



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

Newsletter - March 2023



MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Wrens: 96.01% Year 1: 93.32%

Year 2: 96.31% Year 3: 96.83%

Year 4: 91.78% Year 6: 92.51%

The winner for March is:

Year 5: 97.34%

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 9.30 am at the latest providing details of illness.

Thank you

Dear Parents / Carers / Children

It's been a busy month with parent consultation evenings, a Tuning Up performance for Year 4 parents, a Mother's Day assembly for Wrens families and class assemblies and open mornings for Years 2 and 3. It's always good to welcome our families into school to see just some of the wonderful things happening behind the scenes here at Tatsfield.

We hope you saw our letter introducing Rachel Jewitt as the new Headteacher from September. Mrs Jewitt will be visiting us during the summer term when you will hopefully get a chance to meet her.

We are looking forward to welcoming Julie Wilshaw for the summer term. She will be based in Wren class after Easter as we say goodbye to Mrs Cutts.

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DATES OF INTEREST

- Friday 31 March 2023—School closes for Easter
- Monday 17 April 2023—INSET Day (no pupils in school)
- Tuesday 18 April 2023—school opens for pupils for the Summer Term
- Monday 24 April 2023—Year 4 to Blackland Farm (one night residential)
- Tuesday 25 April 2023—Year 5 to Blackland Farm (four nights residential)
- Monday 1 May 2023—May Day Bank holiday
- Wednesday 3 May 2023—Drama Workshop for Yrs 1 & 2
- Thursday 4 May 2023—Wrens visit to Gatton Park
- Monday 8 May 2023— Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III
- Tuesday 9 May 2023—KS2 SATS begin
- Monday 22 May 2023—Enrichment Week begins
- Friday 26 May 2023—School closes for half term
- Monday 5 June 2023—School opens after half term
- Saturday 10 June 2023—June Fair
- Friday 30 June 2023—INSET Day (no pupils in school)
- Monday 3 July 2023—TRUST Training Day (no pupils in school)
- Friday 21 July 2023—Last day of term

2023 / 2024 are now available on our website: <https://www.tatsfieldlt.co.uk/>

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Year 4 said a fond farewell to Mrs Mellis who left us on Monday 27 March. Mrs Mellis has been with us for the spring term each Monday and she will be missed by everyone.

Please may we remind you that we break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 31 March and pupils return to school for the summer term on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a safe and happy Easter!

Mr Bellinger (Headteacher)

WORLD BOOK DAY—FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and children who supported the school's World Book Day on Friday 3 March 2023.

We had an amazing array of animals parading around the school for the day and it was wonderful to see the pupils exposed to new texts through discovering animal poems, stories from around the world and some much-loved older classics. The children spent the day exploring writing from different genres and cultures, sharing texts with different year groups, experiencing teacher swaps and even Little Red Riding Hood in French!

During a whole school assembly, the pupils challenged the teachers to think back to the first book they remembered enjoying and to share their dream place to read, needless to say deserted beaches came up rather often!

We also marvelled at the inventiveness of MC Grammar with his incredibly catchy world book day rap - well worth a watch if you have a spare moment: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4LO_Nnod-M

Thank you once again to all the staff, parents and children for making the day such a success yet again!

Mrs Colegate—Year 2
(Kingfishers)



YEAR 1 ART

In Year 1 we have been learning about the German painter, Paul Klee. We have been busy creating our own versions of his famous Castle and Sun painting. We used oil pastels and 2D shapes, before applying a paint wash to create our artwork which is both expressionism and cubism.

Mrs Allen—Year 1 (Robins)



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT @TPS

The theme for Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 was spreading the simple message: make the small switch to Fairtrade supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved foods and the planet.



During our PSHE lessons, the children focussed on different aspects of Fairtrade foods, including making pledges, how Fairtrade supports farmers in ways such as educating them regarding which crops are resistant to extreme weather and researching products we could buy to celebrate a Fairtrade Easter. Wrens worked with their Year 6 buddies, learning about fairtrade bananas.

We also joined the live events provided by the Fairtrade Foundation to cement our understanding.

On Friday 10 March, we were joined by Hilary Harber, a member of the Tatsfield Fairtrade Group, in our sharing assembly.

