

Tatham Fells CE Primary School

Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly & Faith to Flourish

January 2024



Dear families,

We have enjoyed another busy week in school with a super forest school morning for our year 5 & 6 children today. We are looking forward to our Junior children travelling to Manchester to take part in Young Voices 2024, please see the details below.

We still have places available at our Monday after school dance club with 'Lil Beatz', please book online. I hope you are able to join us in school on Thursday 8th February at 2.30pm for our Family Worship.

Yours truly,

Fiona Ip

Headteacher

Cinema Afternoon - Wednesday 31st January

The Friends are hosting a Cinema Night after school on Wednesday 31st January, 3pm - 4.30pm (Film to be chosen by the children). The cost is £5 per child, payable on the day, to include a drink, sweets & popcorn.

Please complete the survey to let the Friends know if your child(ren) would like to join the fun! Thank you

Young Voices 2024 - Tuesday 6th February

The children are in the swing of learning the songs for Young Voices and you can join in the fun too by listening and practising the songs at home.

The concert date is nearly upon us, please see the information below for details of the day:

Children will need a packed lunch and a packed tea with plenty of drinks and snacks.

Please make sure the school has up-to-date contact and medical information and let school know of any medication needed on the day.

The children will need to wear school uniform with either a Young Voices T-shirt (if ordered) or a Plain White T-shirt with a School jumper or Cardigan.

Children will travel to the Arena from school and return back to school via coach.

- Arrive at school: 8:20-8:30am
- Depart from school: approx 11am
- Arrive at Manchester Arena: 12:45pm
- Lunch at Arena: 1pm
- Rehearsals start: 2pm
- Tea: 5pm
- Venue open for parents/ audience: 6pm
- Concert Starts: 7pm
- Concert Ends: 8:45pm
- Coach departs: 9 - 9:30pm
- Arrive back at Melling School - parents collect from school: 10:15 - 10:30 pm

We will keep parents up-to-date with return times after the event.

To find out more information about how to get to the arena, visit the website below:

<https://www.ao-arena.com/plan-your-visit/how-to-find-us>

We know the children may be tired the next day so they have the option of coming into school at 10:30 am on Wednesday 7th February.

If you have ordered a Young Voices T-Shirt or tickets, these are ready to collect from the office

Family Worship - Thursday 8th February

Families and friends are warmly invited to join us in school at 2.30pm on Thursday 8th February for our family worship. We look forward to seeing you there.

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School Dinners - Please see the attached menu, next week is Week 2.

School meals are freshly prepared daily in our school kitchen and are excellent value for money at £2.40 per meal.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. We will be joined by Rachel Naylor from Flow Holistics for a special assembly and workshops.

KS2 Acro Gymnastics Competition

The Lune Valley Acro Gymnastics competition takes place at the end of March. We will be entering a team of gymnasts from KS2. Children who would like to be considered for a place on the team will need to be available after school on Wednesdays for training sessions (starting after half term). Please complete the survey on School Spider to indicate if your child is interested in taking part. Thank you

Friends New Year Party

The Friends of TFS are hosting a New Year party on Saturday 10th February at Bentham Town Hall, from 5-9pm. The cost is £10 per family. Jacobs Join, Fun & Games! Please see Zoe for further details and to make payment. Thank you

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!

Forest School

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

Friday 2nd February: Year 5 & 6

Friday 9th February: Infants

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

All 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.

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.

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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

Wednesday 31st January - Friends Cinema Afternoon

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