

OCTOBER NEWS

It has been a busy September for all! On the reverse of the newsletter are just a few of our priorities to further enhance the already effective provision at Tenacres. We thought our parent and carers would like to know.

Miss Marshall



On Friday 25th September children paid £1.50 to come to school dressed in their own clothes & raised £400 for Macmillan. All year groups enjoyed cakes, biscuits and squash during the day. Any remaining goodies were donated to Redditch Food Bank. Thank you to parents/carers for your generosity.



Following our productive meeting in September a range of activities have been organised. If you would like to be involved our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd November @ 6pm.

A big 'thank you' to Rob Underwood from 'Charlotte & Craig Saving Hearts Foundation' who recently trained members of staff in the use of a defibrillator. The charity has also kindly donated a machine to the school.



We will be holding a Book Fair after school on Thursday 8th October from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Commission raised from the sale of books at the fair allows us to claim free books for school.



PARENTS' FORUM

The next meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 2nd December at 6.30pm with Miss Marshall. If you would like to get involved with us please let the office know.

Some items discussed at the last meeting:

- A curriculum planner (sent home beginning of Sept)
- A School Development Plan page for parents/carers (see reverse)
- Electronic registers—doors close promptly at 8.45am due to submission of the morning attendance
- Homework
- Parents Evening arrangements—Spring Term—more information to follow.

Absence

The threshold for persistent absence has been raised from 85 to 90%. We will be closely monitoring children whose attendance falls below 93% as they are now considered to be at risk of becoming persistent absentees. Please ensure you phone in and advise school if your child is unable to attend for any reason.



Reading at home

One of our key priorities is to encourage more children to read at home. This can be their school book, library book, comics, magazines etc. Please let us know about any reading your child does at home by recording it in the Home/School Diary. We would love to hear from any parents/carers who are able to come into school and hear children read.

**SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN –
2015/16**

To embed
'British Values'
through the
curriculum.

To further
enhance PE
provision.

To further
enhance the
'Computing'
Curriculum.

To further enhance the
creative curriculum with
exciting learning
opportunities.

For all children to read at
home on a regular
basis.

To increase whole school
attendance
to at least 96%.

To further develop children's
understanding of 'number' in
Maths.

Subsidise the
after school
clubs and have
specialist PE
teaching across.

To celebrate
attendance in
weekly
achievement
assembly.

Children to
identify
'British
Values' in
their learning.

To hold
further
parent
workshops
for Maths.

Children to have a
secure
understanding of
number.
To transfer these
skills across the
areas of Maths.

To further
develop Marking
and Feedback so
children respond
to their learning

Children to
use ipads
across
curriculum
areas.

Children to work
towards progress
thresholds each
half term to
achieve Age
Related
Expectations.

To develop
further specialist
areas like the
Starlight Room
including the
Rainbow Pod and
Sunshine Pod.

To hold whole school
topics at key points
to celebrate National
events.

Each year we have priorities to further enhance aspects of the curriculum and the wider provision at Tenacres. Here are a few of our priorities this academic year.