



Our Vision: Children, staff and parents working actively in partnership to enable all children to realise their full potential.

Newsletter - December 2022



MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Wrens: 89.4% Year 1: 83.9%

Year 3: 93.8% Year 4: 90.8%

Year 5: 89.0% Year 6: 84.8%

The winner for December is:

Year 2: 94.8%

Please remember school attendance is mandatory. Holidays should be planned for school holiday times to avoid missing school time.

If your child is absent, you must notify the school office every day before 9:30am at the latest.

Thank you

Dear Parents / Carers / Children

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Grainger gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on 28 November 2022. Congratulations to the new arrival!

Although it's only been two weeks, December has been extremely busy for everyone in school and we are pleased to announce that our Christmas Jumper Day collections came to just over £125 which will go to 'Save The Children'. Thank you to everyone who took part.

The KS1 Christmas Party was a huge success on 15 December with a very special visit from Father Christmas who kindly gave a gift to every child. And thanks to Twleve15 who made Christmas biscuits for every child in both KS1 and KS2 parties!

You will be pleased to know that the School Shop is now open and taking orders. You will find this on your Parent Portal / Arbor App.

Finally, I would like to wish staff, parents and children alike, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Bellinger (Headteacher)



DATES OF INTEREST

Friday 16 December 2022—Break up for the Christmas holiday

Tuesday 3 January 2023—INSET Day (no pupils in school)

Wednesday 4 January 2023—Spring Term begins for pupils and Grasshoppers starts

Thursday 12 January 2023—Year 5 Fire Safety Visit

Tuesday 7 February 2023—Years 5 & 6 Breck Talk

Tuesday 7 February 2023—Years 5 & 6 Football

Wednesday 8 February 2023—Year 4 Hinduism Workshop

Friday 10 February 2023—School closes for half term

Monday 20 February 2023—School opens for second half of Spring Term

Details of the term dates for 2022 / 2023 are available on the website for your convenience and dates for 2023 / 2024 are coming soon...

KS2 SPELLING BEE

On Friday 2nd December, KS2 were battling for the crown of Tatsfield School Spelling Bee champion 2022, a much-loved event that we have been unable to hold for a few years. The finalists all competed brilliantly, with words such as "ubiquitous" being thrown at them, whilst representing their houses on stage. Congratulations to our 3 winners!

- * Winner - Amelie - Year 4
- * 2nd Place - Oscar - Year 4
- * 3rd Place - Jacob - Year 6

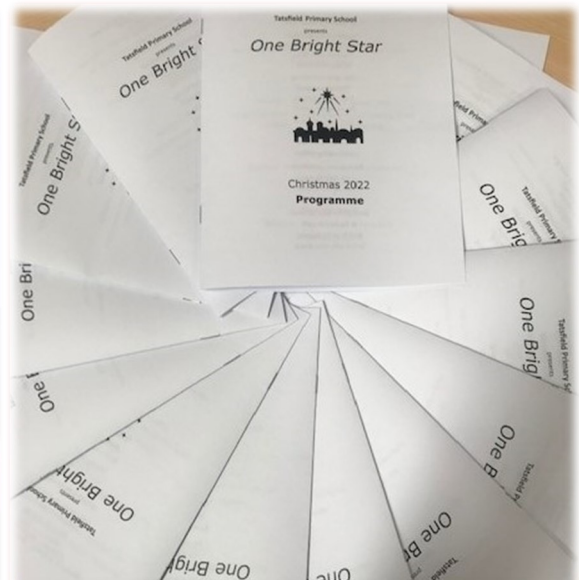


KS2 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS—ONE BRIGHT STAR

On Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th December, KS2 children held their Christmas Concerts 'One Bright Star'. Parents were treated to wonderful shows which included a prayer, narration and singing.

A big thank you to Mrs Marshall for running the Choir Club, working with children on their Christmas music and for organising the running order for the concerts - they sounded wonderful.

Lastly, thank you to the class teachers who have been practicing their class songs with the children over the last few weeks - they were all fantastic. Everyone's efforts and talents made for two wonderful concerts and made it feel like Christmas has begun!



TWO NEW BENCHES

Following the very successful Beer Festival event, our wonderful PTA have bought two new colourful, octagonal picnic tables for the outdoor area in the playground. These are made from 100% recycled plastic.

Many thanks for all your hard work in support of our school.



KS1 NATIVITY CONCERTS

On Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December, parents were treated to the KS1 Nativity Concerts which were amazing.

A huge thank you to all the staff involved and thank you also to the parents / carers who gave up their time to help with make-up and costumes.



The Christmas Nativity



13th December 2022
By Robin Class

Nativity for Little Ones

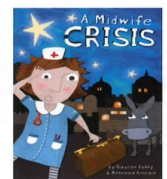


Wren Class
12th December 2022

A Midwife Crisis

Christmas 2022

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / CARERS FROM SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

With the winter holidays approaching soon, please be aware of the [Surrey Libraries' Winter Mini Reading Challenge 'Gadgeteers'](#). The Winter Mini Reading Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, with a free-to-access website featuring rewards for reading and reviewing books. To take part, a child needs to read at least three books between 1 December 2022 and 20 February 2023 and add them to their profile on the [Reading Agency's website](#) to earn fun digital rewards.

