



Our Vision: Children, staff and parents working actively in partnership to enable all children to realise their full potential.

Newsletter - November 2022



MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Wrens: 96.7% Year 1: 94.5%

Year 3: 97.3% Year 4: 96.4%

Year 5: 96.2% Year 6: 92.9%

The winner for November is:

Year 2: 97.7%

Please remember school attendance is mandatory.

Holidays should be planned for school holiday times to avoid missing school time.

If your child is absent, you must notify the school office every day before 9:30am at the latest.

Thank you

Dear Parents / Carers / Children

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our families for your patience and support with the new Arbor Parent Portal / App. As I am sure you already know, you can now top up and make payments for clubs, meals etc.

We are also pleased to announce that we are going to be running our own After School Club 'Grasshoppers' with effect from 4 January 2022. For more information please see the back page.

At the end of term we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Jones who has been a valued teaching assistant here for 12 years. She will be missed by everyone at TPS and we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Grainger (Wrens) has now started her maternity leave and Mrs Rutter will be the class teacher in Wrens on Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Rutter will step back from her SENCO position on 31 December 2022 and Mrs Pascal will take over the role of SENCO from 1 January 2023. We wish everyone well.

Please take a few minutes to make a note of the upcoming events during the busy run up to Christmas. Please note that all dates are published on the website for your convenience as soon as they are confirmed.

Mr Bellinger (Headteacher)

DATES OF INTEREST

Tuesday 6 December 2022—KS2 Christmas Performance of One Bright Star—1.45pm—School Hall

Wednesday 7 December 2022—School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 8 December 2022—KS2 Christmas Performance of One Bright Star—7.00 pm—School Hall

Friday 9 December 2022—Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 12 December 2022—Year R (Wrens) Nativity—2.00 pm—School Hall

Tuesday 13 December 2022—Year 1 (Robins) Nativity—2.00 pm—School Hall

Wednesday 14 December 2022—Year 2 (Kingfishers) Nativity—2.00 pm—School Hall

Thursday 15 December 2022—KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 16 December 2022—Break up for the Christmas holiday

Tuesday 3 January 2023—INSET Day (no pupils in school)

Wednesday 4 January 2023—Spring Term begins for pupils

Details of the term dates for 2022 / 2023 are available on the website for your convenience and dates for 2023 / 2024 are coming soon...

YEAR 4 VISIT TO HORNIMAN MUSEUM

On Wednesday 16 November, Kestrel Class went to visit the Horniman Museum. There they attended a workshop about ancient Egypt to link in with their topic. The children were able to handle real ancient artefacts and got to pretend to be archaeologists. Around the galleries, they also found lots of interesting things in the natural history section.

The children had a wonderful day, thank you to Mrs Russell, Mr Hill and Mr Bellinger who kindly accompanied the children along with two parent volunteers.



YEAR 5 VISIT TO NEWHAVEN FORT

On Thursday 24 November Year 5 visited the historic Newhaven Fort. They had the opportunity to experience 'a real life air raid', see guns and bombs, sit in soldier's barracks and also have a wonderful talk in a workshop about the facts of WW2!

They learned about the people who had fought, were evacuated and those who worked on the Home Front.

The children had a fabulous day and were a real credit to the school. Thanks go to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Fisher who accompanied the children on the day along with three parent helpers.



PARISH COUNCIL'S NEW LIGHTS

We are sure that many of our families and local residents will have noticed the new lighting that has gone up in the carpark, thanks to the Parish Council. One of the reasons behind this is to help deter some of the anti-social behaviour from taking place under the cover of darkness.

We have had some communication from people asking about the brightness, timing and direction of the lights and we have passed these comments on to the Parish Council who commissioned the work and we hope that some adjustments can be made.

SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE
BOOK FAIR

FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR

FIND HUNDREDS OF THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £2.2M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS HERE...

Celebrate reading with your favourite authors and illustrators from Monday 28 November until Thursday 1 December 2022 when you will have the opportunity to come to our Book Fair. See you there!

SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

KS2 CROSS COUNTRY

A number of children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in the Cross Country competition at Oxted School on Wednesday 2nd November.



The runners represented Tatsfield brilliantly and ran well against children from other schools in the area.

Well done!

