

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

perseverance

courage

responsibility

## Head of School's Message,

A very happy new year to our school community! We have started this calendar year at Tolleshunt Darcy School as we mean to go on: ready to learn, respectful to everyone and safe at all times. The children have returned to school with great energy to learn and responsibility – we all very proud of them!

**Wrap Around Care:** I'd like to express my gratitude to Gemma Houlding for seamlessly joining the Tolleshunt Darcy staff team and for leading our first full week of wrap around care. We are delighted to have been able to offer this support to our parent community. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to welcome more pupils! Thank you Mrs Kane, Miss Reed and Mr Fox who have also supported our new provision.

**Forest School:** An enormous thank you to Mrs Russell for introducing Tolleshunt Darcy to our new Forest School Provision. I'd describe Year R's very first session as quite the 'tear jerker!' It was heart warming to see our youngest learners take risks, build their resilience and thoroughly enjoy themselves in the outdoors. Thank you to everyone for supporting this, including parents and the PTFA. As we embed the provision, we will begin to offer this to other learners throughout the school.

**Request for pallets:** Mrs Russell would like to build a Bug Hotel in our Forest School Area – do any parents/carers have any wooden pallets that they can donate to us? We would be most grateful.

**Clubs:** This afternoon, you will receive information about our clubs offer following a review and feedback form the children. We are delighted to be able to offer extra-curricular activities to our pupils and I thank the staff whole-heartedly for giving up their time to support additional experiences for our children.

**Parent/Carer School Development Communication Presentation:** At the very beginning of this academic year, myself and Mrs Osborne (Canonium Trust's CEO and Tolleshunt Darcy's Interim Executive Headteacher) welcomed our parent community to a presentation meeting that offered you the opportunity to hear our plans for development. Following parent feedback, we are coordinating dates to invite you to a mid-year review in order to offer an update on our progress. I will inform you of this date as soon as possible.

**Dates:** a polite reminder to check our school term dates on the website. Dates for 2024/25 have been uploaded too.

**Wishing you all a happy, healthy and successful 2024!**

**Miss Reece**



## PTFA News:

Today, our fabulous PTFA are meeting to discuss how to spend the fundraising.

I look forward to joining the meeting and sharing with you the developments to our school.

## Excellent Punctuality:

Excellent learners attend school on time. We celebrate punctuality. Each week, the class with the top punctuality will be noted below:

**Class 2 – well done!**

truth

friendship

creativity

**Stars of the Week:** These learners have been awarded a certificate for their outstanding conduct this week:

Class 1:	Dolly	Lavinia	Class 2:	Tillie	Hugo
Class 3:	Frankie & Joe	Mary-Rose	Class 4:	Jasmyn	Ewan

Spring Term Dates:

24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Class 3 Sharing Assembly at 2.45pm

6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Class 2 Sharing Assembly at 2.45pm

15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 PTFA Non-Uniform and Disco

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 HALF TERM

**Trust Development Update:**

We are committed to our vision – to give every child the very best education possible. In order to do this, it is important that we continue to grow, review and develop. Being part of the growing Canonium Trust allows us to share expertise and resources. I am delighted to introduce you to our new colleagues:

**Mrs Rees – Canonium School Development Leader for Teaching and Learning:** Mrs Rees will be working with us on teaching and learning projects throughout the school (Monday to Wednesday). Mrs Rees has a wealth of teaching experience and is an expert in teaching and learning. She has a particular passion for mathematics and reading.

**Mrs Bourne – Canonium Interim Executive Headteacher:** We welcome Mrs Bourne to our academy on Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Bourne is an experienced leader who will add capacity to my role of SENDco. Mrs Bourne will take a lead in the strategic development of the school which will allow me to focus on Head of School operational leadership and Special Educational Needs.

**Mrs Osborne – Canonium CEO and Tolleshunt Darcy's Interim Executive Head:** Mrs Osborne remains fully committed to supporting the development of Tolleshunt Darcy School and will continue to work closely with myself, Mrs Rees and Mrs Bourne.

Mrs Rees and Mrs Bourne visited our school this week and were overjoyed with the positive, calm and enthusiastic learners. They are delighted to be welcomed into Tolleshunt Darcy's school community and look forward to working with us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office, Miss Reece

*Dear God, we give thanks for bringing us back together safely. We thank you for the opportunities that a new year provides. Help us to have positive habits in our lives that mean we are happy and healthy. Amen.*

#### Safeguarding

We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and if the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm, we will make a referral to Social Services. The school does not investigate any disclosures that children may make, we are a referring agency. Procedures on safeguarding from the Government make it clear that all staff should operate with an 'it could happen here' approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Essex Child and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627.