owl Class Assembly |

April

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| Fri 3rd | End of Term – 2pm finish |
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* Further details to follow

2019 – 2020 Term Dates:

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

2020 – 2021 Term Dates

The dates below are from Hertfordshire County Council for the 2020 – 2021 school year. All Inset days have now been added to the calendar on our website and below.

Autumn Term:

Thursday 3rd September 2020 to Thursday 22nd October 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term:

Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021 to Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term:

Tuesday 13th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 7th June 2021 to Wednesday 21st July 2021

There will also be an occasional day on Friday 4th December 2020.