What a wealth of knowledge the children shared!

Well done Tatsfield!

Mrs Knock—Year 3 (Woodpeckers)



FANTASTIC FRED—WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023

The whole school had sessions with the Fantastic Fred team throughout the day on Wednesday 22 March 2023.

The children took part in live interactive and engaging performances in the hall. These performances are specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience. They deliver simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health. The letters in FRED's name represent the areas of educational focus:

F = Food, R = Rest, E = Exercise, D = Devices

Children were given leaflets to bring home with lots of useful information for families but you may prefer to visit their website for further information and advice:

<https://www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/>

DODGEBALL



On Tuesday 21 March, a Year 3 and a Year 4 team represented Tatsfield Primary School at an inter-house dodgeball tournament.

They played wonderfully as a team and demonstrated excellent resilience.

Thank you to Mr Chambers who assisted on the day too.

Mrs Knock—Year 3 (Woodpeckers)



SPONSORED DOG WALK

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 10am to 2pm

Bring your four legged friends and join us for a walk to raise money for the care of our dogs

- 4 walks to choose from to suit all abilities
- BBQ and refreshments available
- Raffle and tombola
- Certificate and rosette for all dogs
- Registration fee £5 per dog

Please book in advance via our website or call 01959 572386 option 5

www.foalfarm.org.uk/events

Foal Farm, Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
Registered Charity Number 201654



Large Animal Tours



Come and meet our resident animals during the Easter Holidays

Our educational tours are suitable for adults and children aged 5+
Tickets are £10 per person and can be booked online or via reception (pre-booking is essential)
All tours start at 1.30pm and last for approx. 75 minutes

www.foalfarm.org.uk/events 01959 572386 (option 5)

Join in our Egg Hunt to win a chocolate treat - £3 per person payable on the day

Wednesday 5th April
Thursday 6th April
Friday 7th April

Wednesday 12th April
Thursday 13th April
Friday 14th April

Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
Registered Charity No. 201654



Both events can be booked online www.foalfarm.org.uk/events or by calling reception on 01959 572386 option 5.

A WALK ROUND TATSFIELD

Year 4 have been out and about in the village during the last week of term sketching maps and walking from Crossways and back up to the green. Unfortunately they weren't able to use compasses as it was too wet that day! They are also hoping to visit the church and discuss a brief history and its place in the village by the end of term too.

Mrs Russell / Mrs Mellis - Year 4





OXTED LIBRARY ART COMPETITION

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DESIGN AND MAKE A
MODEL CROWN FOR KING
CHARLES III'S CORONATION

Entries need to be
submitted by 5pm
Saturday 15th April

PRIZES FOR EACH
AGE GROUP

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RULES

- The crown should be 3D model in any medium. Think about King Charles' hobbies and likes.
- Ages 5-7 & Ages 8-11.
- Please attach your name, school, age & contact details to your model.
- By entering the competition you agree to have your work displayed in the library & used on social media.

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Taking place in Memorial Gardens, Crawley

Saturday 20 May

11am - 4pm

Just turn up! Enjoy a **FREE** family fun packed day

Employers from various STEM industries and local businesses will be available to offer careers information and advice.

Pop-Up
Planetarium

Engaging STEM
Displays

Fly
Drones

Solar
Powered
Car

Interactive
Engineering Rigs

Science
Shows



More engaging STEM activities at Crawley College











1, Stafford Road, Caterham CR3 6JG

Easter Holiday Activities

For primary-aged children with accompanying adults
Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5, 6, 12 & 13 April
10.30 - 12 noon and 2.00 - 4.30 pm

This Easter the museum is excited to be linking with others to celebrate wildlife in Surrey as part of Earth Day on 22nd April!

Cyril, our Victorian Red Squirrel, has got lost in the Museum – can you help us find him? Colour in a picture of Cyril, including his magic tail, or draw a cartoon imagining Cyril escaping back to the Surrey countryside – where would he live, what would he eat, what new friends would he make? You can then add your artwork to the National 'Wild Escape' collective artwork on 22nd April!!

And we'll also have our popular Museum trails to do, please come and join us if you can.

All activities are free of charge, but donations to the Museum are very much appreciated!!

Tel:- 01883 340275
www.eastsurreymuseum.org.uk



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