Mrs Knock (Year 4 / Woodpeckers)

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

November 14th - 18th was Anti-Bullying Week with a focus on 'Reaching Out'.

Mrs Knock led the week with a whole school assembly and teachers followed up this theme in class, focussing on how we can all reach out to stop bullying.

An important message for every day, not just this special week.

This Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.

Monday 14th to Friday 18th November
#AntiBullyingWeek #ReachOut

Tatsfield PTA Calendar of Events

Tatsfield Primary School
22/23

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| Halloween Cake Sale | | 20/10/22 |
| Fireworks | | 4/11/22 |
| Own clothes Day | | 18/11/22 |
| Christmas Fair | | 2/12/22 |
| Disco | | 27/1/23 |
| Valentines Cake Sale | | 9/02/23 |
| Movie Night | | 10/03/23 |
| Bags2School | | 14/03/23 |
| June Fair | | 10/06/23 |

CAR PARK ETIQUETTE

If there aren't any spaces available we suggest you exit the car park, park in the village considerately and then walk over to collect your child, alternatively, please arrive slightly later than usual and pick up from the drop off point. Please remember it is better for the flow of the car park if your child is waiting for you at drop off rather than the other way around so please do not arrive too early.

May we also remind our families not to park in the disabled bay unless you are displaying a blue badge.

PLEASE NOTE – we would request that any cars that are queuing please turn car engines off while waiting, for the health and safety of everyone.

Thank you.





AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Tatsfield Primary School staff and children came together in an act of remembrance to honour the 2 minute silence held for those who fought and died for their country in both World Wars. The children were told why we remember the soldiers who fought for our freedom and it was very moving to all stand together in silence. Thank you to everyone who brought in money to buy poppy's in support of the Royal British Legion.

We raised just over £176.00 for the charity.



ALLY & SUPPORTER GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF LGBTQ+ YOUNG PEOPLE

Surrey County Council's 'Ally and supporter' sessions are predominately aimed at the parents and carers of LGBTQ+ young people and young adults. We strive to provide a safe, welcoming and judgement-free space for them to explore their journey whilst providing them with the tools and knowledge to support an LGBTQ+ person. Sessions run on a fortnightly basis with a topic decided by the identified needs of LGBTQ+ people, either from young people accessing Twister youth services and alongside questions raised by parents and carers in the community.

Whilst professionals guide the session, this is primarily a space for parents and carers to ask questions, share their experiences and meet other people navigating similar journeys. For more information contact Molly White, LGBT Youth worker and lead on the group at: molly.white@surreycc.gov.uk.



SOME ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Christmas post box will be available for children to send cards throughout the school again this year. Christmas cards for children within classes can be posted in the class post box but for children in other classes the general post box situated in the entrance hall can be used. Please ensure children use first and last names are on the cards and the class name or year group.

There will be the traditional Christmas Dinner served on **Wednesday 7 December** and this was opened up to the whole school.

On **Friday 9 December** we will have our Christmas jumper day when children can wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their normal school sweatshirts/Cardigans. Please note the children should still wear the rest of their school uniform.

On **Tuesday 6 December** at 1.45 pm and **Thursday 8 December** at 7.00 pm the KS2 Christmas Concerts take place—if you haven't already ordered tickets, please do so soon as places are now very limited.

KS1 Nativities take place in the school hall at 2.00 pm on:

Wrens - **Monday 12 December,**

Robins - **Tuesday 13 December** and

Kingfishers - **Wednesday 14 December.**

Please see page 7 from the PTA for more information about events in December.



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

- 1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY** 
- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS** 
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

It's As Easy As 

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

- £1 per week
- Weekly cash prizes
- £25,000 jackpot

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Tatsfield Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Tatsfield Primary School

Splitting the £1.00



- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school

Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

PROCEDURES IN CASE OF HEAVY SNOW

As the weather gets colder, it is a good idea for us to remind parents and inform new parents about our procedures in adverse weather. We always endeavour to open the school during bad weather but this can be challenging when we have heavy snow. Please take note of the following procedures for if we wake up to a significant amount of the dreaded white stuff – thank you!



Please **DO NOT** phone the school office to find out if we are open. Office staff will be making outgoing calls to staff members and trying to send out PMX emails to parents. We do not want to tie up the line or delay the emails being sent if we are answering phone calls.

