

# Tatham Fells CE Primary School

Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly & Faith to Flourish

October 2023



Dear families,

Thank you for your donations to our Harvest Festival, as always, your generosity is most appreciated.

Bookings are now open for our parent meetings on Tuesday 10th October. Appointments should be booked via School Spider. Please contact the school office if you are having any difficulty making a booking or need an alternative appointment.

We invite children to prepare for various roles and responsibilities in school over the next week as we elect our new School Council and Eco Council representatives. We also look forward to electing our new Team Captains. It is going to be another busy and exciting week at TFS! Fiona Ip, Headteacher

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The closing date for applications for September 2024 are:

Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants

Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

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

## Borwick Hall Residential (Year 3 & 4)

We are excited to be offering children in Years 3 & 4 the opportunity to take part in a one night residential trip to Borwick Hall 25th-26th June 2024.

(Children will need to be collected from Borwick Hall at 2pm on the 26th June)

The cost of the trip is £70 per child.

Please book your child's place on School Spider.

## Isle of Man 2024 (year 5 & 6)

The deadline for booking a place for your child on the 2024 Isle of Man trip is Monday 2nd October. The deposit of £100 per child is due by Wednesday 11th October please.

## Little Explorers

Our Little Explorers Forest School toddler sessions are back this half term, Fridays 1.15pm - 2.30pm. All toddlers and their parents/carers are most welcome!

## 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.

## Forest School

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

06/10/23 - Year 5 & 6

13/10/23 - Infants

20/10/23 - Year 3 & 4

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.

## Flu Vaccination Programme 2024

Flu vaccinations for Reception - Year 6 will take place in school on Thursday 30th November.

Consent is managed online, please complete the online form - even if you do not give consent for your child to have the vaccination. Thank you

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## National Child Measurement Programme 2024

The National Child Measurement Programme, height & weight checks for Reception & Year 6 will take place in school on **Tuesday 21st November 2023 (please note change of date)**. If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, please let the team know before the date of measure using the contact details listed below to ensure your child is opted out in time. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to. The Lancashire Healthy Young People and Families Service  
T : 0300 247 0040  
E : VCL.019.SinglePointofAccess2@nhs.net

## Bikeability

Children in Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in Bikeability training in school on the 15th & 16th November, please return the consent form as soon as possible. Thank you.

## 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 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.

## 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

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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)

£5.00 per child/ session

**\*\*Sessions will cost £2.50 from 30th October 2023\*\***

## 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: amendments/additional dates in bold

Tuesday 10th October - Parents Afternoon

**Wednesday 11th October - Library Van**

Thursday 12th October 2.30pm - Family Worship

Monday 16th October - **(Whole school)** 'Festival of Light' @ Melling

**Tuesday 17th October - Year 1 & 2 Athletics @ Carnforth High School**

**Tuesday 31st October - Lancashire Fire & Rescue visit to Years 2, 3 & 6**

**Tuesday 7th November - Year 5 & 6 to visit Quernmore Primary school (book signing)**

**Thursday 9th November - Tag Rugby @ Wray (KS2)**

Friday 10th November 10:50am - Remembrance @ Lowgill Cenotaph

**Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November - Year 5 & 6 Bikeability training in school**

**Wednesday 15th November - Bags2School Collection**

Friday 17th November - Children in Need (Wear something Spotty!)

**Tuesday 21st November - Height/Weight checks (Reception & Year 6)**

**Wednesday 22nd November - KS2 Swimming Gala**

Thursday 30th November - Life Education visit (in school) & Flu Vaccinations

**Thursday 30th November - Friends Bingo after school**

**Friday 3rd December - Non Uniform Day for Friends Raffle Prize donation**

Thursday 7th December 2.30pm - School Fair

**Friday 8th & Saturday 9th December - Christmas in the Mart (Friends of TFS)**

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner & Party afternoon

**Thursday 14th December 6pm - Nativity in Church (whole school)**

## Advance Diary Dates - 2024

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

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## LITTLE EXPLORERS

AT

### TATHAM FELLS

CE (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL



- Activities based around a story; including cooking, natural crafting, tool skills
- Juice/Tea/Coffee and snacks
- Games and time to explore too

Suitable for  
children aged  
18 months to  
four years

No need to pre-book, just turn up!