

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:
Monday 25th September



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk

Monday

- 12pm – 12.30 Key Stage 2 Hockey Club
- 12pm – 12.30 Colouring Club (Years 3 & 4)
- 12.30 – 1pm Key Stage 1 Hockey Club
- 12.30 – 1pm Yoga Club (Years 1 & 2)
- 3.15 – 4pm Science Club (Year 2)
- 3.15 – 4pm Makaton (Years 3 & 4)
- 3.15 – 4pm Beginner's Ballet (Years R & 1)

Tuesday

- Piano, Recorder and Violin lessons
- 3.15 – 4.25 Football Feet Club (Year R-4)

Wednesday

- 12.00 – 12.30 Tennis Club – Year 3
- 12.00 – 12.30 Construction (Years 2 & 3)
- 12.00 – 12.30 Lego (Years 1 & 2)
- 12.00 – 12.30 Sketch Club (Years 3 & 4)
- 12.30 – 1.00 Tennis Club – Year 2

Thursday

- 12.00 – 12.30 Tennis Club – Year 4
- 12.00 – 12.30 TT Rockstars (Years 3 & 4)
- 12.00 – 12.30 Music Club (Years 3 & 4)
- 12.00 – 12.30 Coding Club (Year 2)
- 12.30 – 1.00 Tennis Club – Year 1

Friday

- 9.15am Badger Class Assembly
- 9.15am in the hall –
parents and carers welcome
- 3.15pm FTDS cake sale and second-hand
uniform sale

Coding Club

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Coding Club on Thursday.

This week's challenge was to guide Rusty through the caves to find the stairs, avoiding rocks and walls as they went. Through the use of the arrow buttons, children develop their fine-motor skills as well as their understanding of sequential input.



@TanneryDrift

Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

Hello from the Board of Governors

Hello, my name is Dr. Victoria Bowyer and I'm proud to have been voted in as Chair of the Board of Governors for the upcoming academic year. On behalf of the Governors at Tannery Drift First School, I would like to welcome all the new families into our school community, and we look forward to meeting you throughout the school year.

The Governors are a small group of enthusiastic volunteers, who provide oversight and accountability for Mrs Greetham and her team at Tannery Drift. We work closely with the senior leadership team to support and challenge them, working together to make sure all the pupils have the best opportunities possible to learn, thrive and get the most out of their time at school.

Our work is carried out through meetings of the whole Governing Board, as well as three committees who meet to discuss the school's finances, its resources and its programme of teaching and learning.

We currently have two vacancies on the Board and would love to hear from anyone who is keen to apply or simply would like to find out more. More information is included in the advert which is attached to this Noticeboard.



You can contact me and the rest of the Governors through the usual office email address, or find out more details about us on the school website.

Drama workshops

The children in Years 1-4 had an exciting time this week, when we were lucky enough to be visited by Stagecoach drama company. The classes were encouraged to use their creativity and team work skills to become pirates, trainers and even coat hangers!



Year Group Meetings

It was lovely to see so many of you at the year group meetings this week. We hope that you found it a useful opportunity to find out more about your child's new class and to meet their teacher.

If you weren't able to attend, the presentations will be available on the school website next week.

Learning in Reception



Our Reception children have been busy learning indoors and outdoors this week. They have been mixing colours to paint self-portraits, counting, printing with different objects and making new friends.



Tesco Tokens

Don't forget to vote for Tannery Drift's sensory garden using the blue Tesco tokens. The closing date is 28th September, so there isn't long left! And if you are in Tesco on Saturday, we have just found out that shoppers have a golden hour to win a share of half a million pounds for their local school. Click [here](#) for more information.



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any of the following: Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit with income below £16,190, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element), Working Tax Credit, Employment Support Allowance (income related) your child may qualify for additional funding which we can use to provide opportunities for your child such as additional classroom support, sport coaching, music tuition, uniform assistance and assistance with school trips.












The school can apply on your behalf if you contact the school office. Any information that you disclose as part of the application process will be treated in confidence. Alternatively, if you would like to apply yourself, you can do so [here](#):

Hertfordshire County Council require anyone who was in receipt of Free School Meals during Early Years and Key Stage 1 to reapply when their child starts Year 3.

Attendance

We urge you not to take your child out of school for holidays; these absences are always unauthorised – even when tagged on to the start and end of term - and could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued for non-attendance.

These attendance figures include illness, as well as authorised and unauthorised absences. Even if your child is unwell, it is classed as an absence and contributes towards their attendance figures.

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	90.4%
Red Robins 	96.6%
Little Tigers 	96.2%
Pelicans 	95.6%
Owls 	96.2%
Red Foxes 	99.2%
Puffins 	95.6%
Badgers 	97.1%
Penguins 	95.7%
Lions 	94.9%
Kingfishers 	98.4%

Friends of Tannery Drift School



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Registered Charity: 291369

Annual General Meeting Results!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday evening for our AGM. We were very pleased to vote in the Committee for 2023-2024, and the results are as follows:

Co-Chairs Emma Harding & Hazel Izod
Co-Vice-Chairs Tessa Brown & Sally Rayner
Co-Treasurers Claire Khodabukus & Carly Baker
Secretary Chloë Dowman

We are still in need of a Joint Secretary to help Chloë with admin. If you are interested in this opportunity then please just send us an email for further information.

We have some great ideas for fundraising this term, so watch this space for our upcoming events!

Cake Sale and Second hand Uniform Sale – Friday 29th September

We are asking Years 3 and 4 to bring in cakes/biscuits for the whole school community to enjoy after school on the playground, or take away to eat later. We ask that you leave a cash donation for FTDS. If your child attends After School Club, please remember to leave some change in a named envelope with the office. No nuts please!

