



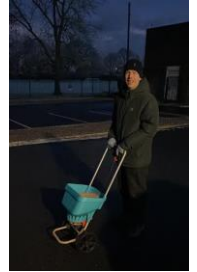
# TATTENHALL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Tattenhall Park families,

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

A very Happy New Year to all our families, we certainly started back to school with a frosty and snowy one. The children came back to school brimming with exciting adventures from the Christmas holidays and it was so impressive to see how quickly they settled to work - we heard some really super examples in Celebration assembly today!

Mr Williams has been alternating between pumping freezing water from the flooded pathways, to rock-salting the entire grounds with his new salting machine. It's a very grim job, in the darkness of the morning and we are so grateful that he has kept us all so safe on our journeys to school every morning.



## Village Advent Trail

Over the holidays some of the children visited our school nativity scene, which was revealed on Day 22 of the Tattenhall Village Advent trail. Father Lameck led a tour around the village trail on Christmas Eve and over 200 people attended. We were delighted to see that some families had the beautiful lanterns



they had made in our school workshop, the week before we broke up.

## Our Village, Our Future Drone Footage

During the Christmas holiday, we also started to gather together some ideas for the historical film, 'Our Village, Our Future', that we are making during this Spring term. We sent a drone up over the village and made some recordings - we had a few spectators from the school too! You can see the footage on our Instagram feed. This was just a practice run, when we do the real one, we want all the children (and residents of Tattenhall) out waving to the camera!

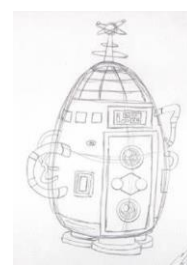
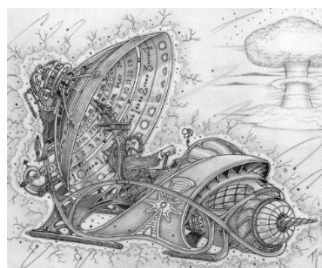
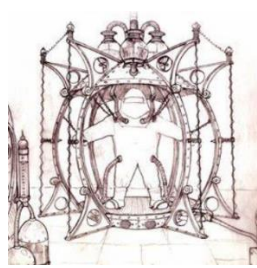
**Provisional dates for your diary: Filming over the village** with the drone will either be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Premiere Screening** to Tattenhall Community in school grounds, on a giant outdoor screen, will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 6.45pm.



Spot the drone...





## Time Machine Competition

All the children in Years 1-6 have been given a competition sheet to design a 'Tattenhall Time Machine'. The winning design will be created to be used in the film. Some of the children have already entered the competition and their designs are amazing!

## History Detectives: Our Village, Our Future

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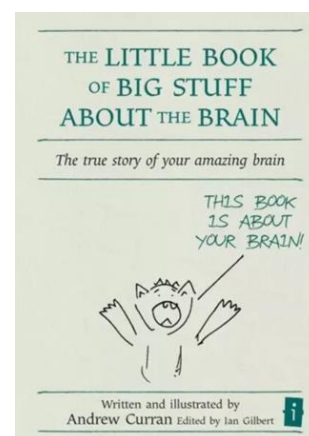
As part of our film preparations for 'Our Village, Our Future', we will be researching Tattenhall through the ages. If you have any local knowledge you would like to share, or know a member of your family who does, we will be holding a few sessions over the next few weeks to encourage people to come along and share their knowledge.

We will be researching from Stone Age to modern day and are looking for; pictures, facts and people to interview, who have stories to tell.

The first coffee and cake history sharing session will be **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in TASC**. Local community members are most welcome, there will be more sessions scheduled after this.

## Staff Inset Day

I know children and parents often wonder what happens on an inset day- so here is a little insider information! We had a fascinating inset day on Monday, investigating the development of the brain and listening to the work of Andrew Curran, a neurobiologist. We considered how we can draw on this knowledge to improve teaching and learning in our classrooms. The staff were particularly fascinated by the impact of dopamine on the brain and its powerful effect on improving children's memories across the curriculum. Dopamine is produced when children have an emotional connection with their learning. Creating these emotional connections through 'real life' experiences, is at the heart of the curriculum we are developing at Tattenhall Park.



Looking forward to a super busy week next week - we have the Year 6 residential too!  
Have a super weekend,  
Nicky Bolton  
Headteacher