

Dates for your planner



TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EASTER 2013



March

Thursday 14 th	Year 1 trip to Compton Verney
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 th	'Malvern Memories' meeting
Monday 25 th	Choir performance to parents (after school)
Wednesday 27 th	Year 4 - last swimming lesson
Thursday 28 th	<i>Break up for Easter hols</i>

April

Monday 15 th		<i>Return to school</i>
	7pm	TAPA meeting
Friday 26 th		TAPA Bingo/Fish & Chips

May

Monday 6 th		<i>No school - 'May Day' Bank Holiday</i>
Thursday 9 th	9.15am	Year 3 Assembly
Friday 17 th		Class photos
Friday 24 th		<i>Break up for half term</i>

* More details to follow

Thank you for sending in **school vouchers** for Nestlé Book Tokens and Sainsbury's Active Kids. We are actively collecting these to use for new resources in school. Please also ask friends and family and keep them coming!

The recent **Book Fair** raised £325 in commission which will be used to buy books in school. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope the children are enjoying the books they bought.

Many of you went to see **Tenacres Choir** perform in a Schools Pyramid Concert at the Palace Theatre where they joined Matchborough, Abbeywood & Moons Moat First schools, Church Hill & Ipsley Middle schools and Arrow Vale High School. Twenty three children proudly represented Tenacres and sang with enthusiasm and confidence. Thank you to Miss Longfils, Mrs Froggatt and Mrs Mason for their hard work and support.



Thank you to everyone who has used our **Textile Recycling Bank** located at the bottom of the car park. To date we have received £50 in commission which will go towards our drive to become a 'Green Flag' school.

Our **Eco** Coffee Morning raised £50 and was attended by many of our parents.

For any parents/carers who were unable to attend the recent **Parents Evening**, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment.





Everyone enjoyed the recent **TAPA Valentines Disco** which raised over £200 for school funds. Their next event is the Family Bingo Night on Friday 26th April; more details to follow.

Speech & Language Idea

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

Build a story. One person starts a made up story with one sentence, such as 'once upon a time an enormous giant was sleeping when ...' Other players then take turns to build on the story one sentence at a time. This is great to play in a group but is also fun when there are just two of you. Get creative and see what twists and turns you can add to the story.

We are continually trying to improve our attendance figures to build strong foundations for continued good attendance throughout children's school careers. To help us with this please remember:

- ✚ Only keep your child/ren off school in cases of genuine illness
- ✚ Be reassured that school will always phone if a child is unwell in class during the school day
- ✚ If a child has a high absence rate due to illness we may request medical evidence such as doctor's appointment card
- ✚ Holiday absences during term time are discouraged. Holidays during term time should be seen as an exception to the norm
- ✚ If head lice are detected, children can attend school after treatment
- ✚ Miss Shillaker and class teachers are always available to discuss any attendance issues you may have
- ✚ Persistent absences are reported to the Educational Welfare Officer who will contact parents to offer support
- ✚ Absences from school disrupt a child's continuity of learning and should be kept to a minimum to maximise your child's potential
- ✚ 100% attendance is always rewarded at Tenacres



Please keep the office informed of any changes to your child's contact details (address and telephone numbers etc) and *most importantly* medical/dietary information.

Please remember to leave dogs tied up outside the school gates. They can be frightening for some children.

Staff News

Governors have been busy advertising for a new Headteacher for September and interviews will be taking place this week. We will inform you when an appointment has been made.

Mrs Carpenter recently qualified as a School Business Manager and we are pleased to announce she has taken on this more strategic management role at Tenacres.

Barnado's Fund Raising

We are supporting this children's charity this year by asking children to take part in the Barnado's Egg-citing Challenge. Children will bring home details of the activity and envelopes to collect sponsorship money. All envelopes and money to be returned by Wednesday, 27th March. All envelopes will be entered into a Prize Draw on Thursday, 28th March to win the Barnado's Teddy which was shown to the school in Assembly on Monday. All children who take part will receive a 'Thank You' certificate and bookmark. We hope you will support this worthwhile cause. Thank you and have fun in the process.

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