

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week Commencing:  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON • HERTFORDSHIRE

[www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](http://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk)

## Monday

Nursery and Reception Nativity photos

12.00-12.30 Craft club – Year 4

12.00-12.30 Years 3 & 4 Rugby club

12.30-1.00 Years 1 & 2 Rugby club

3.15-4.00 Art club – Years 1, 2, 3, 4

3.15-4.00 Science club – Year 2

3.15-4.00 Beginner's Ballet – Years R & 1

## Tuesday

3.15-4.15 Football Feet – Year 1 only  
(Please note earlier collection time)

## Wednesday

Flu vaccinations catch-up

12.00-12.30 Lego club – Years 3 & 4

12.00-12.30 Uno club – Years 3 & 4

12.00-12.30 Tennis club – Year 3

12.30-1.00 Yoga club – Years 1 & 2

12.30-1.00 Tennis club – Year 2

3.15-4.00 Mindful Colouring – Years 1 & 2

## Thursday

Christmas post box opens

9.30 Reception dress-rehearsal

12.00-12.30 Music club – Years 3 & 4

12.00-12.30 Tennis club – Year 4

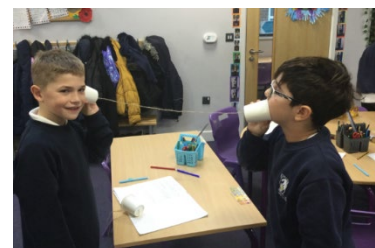
12.30-1.00 Tennis club – Year 1

## Friday

OCCASIONAL DAY – School Closed for all

## Scientists in Year 4

This week in Science, Lion class made string telephones to explore how sound is made when objects vibrate. We also considered sound moving through different mediums: solids, liquids and gases.



## Children in Need

Thanks to the generosity of the school community, we raised £343.30 for Children in Need. A huge thank you to everyone who donated or took part.



Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

## Royston Town Band

The school hall was filled with the sound of music today as the children enjoyed a workshop from Royston Town Band. If you would like to hear them for yourselves, the band are putting on "Christmas Carols for Kids" on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am in Tannery Drift School Hall. Children of all ages are welcome at this relaxed performance.

## Volunteers

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help with clearing snow and salting pathways, if needed, this winter. Many hands make light work, as they say, and we could still do with a few more hands! If you think you would be able to assist, please let the office know.

## Clubs

The last session for all clubs run by school staff will be in the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## A visit from our school advisor

Our advisor was recently in school to meet with Mrs Greetham, Mrs Torres and Miss Seymour (the Senior Leadership Team) and Andrew Ford (Chair of Governors). Following a learning walk around school, she gave the following feedback:

"Across the school pupils were engaged in learning opportunities and supported well by adults in a variety of ways."

"The Chair of Governors ... was very impressed with the behaviour for learning that he saw across the school. This was evident in the learning walk; children were engaged in their learning and proud to talk about their learning and the skills they were using to complete it."

## Parking

A big thank you to all the parents who have followed our requests:

- Please park in the drop-off zone only (the single, slanted spaces in front of the Early Years outdoor area). Allocated parking exists in the staff car-park for staff only.
- Please leave the first 10 spaces free in the drop-off zone in the mornings.
- Please do not park inside the gates in the afternoons. Please do not follow other cars into the car park.
- If the pedestrian gates are open, please do not walk through the vehicle gate.

## Before school

May we remind you that parents are responsible for their children until they go into their classroom. Please do not allow your children to play ball games or use school equipment before school.

## Johnson Matthey Community Outreach



During December, volunteers from Johnson Matthey will be coming to school to build a sensory garden. Johnson Matthey are generously donating £500 towards this and have also offered to match-fund the money raised by any parents who volunteer for FTDS and work at Johnson Matthey. If you work for Johnson Matthey and are able to volunteer some of your time for FTDS, please contact the office or the FTDS to ensure that we can make the most of this opportunity.

## Christmas @ Tannery

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Post box opens for Years 1-4**

This is a chance for children to post Christmas cards to their friends if they wish. The post box will be in the office. Please ensure all envelopes are marked clearly with the child's first name, first initial of their surname and class name or year group. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December will be the last day for posting.

**Children in Early Years:** Instead of sending Christmas cards, parents of children in Ladybirds, Red Robins and Little Tigers are invited to donate the money they would have spent on Christmas cards. This will be used to buy a class present from Father Christmas. Payment can be made on School Gateway, or via the Office.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Reception Dress Rehearsal**

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - School Closed:**

Occasional Day

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Performance, 9.30am**

Ticket letters have been sent out.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Performance, 9.30am**

Ticket letters have been sent out.

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas Songs, 9.15am**

All welcome – no tickets required. 3 guests per child.

