

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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

## Monday

- 12.00-12.30 Rugby club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Mindfulness Colouring for Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Dance club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Rugby club for Years 1 & 2
- 3.15-4.00 Science club for Year 2
- 3.15-4.00 Makaton club for Years 3 & 4

## Tuesday

- 12.00-12.30 Yoga for Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 School Council
- 3.15-4.25 Football Feet

## Wednesday

- 12.00-12.30 Tennis club for Year 3
- 12.00-12.30 Sketch club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis club for Year 2

## Thursday

- 12.00-12.30 Tennis club for Year 4
- 12.00-12.30 TT Rockstars club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Creative writing club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis club for Year 1
- 12.30-1.00 Music club for Years 1 & 2

## Friday

- 9.15 Puffins Class Assembly  
In the hall – parents and carers welcome

## Red Nose Day

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** we will be taking part in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. We will have a very limited selection of Red Noses & Pin Badges on sale in the School Office from 11<sup>th</sup> March. £2 for a Red Nose and £1.50 for 3 Pin Badges.

We are very excited that on this day, GB Paralympic athlete Laurence Whiteley will be visiting our school. Laurence is a double Paralympic champion for British Rowing. He will be delivering an inspiring assembly to the children as well as each class taking part in fitness circuits.

**Children can come to school in PE kit.**



@TanneryDrift

Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect



## 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 before school or ride bikes/scooters on school grounds.

For insurance reasons, please do not allow your children to play on the adventure play equipment before or after school.

## Red Robins Class went to the Library

On Monday Red Robin class walked to the town library to enjoy a story session. They got to listen and join in with some stories and explore the different books on offer. It was a wonderful opportunity for all of the children. Thank you to all of the parent helpers.

## World Book Day

On Thursday, children across the school were invited to wear pyjamas to school and spent the day enjoying a wide range of book themed activities. World Book Day Special coming next week!

## School Milk

You will have received information last week on how to order school milk for the summer term. If you would like your child to have milk in school, please complete the form that is attached to the email and make payment in Arbor (where applicable).

We will not be able to order additional milk once we have placed our order at the end of this term so it is essential that you return this form in time if you would like your child to have milk during the Summer term.





## Friends of Tannery Drift School

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 291369

### Spring Disco - Friday 22nd March, School Hall. Early Years (Nursery and Reception) – 4.30-5.30pm

Tickets cost £3.00 and are now available to buy online here: [Early Years Tickets](#). Children must be accompanied by an adult, and the online ticket form must be completed for each individual child.

### Years 1-4 – 6.00-7.30pm

Tickets for Years 1 - 4 cost £3.50 and are now available to buy online here: [Year 1-4 Tickets](#). Children should be dropped off and collected for this disco (unless signed up to help, or if parents do not feel comfortable leaving), so a contact phone number is essential when purchasing tickets – please complete the online ticket form for each individual child.

Online sales for both discos will close on Thursday evening (21st March).

At both events, there will be a tuck shop offering a selection of pre-bagged sweets and/or chocolate (£1), drinks & crisps (50p), tattoos (50p) and a games stall (50p) so please ensure your child has sufficient, but not too much money. The confectionery stall will be separate from drinks and crisps this time, and children will only be allowed 1 confectionery bag each, with their hand stamped on purchase. The intention is to reduce queuing time and to ensure all children have the opportunity to purchase snacks without

missing out on the disco. There will also be a quiet area available. Optional fancy dress, but no masks please. Please bring a named water bottle!

## School Tea-Towels

We are excited to be working on some new school tea-towels, which will showcase portraits of pupils in their year groups and be available to purchase to help raise funds for the FTDS. The children are busy drawing their self-portraits at the moment and exact dates for the online shop will be communicated soon.

## General Meeting - Monday 11th March, Enrichment Room - all welcome!

Please come along next **Monday 11th March** to our general meeting. There is no obligation to commit and new faces are always very welcome. **Several members of the current committee will be leaving the school community at the end of the summer term**, so FTDS needs new members to continue running events and raising funds to enrich the lives of all our children. Plus there will be tea, coffee and biscuits! A virtual link can be provided to those who wish to join remotely - please email the FTDS email address for the link.












