



## Tannery Drift First School

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# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Monday

Christmas Panto in school

### Tuesday

Class Parties for Years R-4

Storytime with Santa

### Wednesday

Class Party for Ladybird Class

11.30am End of Term for Ladybird Class

2pm End of Term for the rest of the school

After School Club will be open from 2pm

### Christmas wishes from Mrs Greetham

As we come to the end of a busy term, the staff at Tannery Drift would like to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a happy and healthy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back after the holidays, ready for the Spring Term.

**School reopens for all children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**



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### A message from the Chair of Governors

It's been a busy first term of the school year for the Board of Governors.

After a recruitment process that received a record number of applicants from a host of very strong candidates, we successfully filled the two vacant positions on the board and we're really excited to have Andrew Webster and Lucy Leighton join us. We've also had Cate Thompson and Trajche Boshkov join as associate governors and are looking forward to helping them settle in and get fully involved in the work of the board in supporting Mrs Greetham and the staff. We've enjoyed coming in to school to meet subject leaders and see how the curriculum is being taught, and we've also done some work with the leadership team to identify TDFS' priorities for the school year 23-24.

And perhaps most excitingly, we're thrilled to see the initial stages of work take place on the new building on school grounds. We are very excited about the potential that the building has in supporting Tannery's children to learn across the curriculum.

If you have any questions for me or the other members of the Board about the work of the Governors or any aspects of our strategic support for the school, please do get in touch. We can be reached via the office at the usual address.

Wishing you all a peaceful holiday,  
Victoria

**Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect**

Christmas @ Tannery

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Panto in school

Please see the information from FTDS.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Storytime with Santa

Please see the information from FTDS.

Tuesday 19th December - Class parties, Years R-4.

Children are welcome to bring the following items to enjoy during their festive parties:

Sharing snacks (no nuts or meat products)

Party clothes to change in to

A non-electronic game to share and play

Wednesday 20th December –

Ladybird class party

As above, but the children should come to school in party clothes.

Wednesday 20th December

Term ends at 11.30am

for children in Nursery

and at 2pm for children

in Years R – 4.

After School

Club is open,

from 2pm.



## Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

This week, the children in Years 1 and 2 performed to their families – and what wonderful performances they were. The children spoke clearly and confidently, knew when it was their turn to go on the stage, and sung beautifully. A huge thank you to the Key Stage 1 staff for the hard work that they put into preparing for the shows.

All of the photographs have now been sent by email. If you have not received yours, please contact the office.



## A big thank you

We would like to thank Mrs Simons for generously volunteering her time to lead cookery sessions in our enrichment room with groups of children from Year 3 and 4 throughout the term. Mrs Simons, currently a grandparent to one Tannery Drift pupil, taught here for over 15 years prior to retirement - her time and energy is warmly appreciated by children and staff.

## Please return all library books

We hope that your children have enjoyed choosing and reading books from the school library. Please ensure that all books are returned before the end of term.



## History in Year 1

Owl Class invited some visitors in to talk about their childhood toys. We spoke about how some toys are the same and how some have changed .

Mrs Simons came in to share some of the toys she has kept, which included a wind-up doll and a kaleidoscope. She taught us how to play Jacks and make a cats cradle.





## PE Timetable for the Spring Term

Monday: Year 2 and Year 4

Tuesday: Nursery, Year 2 and Year 3

Wednesday: Year 3

Thursday: Year 4 and Year 1

Friday: Nursery, Reception, Year 1



## The 48 hour rule

As we approach the season of illnesses, please may we remind you that you are required to keep your child at home for at least 48 hours after they have vomited or had diarrhoea, whatever the cause. This is NHS guidance, designed to prevent the spread of stomach bugs. We are grateful for your co-operation in this matter, to try to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

## Is my child too ill for school?

Please click [here](#) for some helpful information and advice from the NHS when it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school.

## DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally)












Please see the attached Parents, Carers and Young People Weekly Round-up, which includes a wealth of useful links.

## Attendance

While there are times when your child needs to be collected before the end of the school day, we do ask that this is only as a last resort. Where possible, dental appointments should be made after school or during the holidays.

## 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.

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	94.4%
Red Robins 	95.2%
Little Tigers 	95.6%
Pelicans 	97.1%
Owls 	96.3%
Red Foxes 	98.1%
Puffins 	96.4%
Badgers 	97.2%
Penguins 	97.0%
Lions 	93.9%
Kingfishers 	97.8%

## Dates for your diary

### January

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – no children in school
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – no children in school
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Term begins

## Friends of Tannery Drift School



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### Mini Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday, and those who helped make this event happen! We made around £400 profit, which is fantastic. We hope the children all enjoyed themselves.

### Wreath Making

We had a lovely evening making faux wreaths a few weeks ago, and although we only made £50 profit, it was an enjoyable evening and hopefully something we can repeat in the future.



## Pantomime – Monday 18th December

## Storytime with Santa – Tuesday 19th December

Next week should be lots of fun for the children, including a pantomime performance and Storytime with Santa – for all children, including nursery. Thank you to those who have generously donated so far to our JustGiving page, already raising over £450 which is fantastic! If anyone is still able to spare any contribution, then please click on the image to visit our page. Thank you!

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## Committee Meeting – Monday 15th January, 7.30pm, Enrichment Room

Please come along and get involved at our next general meeting – we have lots of ideas for events next year. New faces always welcome. Virtual link also available if you can't join in person – please just email us for the details. Hope to see you there (tea, coffee and biscuits provided)!

Please see attached a summary poster of our events and funding for this term, along with a Who's Who in our Committee.

**Have a Lovely Christmas!**

## **2023 – 2024 Term Dates**

### **Autumn Term 2023**

To end on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 2pm

### **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

## **2024 – 2025 Term Dates**

### **Autumn Term 2024**

To begin on Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half Term: 28th October - 1st November 2024

To end on Friday 20th December 2024

Occasional Day: Friday 6th December 2024

INSET Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

### **Spring Term 2025**

To begin on Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half Term: 17th February – 21st February 2025

To end on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 6th January

### **Summer Term 2025**

To begin on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Half Term: 26th May – 30th May 2025

To end on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 2nd June and Wednesday 23rd July 2025