



We send our good wishes to Miss Latham and Miss Harris who are both getting married in the summer holiday and will be returning to school as Mrs Hirst and Mrs Poynton.



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Dates for your diary

More success at Tenacres!

July



The School Fete was a great success, in TAPA's words: 'the best yet' and raised an impressive £800 which TAPA will use to buy extras for the children. A huge thank you to the Committee and to parents, staff and Governors who supported this event.

Thursday 16th R Trip to Lower Smite Farm
7pm : Yr 4 Leavers Concert
Friday 17th Yr 2 trip to Sealife Centre
Tuesday 21st Break up

Once again, Tenacres has achieved well above national average results in Key Stage 1 SAT tests. Well done to all our current Year 2 children and their teachers and TA's. Current Year 4 pupils have done similarly well in their tests. Well done to them and their teachers and TA's.

*Return to school Monday 7th September
(3rd & 4th September = TED days)*

Another very successful and enjoyable event was held at Arrow Vale Theatre on Sunday 5th July when our choir joined a concert organised by Sam Gorton, a Music Teacher and Parent Governor here at Tenacres. Again parents of our choir supported the event and the children really enjoyed performing with professional singers. Sam has donated profits of £200 to school, for which we say a big thank you.

I am sure you will agree it has been a fantastic term here at Tenacres and we wish everyone a lovely summer.



Children who have been taking part in school clubs such as choir, recorders, dance and ukulele performed for parents last week to showcase what they had learnt. We were very impressed with our musical stars!

Congratulations to Miss Harris who is now a fully qualified Forest School Leader. This involved 5 days training and 100 hours of home study. Well done and on achieving her First Aid qualification following 4 day training.

Children currently in Years 2 & 3 are being offered the opportunity to take keyboard and/or violin lessons within school through Worcestershire Youth Music. The cost of lessons will be dependent on numbers but should be between £2.50 and £4 each. Keyboards will be available for children to use in school and violins can be hired if required. Please see Miss Russell (in Year 1) if you are interested.



We have had a busy few weeks here at Tenacres with lots of enjoyable events such as Arts Day when we had a potter working with the children and help from many parents; djembe drumming in Year 1; Police assembly in Years 3 & 4; year group trips to Dudley Zoo and Think Tank; sports days; Year 2 sports festival at Arrow Vale and transfer day when children moved up to their new classes for a morning. Year 4 children visited their new Middle Schools for buddy day. Thank you to staff and parents involved in these activities for making them a success.

Year 2 have been writing to pen pals at Offenham First School in Evesham as part of First School links. A couple of weeks ago they visited their new friends and spent an enjoyable day getting to know them, maypole dancing and joining in Forest School activities.



Talented swimmers from Year 4 were invited to take part in a Swimming Gala at Kingsley pool this week where they participated in races and received an impressive 10 medals! Well done.

Many thanks to everyone who sent Tesco and Sainsburys vouchers into school. We collected a very impressive 32,000 Tesco vouchers, the most yet and have ordered lots of goodies to use across school. Our collection of Sainsbury's vouchers was also very successful and our order has arrived already with many outdoor games including bean bags, soft bowling set, foam croquet set, greedy gorilla, garden Jenga and a wiggly tunnel!



Well done to the Year 4 children and Mrs Coleman who worked on the Leavers Committee to produce a published book of poems. All the pupils contributed a piece of writing and the book will be presented to them at the Leavers Concert on Thursday as a memento of their time at Tenacres.



A few reminders:

Please return the reply slip sent home with annual reports last week, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

We have only received a few completed Governors Parent Surveys. Thank you to those of you who have returned them and if you haven't, we would appreciate it if you would spend a few minutes completing this survey for our Governors.

A reminder of some facts concerning swine flu from the Health Protection Agency: As with any illness, children suffering from possible swine flu should not attend school and they should come back to school only when completely recovered. In many cases the child would be expected to be off school for at least one week.

Currently, the diagnosis of swine flu must be made by a doctor so you would need to phone your GP (rather than visiting the practice) if you felt you or your child had this condition. NHS Direct can also provide advice on 0845 4647 or on the website www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk and general advice can be found on the Swine Flu information line on 0800 1 513 513.

The most common symptoms of swine flu are high temperature, accompanied by two or more of the following: cough, sore throat, runny nose, pain in the limbs or joints, headache. Over the coming months, do please make sure you and your family follow the general hygiene advice that the government has issued:

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue and dispose of tissues promptly and carefully
- Maintain good basic hygiene, e.g. washing hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands.

It is important to realise that the great majority of cases of swine flu have not been severe.