## HomeStart Aquathon - Sunday 28th April, 6-7pm, Royston Leisure Centre

Thank you to those who have signed up to participate in this year's HomeStart Aquathon. We still need one more adult to join our team, so please email the FTDS email address above if you would like to join. It is not a race, just a swimming relay which raises funds through sponsorship, with 50% of the money raised going to Home-Start and 50% to FTDS. Donations towards the Aquathon can be made [HERE](#).

## 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      | 93.8%      |
| Red Robins     | 94.2%      |
| Little Tigers  | 95.0%      |
| Pelicans       | 96.2%      |
| Owls          | 95.8%      |
| Red Foxes    | 97.2%      |
| Puffins      | 95.4%      |
| Badgers      | 97.1%      |
| Penguins     | 96.0%      |
| Lions        | 92.7%      |
| Kingfishers  | 97.0%      |

## Dates for your Diary:

### DATE

### EVENT

#### March

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>

FTDS General Meeting

Fri 15<sup>th</sup>

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

Puffin Class Assembly

9.15am – Parents and Carers welcome

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>

Penguin Class Assembly

9.15am – Parents and Carers welcome

Coffee Morning

(Building self-esteem and self-confidence in your child)

FTDS School Disco

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> –

Thur 28<sup>th</sup>

Feeling Good Week

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>

PGL Parent Meeting at 3.15pm\*

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>

Reception Easter Hat Parade\*

Thur 28<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Easter Hat Parade\*

End of Term 11.30 for Nursery children

End of Term 2pm

#### April

Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

Start of Summer Term

\*Further details to follow



Delivering Special  
Provision Locally

**Parent Information Event - 25 April 2024 9:30am to 2:45pm**

FREE event providing local information for parents/carers, guest speakers & lunch. See website to book your place:

<https://nhdspl.org.uk/home/event-list/book/337-parent-information-event.html>

There will be over 20 organisations coming along and a great line up of guest speakers with topics including Autism and Girls, Resilience, Anxiety and Emotionally Based School Attendance, Digital Resources, Boxing.

## 2023 – 2024 Term Dates

### Spring Term 2024

To begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half Term: 19<sup>th</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

To end on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2pm

INSET Days: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Summer Term 2024

To begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

To end on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## 2024 – 2025 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2024

To begin on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Half Term: 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

To end on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Occasional Day: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

INSET Days: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

### Spring Term 2025

To begin on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half Term: 17<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

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

INSET Days: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Summer Term 2025

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

Half Term: 26<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

To end on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025



# 23 | MARCH 2024

## ROYSTON FIRE STATION CHARITY CAR WASH 10AM – 2PM

**The Fire Fighters  
Charity**

**WISH**

Easter holiday workshop  
For ages 4-6

Thursday 11th April  
9:30-11:30am

Stage Right Studios,  
Royston

£16pp  
£15pp early bird

Children's  
Charities  
We now offer  
TAX-FREE  
CHILD-CARE!

royston@theatretrein.co.uk  
07747 608 180

**Excellent**  
Trusted

Hertfordshire's  
Holiday Activity Programme

Funded workshops for children in receipt of  
benefits related free school meals

Dancing - Singing - Acting - Crafting - Snacks - Hot Meal

Monday 8th April, Tuesday 9th April  
Wednesday 10th April & Friday 12th April  
9-1pm each day  
Stage Right Studios, Lumen Road, Royston

Contact your school for booking info / code

**Now booking for Summer term weekly classes**

**JUNIOR COMPANY**  
MINIS - 3 yr olds  
12-12.45pm - Fridays  
£8 per week

**MINIS- 4-5 yr olds**  
4:30-6pm - Wednesdays  
3:45-5:15pm - Fridays  
£13 per week

**MAIN COMPANY**  
for 6-18 yr olds  
5:30-7pm - Thursdays  
£13 per week

4-7pm - Fridays  
£24 per week

Free trial for  
new  
students

Sibling  
discounts  
available in  
Main  
Company  
sessions.

www.theatretrein.co.uk

BELIEVE ACHIEVE EXCEED

Hop on over for our

# EASTER Egg hunt

Join us on  
**24 March. 2pm - 4pm**  
for some egg-citing fun!

Therfield Heath, up the hill from the  
Heath Cafe.