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Costumes: Key Stage 1**

Children in Key Stage 1 should bring their named costumes to school this morning in a named bag. The school photographer will be taking photos of children in their costumes.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Service for children in Years 1 – 4, 10am**

We are so pleased to be able to celebrate our Christmas Carol Service in the newly refurbished St John the Baptist Church again. We warmly invite parents to join us.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Santa Dash**

Bring a festive accessory! Please see the FTDS page for more details.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal**

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 production of All Around the Christmas Tree, 9.30am**

Please return ticket forms by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 production of All Around the Christmas Tree - 9.30am**

Please return ticket forms by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Storytime with Santa**

Please see FTDS page for more information.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch Day**

Children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper or t-shirt to help them get into the festive spirit!

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Jack and the Beanstalk Panto**

Please see the FTDS

page for more information

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Class parties, Years R-4.**

More information to follow.

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Ladybird class party**

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – End of Term**

Term ends at 11.30am

for children in Nursery

and at 2pm for children

in Years R – 4.

After School

Club is open,

as normal.

## Friends of Tannery Drift

[friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com)

Registered Charity: 291369



## Christmas Jumper Sale

Please dig out your old festive outfits and see if anything is outgrown. We are still after donations of good quality, clean festive outfits for our FTDS Christmas Jumper Sale! Any jumpers, dresses or T-shirts can be placed in our uniform donation bin outside the Year 1 classrooms. We will then start selling these online through the Tannery Parents Facebook group. Christmas costumes are required for the KS1 Production (due in school 7<sup>th</sup> December), and Christmas jumpers/t-shirts can be worn on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, so be prepared!

## FTDS Christmas Fun

Storytime with Santa – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, during school hours. All children will get to experience Storytime with Santa and receive a present too!

Pantomime – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, during school hours. FTDS are very excited to be able to fund Divergent Drama to put on two shows of Jack and the Beanstalk in the School Hall.

## Sponsored Santa Dash

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**\*BRING A FESTIVE ACCESSORY\***

All staff and students will be turned into toys to take part in this year's sponsored Santa Dash! During their journey around the field there will be challenges where the children can do fun activities including a toy soldier march, the spinning top spin, and teddy bear hugs.

Children are invited to bring a festive accessory (i.e. headband or hat) to school on the day to wear for their run. Please click [here](#) or on the toy soldiers to donate! All sponsorship money enables us to purchase equipment and experiences which would not otherwise be funded.



## Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

Please sign up if you haven't already and use these websites for your Christmas shopping as FTDS can get a percentage donation on your purchases. Just click here for [Easyfundraising](#), and here for [Amazon Smile](#).



## Admissions

Applications for Nursery, Year 5 and Reception are now open and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. 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 Nursery Place

If you are considering applying for a Nursery place for September 2023, applications are made directly to school. More information and the application form can be found here:

[www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/admissions-information/](http://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/admissions-information/)

### Applying for a Reception Place

Applications for a place in Reception in September 2023 are still made online via Hertfordshire County Council:

[Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

### Applying for a place at Middle School

If you have a child in Year 4 you will need to apply for a Year 5 place for September 2023:

[Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council](#)



## Attendance

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 🐞	94.5%
Red Robins 🐦	93.6%
Little Tigers 🐯	97.5%
Pelicans 🕊	95.4%
Owls 🦉	96.0%
Red Foxes 🦊	97.3%
Puffins 🐙	94.7%
Badgers 🦡	95.3%
Penguins 🐧	96.6%
Lions 🦁	97.6%
Kingfishers 🐟	97.8%

We want to support your children to make good progress at school and be the best that they can be. Please support us in this by avoiding term time absence and ensuring that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn every day. Thank you.

Please remember to contact the school every day that your child is absent. You can leave a voice message or use the ParentMail app.

### SEND Drop-Ins

Chestnut Tree Family Centre, Radburn Way, Letchworth (in the grounds of Garden City Academy) this term:

- 1st December 10-11.30am: SPACE, support for Autism, ADHD & Neurodiverse conditions

SPACE also run an amazing resource lending library for families with children with SEND and both organisations offer advice, courses and networking opportunities.

## Dates for your Diary:

DATE EVENT

### November

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Nursery and Reception photos for Christmas performance  
Final Football Feet for Year 1 only

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccination catch-up

### December

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Occasional Day – school closed

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>/ Reception Nativity Play

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Nursery Christmas Songs  
9.15am  
Key Stage 1 Christmas performance outfits due in\*

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Final Tennis club (Years 2 & 3)  
Christmas Carol Service  
in St John the Baptist Church  
(Years 1-4) 10am  
Final Tennis club (Years 1 & 4)

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Parent Coffee Morning  
**FTDS Sponsored Santa Dash**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 1 Christmas performance photographs

Tues 13<sup>th</sup>/ Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am  
**FTDS Storytime with Santa**

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Day  
Last day for teacher-led clubs  
(not Football and Tennis)

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> **FTDS Jack and the Beanstalk Panto**  
**Class parties for Years R - 4\***

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term  
**Ladybird Class Party\***  
11.30am finish for all Nursery children  
2pm finish for Years R - 4

### January

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> First day of term for children and staff

## 2022 – 2023 Term Dates

The dates below are from Hertfordshire County Council for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Please ensure any holidays are booked outside of term dates.

Spring Term 2023:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

INSET: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June, Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July

\*Further details to follow

New dates are shown in red.

