



TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2008



Outdoor Learning. Reception children have enjoyed building a willow igloo and story telling area outside their classroom. This is the first stage of our ambitious plans for outdoor learning, which is a priority for Tenacres this year. Miss Harris, our Reception Teacher is currently training for Forest Schools on Fridays. Weather permitting, fencing is also being installed this week outside Reception and Year 1 and we have further exciting installations planned in the coming months for all our children to enjoy.

New fencing. You may have noticed we have improved security around school with new fencing and gates to the Reception and car park entrances. This is an on-going improvement scheme along with our rolling programme of replacement doors and windows.

Governors news. The outcomes of the parents survey are on the agenda to be discussed at our next Governing Body meeting. We were very pleased with the response to this, thank you. We are pleased to be welcoming two new parent representatives.

Content Stream is an online educational resource to which we subscribe to support our cross curricular learning using ICT. Your child will be able to access this at home with their own personal login name and password which they will be given in class. Mrs Duffy will be here at Parents Evening on Thursday in the IT room if you want more information or to see it in use.

Parents Evening reminder : this is on Thursday evening. Please send your reply slip into school to book your appointment if you haven't already done so. If you can't make Thursday please see the Class Teacher to make alternative arrangements. We look forward to seeing you.

TAPA news. Thank you to TAPA for funding 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime which all the children really enjoyed. They have a Bingo night planned on Friday and their next meeting (AGM) is planned for 2nd March. New members are always welcome and they currently have a vacancy for a Secretary.



Children representatives on our school council (TAPS) were asked what they would like to spend the money we collected from Christmas play ticket sales on. They voted unanimously for a Wii console! This would be used across school in 'Golden Time' as a reward for good behaviour.



Clive Mark shop in Redditch Town Centre are having a sale this month and many items, including Tenacres uniform, are buy one, get one half price.



Please remember to send children to school with warm winter coats, hats and gloves in this very cold weather. All named please!



Any school closure due to snow etc. will be announced on BRMB 96.4FM, BBC Hereford & Worcester 104FM and www.worcestershire.gov.uk. You can also call the Worcestershire hub on 01905 765765.

We are also considering introducing a text messaging service and will be discussing this at our next Governors' meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



February

Thursday 12 th	Parents Evening
Friday 13 th	TAPA Bingo *
	Break up for half term

Return to school Monday 23rd February

Wednesday 25 th	Year 1 visit from 'Museum on the Move'
Thursday 26 th	Year 3 Dance Festival at Arrow Vale *
Friday 27 th	Year 2 & 3 Gym Festival at Arrow Vale *

March

Monday 2 nd	7pm TAPA AGM. All welcome
Wednesday 11 th	Choir - Music Festival at Ipsley *
Thursday 12 th	Year 1 Space Assembly *

more details to follow

Easter break : Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April inclusive