

Tatham Fells CE Primary School

Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly & Faith to Flourish

March 2024



Dear families,

This week we welcomed Ofsted into school to carry out an ungraded inspection. Ofsted does not give a judgement on an ungraded inspection, the purpose of the visit is to confirm that the school remains good and that safeguarding is effective.

We would like to thank all the parents and children who took the time to complete the Ofsted questionnaires & speak to the inspectors, your support and enthusiasm for the school is unmatched and we were overwhelmed by the positive feedback received. The children were absolutely amazing - we could not be prouder of them, they were delighted to be given the opportunity to share their love for learning and for our school.

There were so many positive comments throughout the day from the chief inspector. He observed exceptional teaching from both Teachers and Teaching Assistants. He was amazed at how well the children remembered and articulated what they had been taught. He loved the range and structure of the curriculum and how well every child's needs were catered for.

We look forward to being able to share the report with you but for now would like to thank the children, parents, governors and staff for all you do in support of our school. It truly is a small school with a big heart & 'Worth Going that Extra Mile'.

Yours,
Fiona Ip
Headteacher

Open Door Policy

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our parents that we operate an 'Open Door' policy. The purpose of this is to encourage open communication, feedback and discussion. We value the input parents make to our school. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's progress, wellbeing or the school please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Teachers can be contacted via the following email addresses:

r.morgan@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk

lisaianson@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk

For other matters please contact Mrs Ip, Headteacher via

head@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk or Rebecca via bursar@tathamfells.lancs.sch.uk

Please allow time for staff to respond to emails, which will routinely be in working hours only (8.30am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday).

Alternatively, contact the school by telephone on 015242 61441.

Parents Afternoon - Tuesday 5th March

We are looking forward to sharing your children's learning with you at our parents afternoon on Tuesday 5th March. All appointments will be 5 minutes long but if longer is needed, a follow up can be arranged.

If you have requested a telephone appointment we will contact you next week to arrange a suitable date & time.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

It's that time again! Thursday 7th March is World Book Day, we invite all children to dress up as a book character for the day! The children will be writing about the character they have chosen.

Costumes don't have to be expensive or complicated - there are so many characters to choose from, we look forward to seeing how creative the children can be! Miss Reid will be serving a special menu, please see below.

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Mothers Day Celebration

Families and friends are invited to join us on Thursday 7th March at 2.15pm for a Mothers Day Celebration Worship with Reverend Jane. We hope you are able to join us.

Mothering Sunday @ The church of the good shepherd, Tatham Fells

A Mothering Sunday service will take place at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday 10th March at 9.30am. All are most welcome.

KS2 Football Tournament - Tuesday 12th March

We will be taking part in the Lune Valley Football tournament at Arkholme on Tuesday 12th March. Further details & team information to follow

School Photographs - Thursday 14th March

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 14th March. Siblings are welcome to come into school for family group photographs, we will confirm the time next week.

Lent Day @ Leck - Tuesday 19th March

The Infants will be visiting our friends at Leck Primary School on Tuesday 19th March to take part in a Lent activity Day. Further details to follow via School Spider.

KS2 Acro Gymnastics Competition - Wednesday 27th March

The Lune Valley Acro Gymnastics competition is fast approaching. Training sessions are being held after school on Wednesdays 3-4pm.

Thursday 25th April 3pm - Isle of Man Parents Information Meeting

Parents & children taking part in the IOM residential trip are invited to join Mrs Ip at 3pm on Thursday 25th April for an information meeting. This will be an opportunity to hear more about the trip and ask any questions you or your children may have.

Little Explorers

Our Little Explorers Forest School toddler sessions continue every Friday (in term time) 1.15pm - 2.30pm. All toddlers and their parents/carers are most welcome!

Forest School

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

8th March - Year 3 & 4

15th March - Year 3 & 4

22nd March - Year 3 & 4

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

All Junior children need waterproofs if they have them please!

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.

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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. 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 & 3-4pm Lil Beatz Dance Club

Tuesday 3.15-5pm - ASC

Wednesday 3.15-5pm - ASC

Please book online via the School Spider App or by emailing 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 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.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th March 1.15-4pm - Parents Afternoon

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (dress as a character from a book)

Tuesday 12th March - KS2 Football Tournament @ Arkholme

Thursday 14th March - School Photographs

Tuesday 19th March - KS1 Lent Day @ Leck

Wednesday 27th March - KS2 Acro Gymnastics competition

Thursday 25th April 3.15pm - Isle of Man Parents Information Meeting

Friday 3rd May 2.30pm - May Day Celebration (Maypole)

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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

WORLD BOOK DAY

Curious George's Crispy Chicken Goujons & BBQ Dip
or
Hagrid's Quorn Hot Dog & Tomato Ketchup
with
Pepper Potts Pommes Noisette

with Bertie Botts Baked Beans
or
Matilda's Magical Vegetable Medley
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Hungry Caterpillar Cupcake

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