

# Tatham Fells CE Primary School

Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly & Faith to Flourish

December 2023



Dear families

We have had an active week in school with swimming, judo, fencing & bikeability! Our Forest School sessions continue with children from years 3 and 4, they had a great time this morning, the weather was perfect!

Thank you for your donations to the Poppy Appeal, we raised £47.60. Our 'Spots & Stripes' day raised £32.00 for Children in Need. Well done to our School Council for coordinating our charity fundraising events this half term.

We have lots of exciting events coming up, please remember to check School Spider for messages, surveys and updates.

We look forward to sharing our Christmas events with families and friends.

Yours truly,

Fiona Ip

Headteacher

## PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The closing date for Primary school applications for September 2024 is:

**Monday 15 January 2024.**

Apply online at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

We have places available for Reception 2024, please spread the word!

We are full in KS2 but would love more children and families in the early years. If you know of any families willing to travel 'the extra mile' to our lovely rural school please encourage them to come and look round. Please contact the school office on 015242 61441 or email [bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk) to book a school tour.

## Life Education Visit

The Life Education team will be visiting school on **Thursday 30th November** delivering personal, social and health wellbeing sessions to both our classes. Please see the attached letter for further information.

## Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be in school on Thursday 30th November to administer the Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

## Friends of TFS Bingo

The Friends of TFS are hosting a Bingo afternoon on Thursday 30th November 3pm - 4.30pm. Please book your child's place on School Spider!

## Little Explorers

Our Little Explorers Forest School toddler sessions continue every Friday 1.15pm - 2.30pm. All toddlers and their parents/carers are most welcome! Our last session of the term will be on the 8th December.

## Friends of TFS - Own Clothes Day

Children are invited to wear what they want to school on Friday 1st December in exchange for a lucky dip prize or £1.00 donation.

## Church of the Good Shepherd - Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December - 10.30 - 12 noon in the Old school, Lowgill

Father Christmas will be there!

Crafts, tombola, cakes, bran tub

All are welcome!



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## Christmas Fair

Please join us on **Thursday 7th December from 2.30pm** for our Christmas Fair. The children have been busy making lots of lovely Christmas crafts for our Fair this year. The Friends will be serving tea/coffee and mince pies. All welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!

## Christmas in the Mart

**Friday 8th December**

**Saturday 9th December** This year the Friends have a stall at 'Christmas in the Mart' at Bentham Auction. They will need lots of volunteers to help (on a rota system). If you are able to help, even for an hour, please let Zoe Dixon (Jacob & Esme's mum) know as soon as possible. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the Friends and a fabulous local event to visit.

<https://www.facebook.com/christmasinthemart/>



## Whole School Trip to A Christmas Carol

On **Monday 11th December** the whole school will be travelling to the Dukes theatre in Lancaster to watch 'A Christmas Carol'. We will be leaving school at 9am prompt and will return for a slightly later lunch. Thank you to the Friends for helping to arrange this fabulous trip for the children.

## Christmas Dinner and Party Afternoon

The children will enjoy Christmas Dinner and a party afternoon on **Wednesday 13th December**. Children are welcome to wear party clothes!

## Nativity 2023

Our whole school will be performing the Nativity in Church on Thursday 14th December at 6pm. We look forward to sharing this special performance with you.



## Special Menu - 19th December

Miss Reid is serving a special party buffet menu on Tuesday 19th December.

## Forest School

Our Forest School Sessions with Mrs Entwistle continue next half term. The rota is as follows:

### Year 3 & 4

1st December

8th December

### Whole School Christmas Special

Friday 15th December

Children in the Infant class will need to bring a pair of long trousers please.

Junior children should bring long trousers and a top to change into.

[All children need waterproofs if they have them please!](#)



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## School Day

Our school day starts at 8.30am, drop off at the gate is between 8.20am - 8.30am. If you arrive after this time, please bring your child to the main entrance, thank you. Early drop off is available from 8am (please do not arrive before this time) at the cost of 50p per child. The school day finishes at 3pm.

## DINNER ORDERING / MONEY

All balances are now available to view and pay via School Spider. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your invoice, please speak to Mrs Ip or Mrs Mason in confidence.

**Please check your parent account for outstanding invoices. Thank you**

## ASC/8am Drop Off:

As above, select the dates required and complete the booking at the payment page. The products are all marked **\*\*NEW\*\*** on the booking system.

If you haven't made a booking in advance your child will be manually added to the system and an invoice will be generated.

If you have any difficulty accessing the system please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## School Uniform

Please could all children keep a pair of wellington boots in school. They also need a pair of trainers for PE and outside play.

Long hair must be tied back at all times. We allow the children to wear plain stud earrings, but ask that the children do not wear earrings on the days of PE or swimming lessons.

**All items of clothing must be named please.**

School Uniform is supplied by the Uniform & Leisurewear company at Lancaster.

## School Spider App

Please ensure you have downloaded the 'School Spider' app so you can make bookings/payments, complete surveys & permissions and receive messages from school. We use School Spider most days so it is important that you are able to access your parent account. Please contact the school office if you need any help logging in.

## PE Kit - Children should wear PE kit (with school shoes) on the following days please:

### Infants

Wednesday - PE lesson & Thursday - RugbyTots

### Juniors

Tuesday & Wednesday - PE Lesson

## After School Clubs This Half Term

Monday 3.15-5pm - ASC with Mrs Denby

Tuesday 3.15-5pm - ASC with Mrs Lowther

Wednesday 3.15-5pm - ASC with Mrs Speight

Please book online via the School Spider App or by emailing [bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk)

**£2.50 per child/ session**

## Absence Reporting & Attendance

**\*\*Absences can now be reported via the School Spider app\*\***

If your child is going to be absent from school please leave a phone message or email [bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk) before 9am on the day of each absence. If a phone call/email is not received we will need to call you during the morning to find out where they are as part of our safeguarding responsibility.

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## **DIARY DATES:** amendments/additional dates \*\*

Thursday 30th November - Life Education visit (in school) & Flu Vaccinations  
Thursday 30th November - Friends Bingo after school  
Friday 1st December - Friends own clothes day for lucky dip prize/£1  
Thursday 7th December 2.30pm - School Fair  
Friday 8th & Saturday 9th December - Christmas in the Mart (Friends of TFS)  
Monday 11th December - Panto @ the Dukes Lancaster  
Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner & Party afternoon  
Thursday 14th December 6pm - Nativity in Church (whole school)  
Tuesday 19th December - special menu (party food)  
Wednesday 20th December 1.05pm - School Closes for Christmas Holidays

## **Advance Diary Dates - 2024**

Monday 8th January 8.20am - School opens for Spring term  
Monday 15th January - KS2 Trip to Blackburn Cathedral  
Tuesday 6th February - Young Voices @ Manchester  
Thursday 8th February 2.30pm - Family Worship  
Tuesday 5th March 1.15-4pm - Parents Afternoon  
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (dress as a character from a book)  
Friday 3rd May 2.30pm - May Day Celebration (Maypole)  
Wednesday 5th June 1.30pm - Sports Day (RESERVE Wednesday 19th June)  
**Monday 10th - Friday 14th June - Year 5 & 6 Isle of Man Trip**  
**Tuesday 25th June - Wednesday 26th June - Year 3 & 4 Borwick Hall residential**  
Wednesday 10th July 2pm - Summer Performance  
Thursday 11th July 6pm - Summer Performance  
Thursday 18th July 11am - Leavers Service (at Church) & Leavers Picnic (all welcome) 12noon