

Dates for your planner



**NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2012**



November

Friday 16 th	Children in Need/Friendly Friday
Friday 23 rd	Year 4 visit to Worcester Cathedral
Monday 26 th 7pm	TAPA meeting. New volunteers welcome
Tuesday 27 th	Year 3 visit to Bishops Wood

December

Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Young Voices Concert at LG Arena *
Friday 7 th	Whole school visit to Pantomime *
Monday 10 th 7pm	TAPA Meeting
Tuesday 11 th	Reception visit to Ash End House Farm *
	1.45 Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play
Weds 12 th	9.30 Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play
	1.45 Reception Christmas Play
Friday 14 th	3.30 TAPA Christmas Fayre
Monday 17 th	1.45 Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play
Tuesday 18 th	9.30 Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play
Thursday 20 th	Break up for Christmas Holidays

Return Tuesday 8th January 2013
(Staff Training Day Monday 7th January)

*more details to follow

Welcome back everyone after Half Term. We hope you enjoyed the Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations. On our Staff Training Day, all staff received training on Safeguarding and Child Protection. Teaching staff were also updated on the revised Ofsted framework.

We welcome to Tenacres, new Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist Miss Dennis whom some of you will have met in the office; Mrs Evans, new Teaching Assistant in Year 2 and Lunchtime Supervisors Mrs Wharton and Miss Tomlinson.

Thank you to all the voluntary help we are currently receiving in school. It is great to have so many people giving up their time so generously to support our work with the children. It is much appreciated by all the staff.

Book Fair

Miss Mason thanks everyone who supported this event. It was well supported and we received £500 worth of books in commission which are being used around school and in our Library.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to see teachers for Parents' Evening and for your survey forms; the new organisation of the evenings was a great success. If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

Zone Boards

All classes are now using these to support good behaviour in their classrooms. Children work towards receiving rewards for good and outstanding behaviour with a prize draw every Friday afternoon.

Children are responding really well to this method of recognising and rewarding their good behaviour.

ECO News

Thank you to those who are already using our textile recycling bank, which can be found at the bottom of the car park (by the bins). Please use it if you can as Tenacres receives money for all donations and it helps us to become a 'green flag' school.

Whilst on the subject of helping Tenacres and recycling, we would be very grateful for the donation of an old, unused laptop. We have a monitor in the foyer where we want to display messages and photos but need a laptop to run it.



Speech & Language Idea

Our latest fun idea to try at home to help develop your child's language and communication skills is:

One for the bus or car. Start with calling out 'a'. Everyone then tries to spot something that starts with an 'a'. When everyone has called out an item starting with 'a' you can move onto 'b' and so on through the alphabet.

Remember; 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.

Reminders and Health & Safety Messages

- If for any reason your child arrives very late (after 9.30am) please ensure they bring a packed lunch as dinners are totalled and ordered by this time.
- Please remember to phone school and report any absences as soon as possible. It helps us to avoid missing marks on your child/ren's records.

- Please help us prevent the spread of infection in school by keeping your child/ren at home if they have vomiting and/or diarrhoea for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased. This is in line with Health Protection Agency guidelines and school policy.
- Please park considerately when using the school car park in the mornings to avoid making others late and keep speed to a minimum.
- We have had complaints about local residents' drives being blocked in mornings and afternoons. Please remember it is an offence and Community Support Officers will issue fines.
- For everyone's safety, no dogs, bikes or scooters are allowed on school premises. Some of our children have expressed concern about dogs near gates.
- During the cold weather please remember to send children to school with warm coats and hats/scarves/gloves as appropriate.
- Warm clothes are also needed for outdoor PE lessons e.g. tracksuit bottoms, long sleeve tops.
- In the unlikely event of school closure for any reason, we will text all parents and you can also check on the County Council website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk, by calling the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 765765 or listening to local radio stations.
- Dinner money is £2.10 per day. Please send in the correct amount. Thank you.



TAPA NEWS

Thank you to TAPA for providing the refreshments for our Open Day in October. TAPA's next event is their Christmas Fayre at 3.30pm on Friday 14th December. We hope you will all come along to support this event and the Committee who are always looking for volunteers - see dates of meetings overleaf.