Sharing Advice and Guidance

For advice about staying safe and well in winter, parents and carers can visit the [Healthy Surrey](#) and [Children and Family Health Surrey](#) websites.

For mental health and emotional wellbeing support, you'll find an overview of the support services available in Surrey in this article; [Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health support in Surrey](#)

For a general overview of services in Surrey that can support families over the Christmas break, including financial support, families can find the [Community Connector December Newsletter](#) on the Surrey Family Information Service website, which signposts to useful resources and support services for the most pressing concerns for families over the winter.

For families looking for things to do over the winter, they can find a [list of fun festive activities and events](#) for families across Surrey to enjoy over the school holidays, on the [Surrey Family Information Service](#) website.



SURREY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE ADVICE: SAFETY AROUND WATER IN WINTER

Children and young people love to play, it is how they learn and build relationships.

On cold winter days when there is snow there are lots of fun activities to do like: building a snowman, making snow angels, going on snow walks, going on sleigh rides.

As fun as these activities are, it's important that we remind children and young people of the dangers associated with snow and ice.

- To keep away from frozen lakes and bodies of water – the bankside of rivers and lakes maybe slippery and a fall could result in entering the water.
- Although a lake or pond may appear completely frozen, there is no way of knowing how thick the ice is, whether it will hold a person's weight, or the depth of water is under the ice.
- Water and Ice is very cold, hypothermia can set in quickly a person falls into the water.

Please remind your children:

- Keep off ice formed on bodies of water – it is temporary and in a state of change.
- Stay a safe distance away from the edge of rivers and ponds, so if you do slip over you don't fall onto ice formed on a pond or river.
- Whenever possible, it is best to stick to well-lit journey routes, use a torch at night to help you keep on the path, wear warm clothing and stay away from water.
- Play in groups so if someone does need help it is easier to summon assistance.

WRENS VISIT FROM SURREY FIRE BRIGADE

On Tuesday 13 December 2022, Surrey Fire Brigade came into school to visit Wren class. The children were able to see a fire engine up close and use the hoses... under strict supervision of course!



PROCEDURES IN CASE OF HEAVY SNOW

As the weather gets colder, it is a good idea for us to remind parents and inform new parents about our procedures in adverse weather. We always endeavour to open the school during bad weather but this can be challenging when we have heavy snow. Please take note of the following procedures for if we wake up to a significant amount of the dreaded white stuff – thank you!

Please **DO NOT** phone the school office to find out if we are open. Office staff will be making outgoing calls to staff members and trying to send out PMX emails to parents. We do not want to tie up the line or delay the emails being sent if we are answering phone calls.










If it is decided the school will have to be closed, a message will be posted on the school website, www.tatsfieldtlt.co.uk by 8.00am at the latest. The decision will take into account local road conditions, safety on site, whether staff are able to drive in and also the forecast for the rest of the day. A PMX email or text will also be sent to parents. Please note, that in the case of less snow, it might be that we will be able to open slightly later than the normal time, if we can get the site ready and teachers are able to drive in. Please bear this in mind.

If we remain closed, class teachers will post work via Satchel 1 or on the website. Whilst no doubt everyone will have some fun in the snow, it is important to keep up the momentum with school work so please do encourage your child to have a go at the work set.

It is important for parents to please keep checking the website as often we will post a message asking for some help to clear paths so we can get the school ready for opening. Parental help is key with this task as we have just a small number of staff who live locally and we have a big site to make safe. As the saying goes – many hands make light work. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Tatsfield PTA Calendar of Events 22/23

Halloween Cake Sale		20/10/22
Fireworks		4/11/22
Own clothes Day		18/11/22
Christmas Fair		2/12/22
Disco		27/1/23
Valentines Cake Sale		9/02/23
Movie Night		10/03/23
Bags2School		14/03/23
June Fair		10/06/23

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS FAIR

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the recent Scholastic Book Fair.

It was a very busy week and there were a good amount of books sold which all helps to raise funds for the school to buy books for our library and classrooms.

Thank you to the teachers for manning the till every evening and a big thank you to Mrs Colegate who organised the sale.





INTRODUCING... 'GRASSHOPPERS' AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are pleased to announce that we will be running an After School Club at Tatsfield Primary School from 4 January 2023, after the Christmas holidays. The club will be based within the school building, with access to outdoor play.



Grasshoppers After School Club will be open after school every day until 6.00 pm (different session times available). Children have the opportunity to play, socialise and relax after their school day, with a choice of activities. A different snack option is provided daily, ranging from crackers and pasta, to fresh fruit and vegetables.

Times	Prices
3.00 pm—6.00 pm	£12.50
3.00 pm—4.30 pm	£9.00
4.00 pm—6.00 pm	£9.00

Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare Accepted

Bookings will be via the Arbor Parent Portal / App - queries grasshoppers@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk

Grasshoppers After School Club will be run by current members of staff who are caring and professional, and strive to create a fun play environment for the children.

As with all Tatsfield staff, the Grasshoppers team are:

- * Enhanced DBS check
- * Training in Safeguarding, First Aid, Health & Safety and Behaviour Management
- * Senior staff hold qualifications in Playwork, Childcare or Sports Management