



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

Newsletter - January 2023



MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Wrens: **97.5%** Year 1: **96.2%**

Year 3: **96.8%** Year 4: **96.3%**

Year 5: **95.8%** Year 6: **97.3%**

The winner for January 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

Welcome back to school. It seems a long time ago now but we do hope you all enjoyed your Christmas holidays. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the generous gifts and cards received in school. I know the staff and children have already started the year with renewed vigour and are looking forward to what the spring term will bring.

Please make a note in your diaries that a TRUST Training Day will take place on **Monday 17 April 2023** and no pupils will be expected in school on this day. The summer term for children therefore starts on Tuesday 18 April 2023. Please also note that there will be an INSET Day on **Friday 30 June 2023** followed by a TRUST Training Day on **Monday 3 July 2023**—no pupils will be expected in school on those days.

May we remind you to take a few minutes to book your forthcoming parent consultation evening via Arbor Parent Portal / App if you haven't already done so.

Mr Bellinger (Headteacher)

DATES OF INTEREST

Monday 6 February 2023—Parent Consultation Evening (Year 6)

Tuesday 7 February 2023—Years 5 & 6 Breck Talk

Tuesday 7 February 2023—Years 5 & 6 Football

Wednesday 8 February 2023—Year 4 Hinduism Workshop

Thursday 9 February 2023—Parent Consultation Evening (Year 6)

Friday 10 February 2023—School closes for half term

Monday 20 February 2023—School opens for second half of Spring Term

Thursday 2 March 2023—World Book Day & Meal

Wednesday 22 March 2023—Parent Consultation Evening (Years: 1-5)

Thursday 23 March 2023—Parent Consultation Evening (Years: 1-5)

Friday 24 March 2023—Years 5 & 6 Dodgeball

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

SPRING TERM CLUBS—2023

Listed below are the clubs that will be run by staff during the Spring Term 2023.

All the clubs (except Tennis) are now available to book on the Arbor Parent Portal/App. To sign your child/ren up to a club you will need to log in and select 'Clubs'. Availability is on a first come first served basis as some clubs have limited places. Please remember to tick the consent button to ensure your child receives a place as without consent your child/ren will not be able to attend. To sign up for a lunchtime club your child just needs to speak to the teacher running the club.

For start and end dates please see the information in brackets as each club may be different.

Mondays

3.00 - 4.00	Y1/2 Art Club (from 16.1.23 – 20.3.23)	<i>C. Allen</i>
3.00 - 4.00	Y1/2 Multiskills (from 16.1.23 – 20.3.23)	<i>S. Cutts</i>
3.15 - 4.15	Y5/6 Sketching Club (from 16.1.23 – 20.3.23)	<i>H. Abbs</i>

Tuesdays

3.15 - 4.00	Y6 Maths Club (from 10.1.23- 2.5.23)	<i>K. Bellinger/K. Collins /K. Ekoku</i>
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Wednesdays

Lunchtime	Y5/6 Netball (cont)	<i>K. Collins</i>
3.15 – 4.10	KS2 Gardening Club (from 22.2.23 – 29.3.23)	<i>L. Knock/ J. Hancock</i>
3.15 – 4.00	KS2 Recorder Club (from 18.1.23 – 22.3.23)	<i>K. Colegate</i>
3.15 – 4.00	KS2 Board Games Club (from 18.1.23 – 22.3.23)	<i>A. Russell</i>

Thursdays

3.15 – 4.15	Tennis (from 12.1.23 – 23.3.23)	<i>Matchpoint Tennis#</i>
3.00 – 4.00	Y1/2 Football Club (from 12.1.23 – 23.3.23)	<i>GR8 Coaching</i>

Fridays

3.15 – 4.15	KS2 Football Club (from 13.1.23 – 24.3.23)	<i>Clarry Birch Coaching</i>
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As this club is run by an outside company, please contact them directly if you wish your child to attend – application forms are available from the letter racks in reception.

PREMISES UPDATES

We thought you might be interested in some of the improvements made to our school and grounds which forms part of the general maintenance and H&S programme.

Firstly, may we thank Mr Howard at YES Glazing Solutions for fixing the fire doors at the back of the hall just before the Christmas Concert last term. We appreciate this very generous offer of help at the last minute.

