



TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Aim High, Achieve More

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

Newsletter - September 2022



Dear Parents / Carers / Children

Welcome back! I hope you all had a pleasant summer holiday and are ready for the start of the new term. At this time of year, it is always helpful to have a reminder about some of the routines that make the running of the school that little bit smoother. Should you have any questions regarding these, please do not hesitate to speak to the school office.

School Start Time & Morning Routine

The school day begins at 8.45am. Infant children should come into their classrooms quietly ready to learn from 8.30am onwards when their teacher will be ready to receive them. They must be in the classroom by 8.55am or they will be marked as late. The first lesson starts at 8.55am. If we are not advised of a reason for absence by 9.30am, your child(ren) will be marked as having an unauthorised absence. Please do not enter the classrooms in the mornings to talk to class teachers as this can be detrimental to the start of morning routines. If there is something you would like to discuss, please either leave a message with office staff, who will be happy to pass it on, or speak to the class teacher at the end of the day.

Morning Drop Off in Wet Weather

Should we be unlucky enough to have very wet weather at the beginning of the day, the children will go straight into school and not wait in the playgrounds. KS2 children should make their way around the side of the building as usual and enter normally via the practical room fire door where a member of staff will be on duty. Staff will be happy to guide you and if you want to just drop off at the drop off point, a member of staff will see your child into the building.

Please may we remind families to send their children in with a coat every day so they are always prepared for inclement weather.

May we also remind families to ensure that all items of uniform and equipment are named so that we can return belongings to the owner if lost.

DATES OF INTEREST

Thursday 6 October 2022—Harvest Festival Meal

Friday 10 October 2022—Isle of Wight Residential leaves school—returns on Friday 14 October

Wednesday 12 October 2022—Year 2 Class Assembly

Monday 17 October 2022—Flu Vaccinations in school—book by the 12 October at the latest

Friday 21 October 2022—Break up for Half Term

Monday 31 October 2022—INSET Day (no pupils in school)

Tuesday 1 November 2022—School opens for pupils

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 now available on the website for your convenience.

CAR PARK REMINDERS & PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO SCHOOL

Please inform anyone who may pick up on your behalf of the car park rules (including grandparents and friends) – thank you

We are very lucky to have such a big car park at Tatsfield but none-the-less it does get overcrowded some days.

We would like to remind everyone to only park in designated bays and do not leave your vehicle until you are parked correctly. **Your children are always kept safe with a member of staff until you can collect them so there is no need to worry about being late. If you are very late (caught in traffic etc) your children will be taken back into the school building and will be waiting for you at the purple chairs in the reception area.**

Infants are dismissed at 3.00pm and we would ask infant parents to exit the car park promptly once you have collected your child. Juniors are dismissed at 3.10pm but it always takes a few minutes for them to walk around the building so we suggest parents do not arrive before 3.15pm. **It is better for the flow of the car park for your child to be waiting for you rather than you waiting for them.**

We operate a pick up point in the car park every afternoon, mainly for KS2 children who are old enough to walk to the area and wait sensibly. If you are happy for your child to wait at this point, please inform the class teacher as they will not release them without your permission. Please remember to not arrive too early if you wish to take advantage of this quick and easy system.

For anyone who has parked in the village or who walks to and from school we would like to remind you not to cross the car park at any other point other than that by the drop off point and the main entrance gate. The red brick area denotes the pedestrian pathway around the side of the village hall to the crossing patrol point. Please encourage your children to follow the correct path with you so we can avoid any accidents.

PICK UP

It is very important that if someone other than yourself is picking your child up from school, you must let the class teacher know. You can do this by putting a note in your child's book bag for them to hand in or by phoning the school office. **Without prior notification, your child will not be released until we have spoken to you.** Thank you for your understanding.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

On Friday 16 September, the school came together to elect their House Captains. The children who wished to put themselves forward all gave a short presentation to their respective houses detailing how they would like to represent them going forward in the new academic year. Every child who took part did a very good job and the children elected were as follows:

Blue (Leveson Gower)	Licia Hales and Harvey Gabbadon
Green (Gresham)	Lewis Huggins and Lilah Jones
Red (De Ros)	Sienna Bertagna and Isabelle Coombs
Yellow (Uvedale)	Sophie McMullan and Jacob Holden

Well done to all the candidates for putting themselves forward and presenting themselves so well and huge congratulations to the successful candidates – we are sure they will do a fantastic job for their houses.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Children in KS1 are currently entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals'. We ask parents to decide a half term at a time if your child will be having school dinners every day or packed lunch. We allow you to make one change per half term so if you find your child would like to change their normal lunch routine, please speak to the school office. Children in KS2 must pay in advance for every school meal and their accounts can be topped up via PMX. Please note that if your child has a packed lunch we do not allow fizzy drinks or sweets in lunchboxes. Parents should also ensure grapes are cut in half or quarters as whole grapes can cause choking. Please see the Parent Handbook for further guidance.

