

TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter : FEBRUARY 2017



We are already in February

Year groups have been busy on their topics from the Victorians to Robots



A message from Mrs Poynton & Miss James

As we know Reception children enjoy exploring and learning through play. If you have any good quality toys, vehicles (indoor or outdoor) etc that need a good home please send them in.



Website Blog

We are always looking for further ways to enhance communication for our parents and carers. Please check out the 'blog' on the Tenacres website www.tenacres.worcs.sch.uk. The purpose of the blog is to upload messages and 'snap shots' from the school day. Comments can be added by clicking on the link on every blog.. All comments are checked by the website moderator before going 'live'.

Commando Joe

Last term a group of children took part in a project led by Commando Joe. These are ex-military service men and women working in schools developing children's life skills such as resilience, perseverance, etc. This is achieved through team challenges and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. From Tuesday 7th March all children in Year 3 will be taking part during curriculum time alongside their teachers and teaching assistants. Our Commando will be on the playground before school to welcome all children, parents & carers.

Young Voices 2017

Well done to our Year 4 children for taking part in Young Voices at the Genting Arena on Wednesday 25th January. The children did us proud and enjoyed rocking out with their air guitars.





Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March for all year groups. Letters will be coming home after half term.

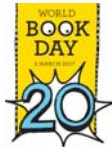
Year 4 Swimming

Swimming lessons have begun on Wednesdays for our children in Yr 4. Please remember to send in costumes, towel and goggles if required. Well done to all and especially our non-swimmers. With the effort being put in they will soon be swimming the Channel!

World Book Day : Thursday 2nd March

To celebrate World Book Day we are inviting children in Key Stage 1 to dress up in the theme of their new topic:

- Yr R - Aliens
- Yr 1 - Pirates
- Yr 2 - Fairytales



and children in Key Stage 2 (yrs 3 & 4) to come dressed as explorers or scientists. We will be asking for a donation of £1 which will go to the Readathon Charity we are supporting.

Readathon Sponsored Read

Last week children will have brought home a Readathon Sponsorship Card. We would like you to support your child, in particular by sponsoring them, to read for fun and list the books on their card. There will be prizes for the children in each class who read the most books. The money raised will go to the Readathon charity which pays for books and storytelling visits to children's hospitals around the UK. The event lasts for four weeks and finishes on World Book Day.



Pitcheroak Project



Last term Tenacres and Pitcheroak started a project together. Children from Pitcheroak visit Tenacres and spend time meeting our chickens and learning about how we look after them and their eggs. In return Tenacres children visit Pitcheroak taking eggs and cooking together. Check out the website for photographs soon.

Music Makers

We have a whole school music week coming up week beginning 13th February. Children across the school will be enjoying a range of activities including a Gamelan workshop in Yrs 3 & 4 and Chinese New Year in Reception, Yrs 1 & 2.



Around the World

As part of our storytelling theme children will be taking part in a workshop with a twist! On Friday 10th March Mrs McEville (Modern Foreign Languages Co-ordinator) has arranged for children to experience stories from other cultures/languages.



DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2017	
Thurs 9 Feb	Year 3 Trip to Black Country Museum PSHE meeting in the hall @ 2.30pm
Wed 15 Feb	Yrs 3 & 4 Gamelan Workshop
Thurs 16 Feb	Reception—Yr 2 Chinese New Year Workshop
Fri 17 Feb	Year 4 Trip to Sea Life Centre
20 to 24 Feb	Half Term
Tues 28 Feb	Yr 1 Pirate Day
Wed 1 March	Yrs 2—4 Writing Workshop
Thurs 2 March	World Book Day
Wed 8 & Thurs 9 March	Parents Evening
Fri 10 March	Reception—Yr 4 Storytelling Workshop
Tues 28 March	Pyramid Choir at the Palace Theatre
Fri 7 April	Break up for Easter