You may have noticed that our sedum green roof is looking much healthier these days following the replacement of the faulty irrigation system. We would like to thank Mr Hayman and his team at Tatsfield Aquatics for their work.

Finally, on the INSET day in January, the taps in all of the toilets were replaced with self-closing taps which now deliver a timed flow of water. We hope this will save too much wasted water in future.

TATSFIELD AQUATICS @ TPS

Year 5 were luckily enough to have a special visit from some scaly friends, thanks to Jasper Hayman's Mum who brought in a selection of reptiles and insects which can normally only be found on or near the Equator.

Year 5 have been learning all about South America, the tropics, hemispheres and the equator too, so learning facts about geckos, snakes, chameleons and bearded dragons helped them to understand why these animals can be found in these varied climate zones.



A special thank you to Tatsfield Aquatics for helping to make this possible.

Mrs Abbs (Year 5)



SEN @TPS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the warm welcome to my additional role as SENCo at Tatsfield. My SENCo days are Mondays and Tuesdays and I am in class with Year 6 on Thursdays and Fridays.

I would like to invite all parents to a coffee afternoon on **Monday 6 February at 2.30pm**. There will be an opportunity to meet other parents in the community and find out more about SEN support at Tatsfield over tea or coffee and biscuits.

Parents' Evening is coming up this term and I will be available on Thursday 23 March to discuss your child's needs. In the meantime, I am available on senco@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk or by calling the office to make an appointment.

I would also like to signpost you to our Learning Mentor, Mrs Cargan, who also supports families dealing with bereavement, anxiety and separation or divorce within our school. Please contact her via email j.cargan@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk or by calling the school office.

Best wishes and I hope to meet you soon.

Mrs Pascal
SENCo / Year 6 Teacher



TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Wednesday 30 August - Friday 15 December (first day in school for pupils Monday 4 September 2023)

Half Term: Monday 16 October - Friday 27 October 2023 (2 weeks)

Inset Days: Wednesday 30 August 2023

Thursday 31 August 2023

Friday 1 September 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2 January - Thursday 28 March 2024

Half Term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February 2024 (1 week)

Inset Day: Tuesday 2 January 2024

Wednesday 3 January 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 April – Friday 26 July 2024

May Day: Monday 6 May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May 2024 (1 week)

Inset Days: Monday 15 April 2024

Friday 28 June 2024

KS2 SATS – 13 MAY 2024

YEAR 5 & 6 QUICKSTICKS AT OXTED

On a very chilly Wednesday evening, children from Year 5 represented the school in the annual inter-school Quick Sticks Tournament. We entered two teams who demonstrated resilience and fantastic teamwork. Overall we came third in both the A and B team results! Well done to the children and thank you to any parents who came along to support us.

Mrs Abbs (Year 5)



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Please may we remind our families that although we have Calpol on site, it is for emergency use only. If you believe your child may need Calpol during the school day, please supply a named bottle for your child which we will keep for their use only. Many thanks.

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 sending messages 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. An email, InApp message 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.



Tatsfield PTA Calendar of Events 22/23

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

Happy New Year to Everyone!

Firstly a huge 'Thank You' for a fabulous festive few weeks and for supporting the Christmas Fair and the Christmas Raffle. The children had a lovely time and we raised £2,000 for the school which will go towards some visualisers for the classrooms and some new laptops.

If anyone has any useful contacts to purchase these laptops for our school, please get in touch.

For those of you who use Amazon Smile, you may have heard this is closing from February. So please choose Easy Fundraising for all your shopping needs online instead. Please add in the school's details and every time you shop you will help to raise money for the school.

Calling all bunting makers!! We would like to make some bunting using our old school uniform for our events throughout the year. If anyone has any budding bunting makers who could help, please let us know.

We held our annual Disco on Friday 27 January. The children had a fab time so thank you for your support.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tatsfield Primary School PTA



INTRODUCING... 'GRASSHOPPERS' AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The club is 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 crackers 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



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EXTENDED DAY
UNTIL 6PM



CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS

We have lots of fun activities on offer from Dodgeball and Cookery to Arts & Crafts, Archery and lots more! Come along and try something new!

Book Today

(Places limited)



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