LETTERS TO AND FROM THE OFFICE

Letters are normally sent home every Friday. Family letters will be sent home with your youngest child. If you have a slip or letter to hand into the school office, please give it to your child and instruct them to hand it to the class teacher who will send it to the office in the class register at the beginning of the day. This helps alleviate a busy front office and gives the children a sense of responsibility.

APPEAL FOR CLASS TISSUES

It's the time of year when coughs and colds appear and we would like to remind parents that unfortunately due to budget constraints we do not provide tissues at school. If any parents would like to donate a box of tissues to your child's class when you do your weekly shop, we would be most grateful. Alternatively, please send your child in with their own personal supply should they need it.

ILLNESS

We would like to remind parents that should your child be too unwell to come to school, please phone the school's absence answerphone on 01959 577356 Option 1, leaving their name, class and nature of their illness. If they are suffering from sickness or an upset stomach, please note that we require your child to be kept off school for a period of 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

THE FIRST WEEK FOR OUR NEW WRENS IN RECEPTION CLASS

We have welcomed into school the youngest members of our school community. It has been lovely to see all the Wrens come into school with happy, smiley faces. They have managed remarkably well with the new routines of school. The children have engaged in lots of independent learning inside and outside; exploring the different areas of our learning environment with enthusiasm and excitement. We have observed new friendships, amazing cutting skills, imaginative play, kindness and resilience. We have been so impressed with the way our new children have taken things in their stride, especially their positive attitude to trying new foods at lunchtime. It has been great to meet our new families and the Early Years team are very much looking forward to getting to know everyone over the course of the year.

One of their first activities was to paint a self-portrait. Can you spot anyone you know?!!

Mrs Cutts / Mrs Grainger (Wren Teachers)



CHARLES DARWIN OPEN EVENTS

Charles Darwin will be holding their open morning on Saturday 8 October from 9.00 am to 12.45 pm for any parents that might be interested. There will be talk from the Headteacher at 9.00 am, 10 am and 11.00 am in the main hall. Open week tours will run from Tuesday 11 October to Thursday 13 October. Organised tours this week are at 8.45am and 9.00 am. Booking is essential via their website:

<https://www.cdarwin.com>

Presentations will start promptly at the advertised time so please leave sufficient time for parking. (There will be very limited on-site parking available) .

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to all the children who were selected as school council representatives for their class. I am sure you will be a wonderful School Council.

Elizabeth Taylor and Louis Baldock Year 1

Beau Baxter and Poppie Butler Year 2

Emily Morgan Year 3

Kathryn Chambers Year 4

Tommy Hunt Year 5

Ronnie Foskett Year 6

PTA NEWS










Our annual fireworks display will take place on Friday 4 November 2022 with gates open from 6pm. There will be hot drinks, novelties, a bar and BBQ, a sweetie stall and much more.

Tickets – Pre-booked £6 per person/ gate price £7 per person.

Family ticket (admits 4) – Pre-booked £20/gate price £25 Pre-school children – Free

Please also see the list of PTA events for your diaries. Your support is much appreciated.

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



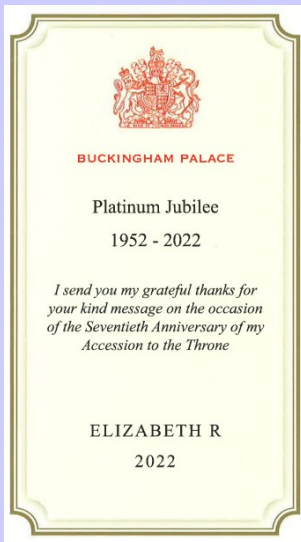
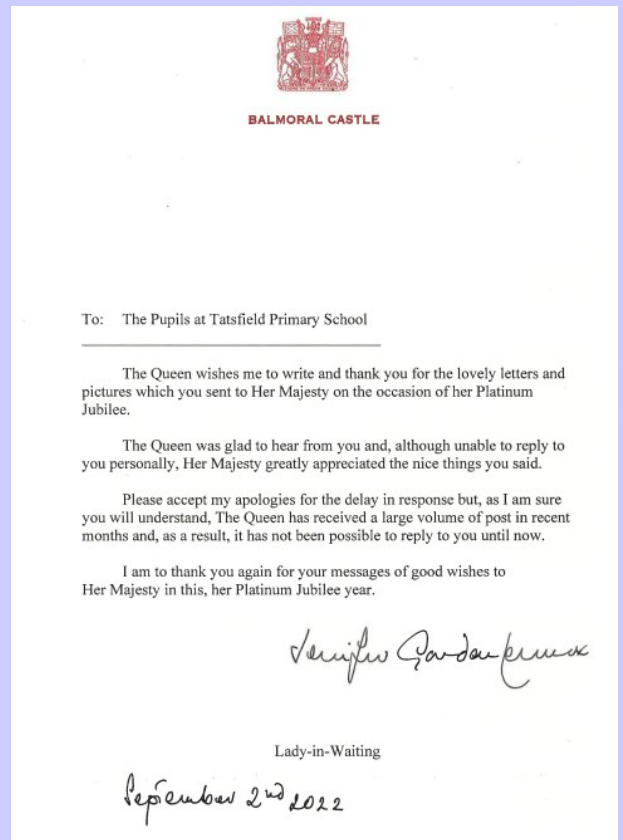
A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE LATE QUEEN