If it is decided the school will have to be closed, a message will be posted on the school website, www.tatsfieldtlt.co.uk by 8.00am at the latest. The decision will take into account local road conditions, safety on site, whether staff are able to drive in and also the forecast for the rest of the day. A PMX email or text will also be sent to parents. Please note, that in the case of less snow, it might be that we will be able to open slightly later than the normal time, if we can get the site ready and teachers are able to drive in. Please bear this in mind.

If we remain closed, class teachers will post work via Satchel 1 or on the website. Whilst no doubt everyone will have some fun in the snow, it is important to keep up the momentum with school work so please do encourage your child to have a go at the work set.

It is important for parents to please keep checking the website as often we will post a message asking for some help to clear paths so we can get the school ready for opening. Parental help is key with this task as we have just a small number of staff who live locally and we have a big site to make safe. As the saying goes – many hands make light work. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

FREE ONLINE GUIDES FOR FAMILIES IN SURREY

Bringing up children is a lot of fun but can also have its challenges and understanding your child's emotional development can help to support your relationship and your child's behaviour.

Families living in Surrey can get access to FREE online guides that include top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts.

- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child 0-19 years
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your child with additional needs

The guides are available in other languages including Urdu, Chinese and Polish.

Register for free using the code 'ACORN' by visiting the Children and Family Health Surrey website:

www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/free-online-guides-families.

EASYFUNDRAISING—REMEMBER US WHEN YOU START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING...

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tatsfieldprimaryschool/?invite=IO5I04%26referralcampaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

A huge thank you to those who have already signed up and made purchases as we have received several donations already from your efforts.



AN UPDATE FROM THE PTA...

We have had a fabulous start to the academic year and so thank you everyone for your support.

The following fundraising events have made:

- Firework Evening - £2623.27
- Beer Festival - £5,765.21
- Halloween Cake Sale - £115.00
- Christmas card order thus far - £421.00
- Panto tickets - £650.00

The proceeds from these events will go towards:

- * New colourful, octagonal picnic tables made from 100% recycled plastic for the playground
- * Athletics annual subscription
- * New laptops for classrooms and SEND pupils
- * Subsidising the now very expensive, school trips for each year group

As always, we are so appreciative of your support and help with these events. Without people to man the stalls and/or donate the different goods, we would not be able to run the events and therefore purchase these invaluable items to enhance our children's learning experiences. So thank you for your continued support.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on **Friday 2 December from 3.30 pm - 5.30pm.**

We have lots of fun crafts, games, music, refreshments stalls with hot dogs, turkey rolls and hot chocolate, Santa's Grotto and Elfridge's department; for buying those special grown-ups their gifts for Christmas. (If you have booked, please see your designated slot for this).

We have a lovely, festive performance by pupils from Katie Cox Dance School at 4.30pm, so don't miss it!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Please do not forget about Amazon Smile, Easy Fundraising and the other ways to support the school when shopping for Christmas and if anyone works for a company who would be interested in Match Funding, please do let us know.

Many thanks and here's to a fun-filled December!

Your Tatsfield School PTA



INTRODUCING... 'GRASSHOPPERS' AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are pleased to announce that we will be running an After School Club at Tatsfield Primary School from 4 January 2023, after the Christmas holidays. The club will be based within the school building, with access to outdoor play.



Grasshoppers After School Club will be open after school every day until 6.00 pm (different session times available). Children have the opportunity to play, socialise and relax after their school day, with a choice of activities.

A different snack option is provided daily, ranging from pitta breads and pasta, to fresh fruit and vegetables.

| Times | Prices |
|-----------------|--------|
| 3.00 pm—6.00 pm | £12.50 |
| 3.00 pm—4.30 pm | £9.00 |
| 4.00 pm—6.00 pm | £9.00 |

Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare Accepted

Bookings will be via the Arbor Parent Portal / App - queries grasshoppers@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk

Grasshoppers After School Club will be run by current members of staff who are caring and professional, and strive to create a fun play environment for the children.

As with all Tatsfield staff, the Grasshoppers team are:

- * Enhanced DBS check
- * Training in Safeguarding, First Aid, Health & Safety and Behaviour Management
- * Senior staff hold qualifications in Playwork, Childcare or Sports Management