

Know your numbers in education (source: TES Support Network)

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15%

of primary school teachers are **men**. 47% of primary pupils do not have any contact with male teachers

Source: DFES/TDA

8 to 14s

45% of them can **boil an egg**; 91% know how to use the internet; **80% use a mobile phone**

Source: Nutrition Survey

The proportion of teachers who take a **lunchbreak** of 30-60 minutes. In the media, 74% of people eat at their desks; one in five health workers grabs 15 minutes, one in four workers overall thinks that taking a full hour looks bad

50%

Source: survey for Rennie

The average number of teacher **days off** per year. One third is attributed to work-related stress. 71% of teachers have classes with disruptive pupils

11.5

Sources: Schools Advisory Service Insurers/Teachers' TV

£1bn

The amount the Mail on Sunday says **teachers' pensions** are secretly costing the taxpayer every year

66%

of teachers in Wales took **sick leave** in 2004 (average 13 days), up from 56% in 1999. In England, the figures are 57%, 54% and 11 days. Scottish teachers take less sick leave than any other local authority staff

Sources: Welsh Assembly/Audit Scotland

7½%

The number of hours children aged 11 to 15 spend watching TV every day, more time than they spend in school

Source: Dr Aric Sigman, British Psychological Society

Size of the average primary school **annual budget**

£0.5m

Source: DFES

of Irish children are bored in school, the highest in a survey of OECD countries. The UK comes tenth on the list (54%); in France, only 32% of pupils gaze out of the window

67%

Source: Nationmaster

The amount saved if public-sector worker **days off** per year (8.9) were brought into line with the private sector (6.9)

£1bn

Source: CBI

80%

The proportion of teachers who think parents are the biggest contributor to **classroom indiscipline**; 46% of NQTs would like to see parents punished

Source: Teachers TV

92%

Of single male teachers and 85% of females would be willing to have a **staffroom romance**. 74% of both sexes say the job has a negative impact on their love lives

Source: Teacher Support Network