It was a poignant reminder of the hard work that our late Queen carried out right up until she passed away, when we received a letter from Balmoral thanking us for our letters and pictures on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

Our Queen was a much-loved monarch as was evident by the enthusiasm with which the children and staff at Tatsfield participated in their celebrations to commemorate her Platinum Jubilee with many of our families marking the occasion in various ways over the four day bank holiday weekend back in June.

During the period of mourning we commemorated her extraordinary life of service.

Our thought and prayers are with her family and we wish our new King Charles III well as he takes on his new responsibilities as our monarch.



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

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

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

**NEW SCHOOL YEAR
NEW CHANCES TO WIN**

BOOST School Funds & WIN up to £25,000

- Help raise vital school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Cash prize winner every week
- You've got to be in it to win it!

Grab Your Ticket Here

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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

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ARBOR

As you may already be aware, we moved our MIS to Arbor just before the summer break.



Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor's Parent Portal & Arbor App and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Arbor App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#).

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register soon, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

The screenshot shows the Arbor website and app interface. At the top, it says "We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App". Below this, there are instructions on how to get started, including waiting for a welcome email, clicking the link, going to the app store, and logging in. A login form is visible with fields for email and password, and a "Log In" button. To the right, there is a smartphone displaying the Arbor app interface, which shows a user profile for "Holly Cook" and a statistics section with a bar chart showing 80.1% and 71.4%.

BIKEABILITY

Our Year 6 class got the new academic year off to an active start by taking part in the Surrey Bikeability Scheme. The scheme was arranged over a period of two weeks.

Well done to Eagle Class for taking part in sunshine and rain. The instructors were very complimentary about the children's attitude and behaviour which is lovely to hear.



EASYFUNDRAISING

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=I05I04%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.

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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.

Annual Event and AGM 2022



Surrey parent carers are invited to sign up for our free online School Transition event. This will be especially relevant for parents of children who are transitioning or have recently transitioned from primary to secondary school.

We are delighted that on Friday 18th November we will be holding an in-person day event running from 10am-2pm at Eastwood Leisure Centre in Woking.

From Monday 14th to Thursday 17th November, we have online specialist speakers, panel discussions, presentations, and training from experts from the NHS, Surrey County Council, Contact training and many more.



Our event will open at 10am on Monday 14th of November.

The finalised timetable will be released in September.

So keep your eyes peeled!

Guest speakers will include: Award winner and author Yvonne Newbold discussing ways to support anxiety driven behaviour challenges, SEN lawyer and expert Sarah Palmer from The Children's Legal Practice who will be talking about reasonable adjustments and legal rights.

During the day you will have the opportunity to speak to a variety of organisations and charities in our market place that will offer more information about the support services that they can provide.

Topics include: Growing up guidance, parent and child wellbeing, reasonable adjustments, paperwork and preparation and much more.

Tickets to the free day event are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis via pre-booking via Eventbrite link.

Once registered, you will receive an email each morning of the event with the links for you to access the sessions from your smartphone or computer. We will also send you a timetable for the week in advance with details of all our speakers and live Q&A sessions.

Anyone attending the in-person event on the 18th November will be entered into a free raffle to win fantastic prizes including: a tablet and tickets to days out or activities.

Family Voice Surrey
Connect House, Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 9LT
Together we can make a difference www.familyvoicesurrey.org

POLIO / VACCINATION REMINDER

You may have seen in the news that polio has been found in London sewage water – although this represents a small risk to the public, it's a timely reminder to ensure children are fully up to date with their vaccinations. Polio vaccine is part of the routine national immunisation schedule.

If you or your child are not up to date with your polio vaccinations, it's important you contact your GP to catch up or if unsure check your Red Book.

Find out more about childhood vaccinations: [Immunisations - Healthy Surrey](#).