

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week Commencing:
Monday 14th January 2019



Tannery Drift
First School

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Monday

19.30 Friends of Tannery Drift Meeting
[Enrichment room] – all welcome

Tuesday

Deadline for applying for Nursery, Reception
and Year 5

12.00 Tag Rugby – Years 3 & 4

12.30 Tag Rugby – Years 1 & 2

Wednesday

12.00 Tennis Club – Year 3

12.30 Tennis Club – Year 4

Thursday

Rapid Fire Cricket – selected Years 3 & 4

Friday

12.00 Tennis Club – Year 2

12.30 Tennis Club – Year 1

First let me start by wishing you all a Happy New Year and thanking you for all the kind Christmas gifts, cards and words on behalf of the Tannery Drift team!

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting Spring Term. We hope you had an enjoyable break and are ready for another busy term! The teachers have enjoyed hearing tales of holiday adventures as everyone settles back into their classroom routines.



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What's coming up next week . . .

We are very fortunate to be able to offer Tag Rugby to all pupils in Years 3 and 4 as part of the PE curriculum this half term, as well as to children in years 1-4 as a lunchtime club. Children have already begun attending and are invited to come along to the club to give it a try – no sign up required!

Tennis Club will begin again next week and most other clubs will start week commencing 21st January.

Parentmail forms have been sent home today, as the club tends to fill up quickly please return the form as soon as possible if your child would like a place this term.

The Friends of Tannery Drift School (FTDS) have their meeting on Monday 14th January at 7.30pm in the Enrichment room. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about what the Friends do. If you are unable to attend on Monday but would like to find out more you can email the Friends:

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

The greatest glory
in living lies not in
never falling, but in
rising every time
we fall.

Nelson Mandela

Clubs:

A list of available clubs has gone home in book bags today and booking of school run clubs will be available on School Gateway from 5.00pm on Monday 14th January. Please note there are a limited number of spaces at each club.

Details for enrolling in Tennis, Sports Fun and Football will be sent separately as they are run by outside organisations and charge a fee.

The only school run clubs that incur a fee to participate are Cookery Club and French, to cover the cost of ingredients and learning resources.

Childcare Vouchers:

Having reviewed our processes for Childcare Vouchers we have updated our policy. With immediate effect, childcare vouchers can only be accepted as payment for Breakfast Club, Stay and Play and Nursery hours.

Reminders:

Please ensure all uniform, coats, shoes and water bottles are labelled clearly. This makes returning lost property much quicker and reduces the chances of it ending up in the bottom of the big black box!

Finally, please note that School meals must be paid for in advance. This can be done using School Gateway or via the School Office.

New staff:

We are delighted to welcome Miss Aniko Papp and Mrs Kirsten Grimmer to our staffing team. Miss Papp joins the Breakfast Club team while Mrs Grimmer joins the office as Administrative Secretary.

Admissions:

Applications for Middle School, Nursery and Reception places **close on Tuesday 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 at Middle School

If you have a child in Year 4 you will need to apply for a Middle School place for September 2019:

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 2019 applications are made directly to school: www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/admissions-information/

Applying for a Reception Place

Applications for a place in Reception in September 2019 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

Attendance and Punctuality:

Class	Attendance %	No. of Lates
Red Robins	94.2%	0
Little Tigers	98.7%	3
Pelicans	98.7%	0
Owls	97.0%	0
Red Foxes	94.0%	1
Puffins	97.0%	0
Penguins	100%	0
Badgers	98.0%	0
Lions	96.4%	2

Friends of Tannery Drift:

Welcome back!

Welcome back to our previous parents/carers, and a warm welcome to new ones who have just joined the school. Friends of Tannery Drift School (FTDS) is a group of parent and teacher volunteers who organise fundraising events throughout the academic year. This includes school discos, film nights, cake sales, camping, summer/Christmas fairs, to name but a few. Money raised is spent on new equipment and enrichment activities for the benefit of the children. So watch this space each week for an update on upcoming events. Volunteers are always needed so if you are willing to join our helpers' list or if you would like to know more about what we do, please email friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

Friends of Tannery Drift School Meeting - Monday 14th January at 7.30pm (Enrichment room):

Everyone is welcome to attend to find out more about our fundraising events and opportunities and to share new ideas. The FTDS Secretary will be stepping down at the end of the academic Year. The position will be open from September 2019. Anyone who is interested or would like to shadow this role, please get in touch: friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com or attend the meeting. The position of Vice Chair is also currently available to fill.

Second-hand uniform:

We have great quality jumpers and cardigans in most sizes (age 3-10, £5 each) as well as growing stocks of trousers, pinafores etc. (50p each). Please do contact tduniform@5mith.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. All money goes to FTDS.

Dates for your Diary:

DATE	EVENT
January	
Wed 16th	Maths Masterminds – selected Year 4 children
Thurs 17th	Rapid Fire Cricket
Fri 25th	Badger Class Assembly
February	
Fri 1 st	Lions Class Assembly
Tues 5 th	Chinese New Year E-Safety Day
Fri 8 th	Penguin Class Assembly
Tues 12 th	Parent Consultations 3.50pm – 6.30pm
Wed 13 th	Parent Consultations 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Fri 15 th	Pelican Class Assembly
March	
Fri 1st	Red Fox Class Assembly
Fri 8th	Owl Class Assembly
Fri 15th	Puffin Class Assembly
Mon 18th	Reception Screening – School Nursing Team
Fri 22nd	Youth Makes Music (selected Year 4 children)
April	
w/c 1st	Feeling Good Week
Tues 2nd	Nursery Easter Hat Parade
Wed 3rd	Reception Easter Hat Parade
Fri 5th	End of Term – 2pm finish

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