

# Tatham Fells CE Primary School

Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly & Faith to Flourish

December 2024



Dear families,

We are very proud of our swimming team who took part in the Lune Valley Swimming Gala this week, they worked really hard and showed resilience and determination, well done! Thank you for your donations to the Poppy Appeal & 'Spots, Stripes & Brights' Day for Children in Need, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

It's beginning to feel like Christmas in school, our tree has arrived and the children have been busy making lovely homemade crafts for our Christmas Fair. Rehearsals are well underway for our Nativity, we are looking forward to welcoming families and friends to celebrate with us at this special time.

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

## Bags 2 School Collection

The Friends have organised a Bags 2 School collection on **Wednesday 4th December**. Bags can be left at school on Tuesday 3rd December or at morning drop off on the 4th.

Items to include: Mens / Ladies / children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(NO uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

## Christmas Fair

Please join us in school for our Christmas Fair on Thursday 5th December, 2pm.

Handmade Crafts, Raffle, Games & Refreshments

All are welcome!

**Due to the Christmas Fair there will be NO Dance Club on Thursday 5th December.** Lil Beatz will be back on the 12th December.

## Dukes Theatre Trip - 'The Borrowers'

On Tuesday 10th 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, Infants will have a school packed lunch, Juniors may bring a packed lunch from home or order a school packed lunch via school spider. Thank you

## Christmas Dinner and Party Afternoon

The children will enjoy Christmas Dinner and a party afternoon on Wednesday 11th December. Please order your child's dinner via School Spider. Children are welcome to wear party clothes!

## Nativity 2024

Our whole school will be performing the Nativity in Church on Thursday 12th December at 6pm. We look forward to sharing this special performance with you.

## Christmas in the Mart

Friday 13th December (evening) Saturday 14th December (daytime).

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 Julie 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/>

## Family Carol Service - Sunday 15th December

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 6.30pm, all welcome.

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## Christmas movie night - Monday 16th December

Save the date for this special movie night - details to follow!

## Forest School

Our Junior class will be taking part in forest school on Fridays this half term. They will need:

Long trousers

Long Sleeved Top

Wellies

Waterproof coat (& trousers if they have some)

## School Admissions

School admissions are open for children due to start primary school in September 2025 at:

[School admissions - Lancashire County Council](#)

Applications should be made through your local council, even if you are applying for a school in another council area.

Primary school applications must be submitted by 15th January 2025.

## 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.

## 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

## DINNER ORDERING / MONEY

If your KS2 child has school dinners the cost is £2.70 per day. If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to the Lancashire County Council website: Free school meals and pupil premium

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

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

## PE

**We will be playing hockey this half term - gum shields and shin pads are recommended.**

All children should bring their PE kit to change into on the following days (the kit can be kept in school for the week/half term):

### Wednesday & Thursday

Please could all children have a spare pair of socks (& joggers/leggings for KS1) in school. Thank you

## 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.

## DIARY DATES

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Thursday 5th December, 2pm - Christmas Fair  
Tuesday 10th December - Dukes Theatre 'The Borrowers'  
Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Dinner & Party afternoon  
Thursday 12th December 6pm - Nativity in Church  
Friday 20th December 1.05pm - School Closes for Christmas  
Monday 6th January 8.45am - School Reopens for the Spring Term

## **FRIENDS DIARY DATES**

4th December - Bags 2 School collection  
16th December - Christmas movie night