We will also be selling good quality second hand uniform.

Pop-up Dress-up Sale – Friday 13th October, after school

We are hoping to hold a pop-up dress-up event after school to sell second-hand childrens' fancy dress costumes and festive outfits. So, we are looking for donations of clean, good quality dressing up costumes, particularly those suitable for Halloween, and festive clothing such as Christmas jumpers that we can sell to raise funds for FTDS. If you have any suitable donations, please leave these in the FTDS uniform donation bin located near the car park and Year 1 classrooms. Thank you!

EasyFundraising

Did you know you can support FTDS by simply signing up to EasyFundraising? Just click below below to get started, or see the attached poster. If you're doing any online shopping, or booking flights/holidays, you can raise money for FTDS! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fotannerydrift>



2023 – 2024 Term Dates

The dates below are from Hertfordshire County Council for 2023 – 2024 school year. Please ensure any holidays are booked outside of term dates.

Autumn Term 2023

Half Term: 23rd October - 27th October 2023

To end on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 2pm

Occasional Day: Friday 1st December 2023

Spring Term 2024

To begin on Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: 19th February – 23rd February 2024

To end on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 2pm

INSET Days: Thursday 4th January and Friday 5th January 2024

Summer Term 2024

To begin on Monday 15th April 2024

Half Term: 27th May – 31st May 2024

To end on Friday 19th July 2024 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2024



See inside our
Senior School
Thursday 28th
September
6pm to 7pm

Join our Senior
School open
evening

Listen to our Head's talk at 6pm,
then take a tour of our facilities
and see some activities in action.
Contact us to find out more, or to
reserve your space:
admissions@KingshottSchool.com
or telephone: 01462 432009

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Kingshott
Age 3 to GCSE

The flyer features a blue background with a photograph of the school building on the right. A telescope is positioned in front of the building. Two smaller inset photos show the interior of the school, including a modern kitchen and a bright, open-plan living area.

Dates for your Diary:

September

Fri 29th Badger Class Assembly
9.15am in the hall – parents and carers welcome
FTDS cake sale and second-hand uniform sale after school

October

Tues 3rd Individual and family photographs*

Fri 6th Red Fox Class Assembly
9.15am in the hall – parents welcome

Weds 11th EY Parent Information Evening* at 6pm

Fri 13th Penguin Class Assembly
9.15am in the hall – parents welcome
FTDS Pop-up dress-up sale
3.15pm

Tues 17th Parent Consultations*

Thurs 19th Parent Consultations*

Fri 20th Lion Class Assembly
9.15am in the hall – parents welcome
Half-term begins

Fri 27th Half-term ends

Mon 30th Children return to school
Arts Week

Tues 31st Open Morning for new Early Years Parents and Carers (Nursery and Reception)*

November

Weds 1st Drama 4 All workshop for Years R-4

Fri 10th Puffin Class Assembly
9.15am in the hall – parents and carers welcome

Tues 14th Open Classrooms and Art Gallery*
3.15pm

Thurs 16th Open Morning for new Early Years Parents (Nursery and Reception)*
9.30 – 11am

December

Fri 1st Occasional Day – school closed

Tues 5th / Reception Christmas Show*
Weds 6th 9.30am

Thur 7th Nursery Christmas Songs*
9.30am

Tues 12th/ KS1 Christmas Show*
Weds 13th 9.30am

Fri 15th Christmas Dinner Day*

Wed 20th End of term 2pm

* More details to follow

New dates added

<p>Has Your Child Struggled With Their Mental Health? Ever Thought Of Using Your Experience To Help Other Parents & Carers?</p> <p>A free one-hour information session led by lived experience parent carer peer support workers will explore how you could use your experiences to help other parents and carers whose children have mental health difficulties. Please join us to find out more and ask any questions you might have...</p> <p>Wednesday 27 September, 12:30 - 13:30 Thursday 5 October, 12:30 - 13:30</p> <p>For more information and to book: https://www.charliewaller.org/parent-carer-peer-support/events-for-parents-and-carers</p>  	<p>The Basics of Parent Carer Peer Support</p> <p>A free four-hour session led by lived experience parent carer peer support workers and staff from children and young people's mental health services. This looks at aspects of parent carer peer support to help you think about whether this is something you might like to do.</p> <p>You will receive a certificate from the Charlie Waller Trust on completion of the session.</p>  <p>Fri 13 October & Mon 16 October, 10.30-12.30 Thurs 19 October, 10.30-14.30</p> <p>Note: The training is run over two days on 13 and 16 October, 10.30-12.30, and on one day on 19 October, 10.30-14.30.</p> <p>For more information and to book: https://www.charliewaller.org/parent-carer-peer-support/events-for-parents-and-carers</p>	<p>Full Parent Carer Peer Support Course</p> <p>We will be offering our full parent carer peer support (PCPS) course starting in January 2024. This online training is free to attend and is available for both new and experienced PCPS Workers and will lead to a University certificate.</p> <p><i>"I cannot begin to describe how proud I am to be helping and supporting families who are struggling just like I had. I've come full circle from needing support to supporting others and along the way I found me again".</i></p> <p>If you are interested in the full course, please tell us now. It doesn't commit you to anything but helps us ensure there are enough places to meet demand.</p> <p>Find out more or register your interest: https://www.charliewaller.org/parent-carer-peer-support/pcps-training</p>  <p>Parent Carer Peer Support in Children & Young People's Mental Health</p>
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