



Dates for your Diary



TENACRES
NEWSLETTER
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September

Monday 17 th	7pm	TAPA AGM meeting – all welcome
	2.30pm	Reception Curriculum meeting for parents }
Tuesday 18 th	2.30pm	Year 1 Curriculum meeting for parents }
Wednesday 19 th	2.30pm	Year 3 Curriculum meeting for parents }
Thursday 20 th	2.30pm	Year 2 Curriculum meeting for parents }
Friday 21 st	2.30pm	Year 4 Curriculum meeting for parents }

In the school hall

October

Thursday 11 th	3.15pm	Book Fair
Tuesday 16 th		Individual photos
Wednesday 12 th	8.30-9.15	School Nurse/Family Support Worker Drop-in & continuing on alternate Wednesdays
Wednesday 17 th	9.15am	Year 2 Assembly – parents invited *
Wednesday 24 th	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Consultation Evening * (10 minute maximum appointment)
Thursday 25 th	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Consultation Evening * (10 minute maximum appointment) Break up for Half Term

(Friday 26th – Teacher Training Day)
Return Monday 5th November

*more details to follow

Dear Parents

Welcome back to all Tenacres children and families and a warm welcome to our new families. We hope you all had a good summer break.

It has been a lovely start to the new academic year here at Tenacres. Firstly the disruption of the improvement works over the last few months has resulted in new lighting and ceilings in many classrooms, the Hall and Library. Everywhere looks so bright and clean! We also have new flooring in many areas.

The Year 1 classrooms have doubled in size with partitions being removed and by utilising under-used classrooms. There is much more space to set up different learning areas and activities.



Finally the Hall's makeover has been completed with newly sanded floors and re-decoration to add to the mirrored wall and new gym wall bars which were installed last term. The first Assembly in there on Wednesday was very exciting; children were thrilled with their lovely new Hall - we are too!

We apologise however for the poor condition of the school grounds. We have been let down by our grounds contractors but hope to see the overdue works completed as soon as possible.

Even more exciting for everyone has been the introduction of our new multi-coloured uniform and logo. The response across the whole school is incredible so thank you for supporting the new design. The children look so colourful and happy and it is fascinating to see all their different choices and colour combinations.



TAPA NEWS

Unfortunately TAPA have decided to cancel the summer fete which had been postponed from last term. There is simply not enough time to organise the event. They are, however, planning several other events so watch this space for further details.

FOREST SCHOOL classes will recommence in Key Stage 1 woodland areas, where the cabin was constructed last term. The whole area is out of bounds during the school day to protect it for curriculum use only. We therefore ask for your support in keeping children off this area before and after school. This will be easier to enforce once the fencing we have planned has been installed, hopefully within the next few weeks.



VOLUNTARY HELP. If you are interested in helping in school with activities such as reading, art or forest school, please give your details to the School Office. Thank you.

VACANCIES. We require two Lunch Supervisors, 5 hours per week. Again, please see the School Office for further details.

REMINDER - PAYING ONLINE. You can pay for all activities e.g. school meals, breakfast club, trips, etc. online using our automated service at;

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/payments4schools>. You will need your child's PIN number; if you need reminding of this please visit the office. New children will be issued with their PIN numbers at the end of next week.

Our staff training on 3rd & 4th September included speech, language & communication. We will be including a fun idea every month in our newsletter to try at home to help develop your child's language and communication skills. The ideas don't cost anything and can be played anywhere when you have a few moments. By developing your child's speaking and listening you will be supporting their reading, writing and learning. If your child speaks more than one language do these activities in your home language as a strong home language provides a foundation from which other languages can grow. This month's idea is;

Explaining. Listen to your child explaining how they do a favourite activity. Explaining how to do something is good practice for the type of speaking that your child needs to do in school. Ask your child to talk about how they made a Lego model, how they play a computer game or a board or card game. Try and listen without asking too many questions.