

Dates for your planner



January

Weds 30th 9am PSHE meeting in the hall
Thursday 31st 3.15 Year 4 Malvern residential meeting for parents

February

Thursday 7th 3.20 Book Fair
Tuesday 12th 9.15 Yr1 Assembly *
Year 2 Trip to Botanical Gardens
Weds 13th Parents Consultation Evening (whole school)
Thursday 14th Parents Consultation Evening (Reception -
Year 3)
Friday 15th TAPA Family Disco *
Break up for Half Term

Return to School Monday 25th February

March

Thursday 7th 2.30 Year 2 SAT's meeting for parents
Thursday 28th Break Up for Easter Holidays

Return to School Monday 15th April



Newsletter January/February 2013

It has been a busy start to the term and despite the disruption the snow caused, children are working hard enjoying their new topics and we are all glad to be getting back into our routines.

Just a reminder that in the event of school closure, please check; text messages, our website, www.worcestershire.gov.uk website, radio stations and their websites.



Staffing news

We welcome back Mrs Wadlow, Teaching Assistant in Reception class, after her maternity leave. Miss Johnson who was covering for Mrs Wadlow is remaining here at Tenacres to support Year 1 children.

Miss Shillaker will be leaving Tenacres at the end of this academic year after 15 very happy years as Headteacher. She is looking forward to spending more time pursuing her many interests alongside part time work which may include being an Ofsted Inspector! The Governors will keep you informed of developments regarding appointing a new Headteacher for September.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants received training on Synthetic Phonics on the January training day. Pupils in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 receive daily phonics teaching. We have also purchased £3,000 worth of resources to support this.

We and our Governors were very pleased with the positive response to our parents' survey last term; the summary will be available at the next Parents' Evening on 13th February (whole school) and 14th February (Reception to Year 3). Questions were based on Ofsted parent survey and we would be pleased if you wish to place your responses on their website, Parent View at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. Thank you.

Although we get a lot of positive feedback about our wonderful website; an update is overdue. This is scheduled for February so will be unavailable for a short time. We will let you know when it is live again.



Our online educational software is available for use at home at www.networks.net, click login, type in your child's username (global id - please see Mrs Duffy if you need reminding) and the school password, Ten4cres and choose Education City. There's loads of resources available for each year group. When children finish activities please click on Success Tracker and save their score into their class under their name! Thank you.

ECO News from Miss Taylor, our ECO Co-ordinator

We are pleased that our textile recycling bank, which can be found at the bottom of the car park (by the bins) is being used and have already received some commission from it.

Our endeavours to become a green flag school include our vegetable patch which we are looking forward to planting in the Spring; ECO Club's stall at the Christmas Fair which was very successful; regular meetings of our ECO Club and ECO Committee; links with schools abroad; recycling - thank you to our monitors!; bird watching and a Fairtrade Coffee morning is being planned!



Book Fair

Mrs Mason has organised a Spring Book Fair for next Thursday (7th February) after school in the hall. We will send a letter with more information about this but hope you can support this popular event



Speech & Language Idea

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

Alphabet list. Choose a category, it might be something like clothes, food or TV programmes. Then choose a letter. See how many words you can think of from that category that start with the target letter. E.g. clothes starting with 's'; scarf, socks, sweatshirt.



TAPA want to thank parents for their help, support and donations at the Christmas Fair. They are pleased to report that they raised just over £400. Their next event is the family Valentine's Disco on the last day of term, Friday 15th February; more details to follow.

School Nurse/Family Support Worker Drop In's

These sessions will now be monthly on a Wednesday morning, 8.30 - 9.30 in the Children's Centre here at Tenacres on the first Wednesday of the month; the next one is on 6th February.



Please remember children need PE kits in school, including outdoor footwear (they can be taken home for washing etc during holidays). If your child wears earrings please ensure they are either removed or taped up on PE and swimming days (please provide your child with micropore tape). Thank you.