

**TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL  
PARENTS' NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER 2007**



**Dear Parent/s**

How quickly this half term has gone, as we finish school today for the October break (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> being a Teacher Training Day). We have training in Circle Time and Brain Gym in the morning and Firefighting and Evacuation in the afternoon ..... wish us luck!

**New Teacher**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Kirkby to Tenacres after half term. She will be teaching classes in Years 1 -4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays to release class teachers for their weekly planning time. She will be replacing Mrs Bailey who has been doing this job temporarily while we made the appointment.

Our newly elected **Pupils Council** are:

Elysia Ady & Callum Willmott 2F  
Elysia Evans & Ethan Gresham 2M  
Bob Spencer & Jessica Whitsey 3D  
Callum Morris & Chloe Butler 3W  
Connor McFarland & Trinity McLynskey 4W  
Elizabeth Pace & Benjamin Parr 4P



They have already consulted their classes on a range of issues and are involved in choosing benches for the playground and the entrance hall design competition. We wish them well with their new responsibilities.

**Harvest Festival**



Thank you very much for your generous donations which were collected by the Salvation Army this week for distribution in the local area.

Well done to Year 2 who presented a highly enjoyable assembly to parents and pupils last Thursday.

**Year 4 visit to Hartlebury**

Year 4 children had a very eventful day at Hartlebury museum where they enjoyed role play sessions of life in World War II. We were very pleased to see children (and teachers!) dressed for the part.

**Book Club**

Thank you for a wonderful response to the book club. We raised approx. £250 to spend on books across school.

## Arts & Kids Week

This is aimed at families during half term. There are 70 events in the West Midlands, details available at [www.artsandkids.org.uk](http://www.artsandkids.org.uk)

## School Nurse

If you need to contact Sue Beebee, our School Nurse, please phone her on 01527 488780.

## TAPA

We are very pleased that TAPA have offered to purchase wet play games for all classes. Thank you.

Poppies will be on sale at 20p each when we return after half term.



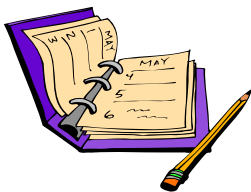
## A few reminders

**Late arrivals** : we have had a few children arriving late for school recently which is disruptive for them, their classmates and the teachers. Please be aware that school starts at 8.40am for years 1 to 4 (9am in Reception) when children should come into school unaccompanied after lining up with their classmates (years 1 to 4).

**Car speed** : please reduce speed when approaching school especially around the zebra crossing which is regularly used by children.

**Dinner Money** : the cost of dinners was increased in September to £1.70. Please ensure the correct money is sent and, as change can't be given, please carry any extra over to another day.

**Naming property** : we have a lot of lost property around at the moment which is difficult to return when it is unnamed. Please ensure all property is marked with your child's name. Thank you.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### October

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Return to school

### November

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

TAPA Bingo \*

### December

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Reception trip to 'Smart Trees' \*

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

TAPA Disco \*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Break up for Christmas

\* more details to follow

*Have a lovely Half-Term and see you all on 29<sup>th</sup> October .....don't be late !!*