

# TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2014



### WELCOME FROM MISS MARSHALL

It is with immense pride that I write to you as the new Headteacher of Tenacres. I return to Tenacres after leaving nearly five years ago to be the Headteacher of another Redditch First School. Tenacres has always been a special place to be whether you are a child or

member of staff! The school has always been known for its nurturing ethos where children feel happy and safe. Parents and carers have always valued our 'open door' policy and the importance we place on involving them in every aspect of school life and ways in which they can

contribute to enriching their child's learning.

I look forward to getting to know you over the coming year and sharing news of the start of the new term in the next few weeks.



Over the summer we have continued our programme of redecoration and improvements to the school including classrooms, offices and resources areas. The children have found it all very exciting and love the newly created, bright and spacious areas.

Following the introduction of universal free school meals we have also expanded our kitchen and catering facilities. Many of our children in Reception and Years 1&2 are enjoying the hot meals on offer.

*Miss C Marshall*

### Reception Stars

Well done to our Reception children for a superb start this week. Mrs Poynton & Mrs Lesser would like to pass on their thanks to our parents and carers for all the home activities and support they have given so far.

In order to encourage independence, from Tuesday 9th September, we would ask that children come in to school by themselves. Thank you!

*Mrs Poynton & Mrs Lesser*



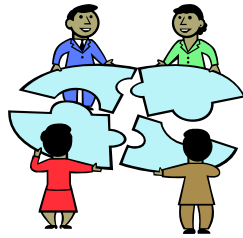
### Guide Dogs

We are lending our support to the training of guide dogs and I am sure you will agree this is a worthwhile cause. Part of the training is to experience a variety of environments so over the coming weeks you will see a puppy in training on the school premises. Our school policy remains however that all other dogs are prohibited from entering the school site and we would appreciate your continued support in this matter. Thank you.

## FAMILY LEARNING

Last year this initiative led by Mrs Poynton was a tremendous success. Due to its popularity this is continuing for this year. At the end of September we are running an English course for parents.

More information to follow.



## YEAR 3 & 4

As you may be aware children in Yrs R-2 are provided with fruit each day as part of a Government funded scheme. Children in Years 3 & 4 may bring in their own fruit daily for play-time.



## CURRICULUM MEETINGS

Come along and find out about the curriculum and other information about your child's class. Class teachers will be holding 'Curriculum Meetings' on the following dates/times:

Year R - Friday, 12th September @ 9.15am

Year 1 - Tuesday, 9th September @ 2.30pm

Year 2 - Wednesday, 10th September @ 2.30pm

Year 3 - Thursday, 11th September @ 2.30pm

Year 4 - Monday, 8th September @ 2.30pm

Curriculum information will be sent home with the children on the day of the year group meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

## REMINDER

We would like to remind everyone that in order to prevent infections spreading children must not return to school until 48 hours have passed since their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

For more advice on when to keep children away from school due to illness please check out the link below:

[www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness)

## Dates For Your Diary

Autumn Term 2014	
Mon 1 September	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Tues 2 September	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Wed 3 September	Start of Term - School opens
Tues 7 October	Individual & Sibling Photos
27 October to 31 October	Half Term
Fri 19 December	End of Term - School closes for Christmas
Spring Term 2015	
Mon 5 January	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Tue 6 January	Start of Term - School opens
16 to 20 February	Half Term
Fri 27 March	End of Term - School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2015	
Mon 13 April	Start of Term - School opens
Mon 4 May	May Day Bank Holiday
25 to 29 May	Half Term
Mon 1 June	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Fri 17 July	End of Term - School closes for Summer



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 Educate and  
 Nurture  
 All our  
 Children to  
 Realise  
 Excellence and  
 Success