



**Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

W/c Monday 5th June lunch menu is 'Week 2' of the new fortnightly menu.

**Food for Life Gold Award**

We are delighted to announce that something VERY special has happened at Thorpe Acre Infant School. Lots of important visitors came to our school on Thursday to present us with our Food for Life Gold Award!

The Year 2 children attended an exciting Assembly all about bees, from Beekeeper Donya of Peacock Farm near Belvoir Castle.

Katie Worth from the Soil Association presented Mrs Taylor with our certificate. The Award recognises the school's commitment for all children to be involved in our school garden and understand where food comes from. The whole school's trips to Manor Farm were also part of this learning.

Everyone at TAIS would like to say a huge Thank You to Mrs Taylor who is passionate about all children having opportunities to plant and nurture fruit and vegetables. We are one of only seven schools in the country who have received this Gold Award!



## Attendance

Unfortunately, we have not yet achieved a day where we have had 100% attendance across all classes. When children miss school, there is no chance to catch up on missed learning. Below is an extract from the Government's Education blog, available online.

### How does attendance affect outcomes for pupils?

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. [Evidence](#) shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Our research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and [secondary school](#) missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.

## Year 2 Sleepover

All Year 2 parents should have received a letter about the sleepover at school in July. This is a reminder that the money (in cash) needs to be in school by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is £12 or £9 for Pupil Premium. We cannot accept money after this date.

## Secondhand Uniform Sale

We have quite a few items that we are looking to sell at bargain prices. We need a few parents to help to sort the items into sizes. Could you spare some time to help us? Please see Mrs Pullen in the office. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Finish for half term break.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – back to school

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Morning

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Sleepover

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year Reports sent home

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – End of the school year.

Have a lovely half term break.

## Spotlight on Learning

### Year R



This week, YR children have been reading the 'Little Red Hen'. The children have learnt the story using Talk for Writing and can retell it independently. We have also made some bread (see photo).

### Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been learning interesting facts about pirates. In Maths they have been exploring position and direction, and their Science work has involved exploring floating and sinking.

### Year 2

Year 2 have been writing diaries in character as misbehaving pets. In Design and Technology, the children have reviewed their healthy wraps and have written instructions on how to make them. On Thursday they had a visit from a beekeeper who taught them about the different types of bees, how important they are and how she looks after them.