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All our
Children to
Realise
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Success



**TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2009**



Tenacres wall planners!

Next week you will be receiving (1 per family) our new wall planner with dates for the academic year. We hope you will use it and add to it when we send home dates in our newsletters.

New Governors

We were very pleased to welcome the following new Governors to our first meeting last Monday:

Melody Payne, Local Authority Governor
Paul Kennedy, local Police Officer, Community Governor
Helen Horton, Children's Centre Manager, Community Governor
Sue Beebee, School Nurse, Community Governor
Dave Wilkins, MBE, ex local Police Officer, Community Governor
Michelle Gardiner, Teaching Assistant, Staff Governor
Ian Rogers, Parent Governor
Jenny Smith, Parent Governor

Mrs Sam Gorton, Parent Governor was elected Chair and Malcolm Hall, Local Authority Governor Vice Chair.

Tenacres Choir

We are delighted that our Choir will be performing at the Civic Service of the Mayor of Redditch at St. Stephens Church on Sunday (11th October) and that, following a drawing competition which was judged by the Mayor, Year 4 pupil, Molly Barrett's drawing will be used on the cover of the programme.

Open Morning/Macmillan Coffee Morning



Our open morning in September was very well attended by prospective new parents and our coffee morning, held on the same day, was very enjoyable and successful, raising £85 for Macmillan Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes & biscuits and Mrs Ryder, Mrs Herbert and Mrs Jackson who did the catering!

Curriculum meetings for parents

We hope that parents who attended the curriculum meetings last month found them useful and we look forward to the next meetings in January where the teachers will be talking to you about our Spring term plans.

Harvest Competition: Give Poverty the Boot

Competition entry forms will be available to buy for 50p next week for children to design a wellington boot and nominate a chosen charity.

October is National Walk to School month



We encourage walking to school and as October is Walk to School month we have talked about it in TAPS Council and introduced it in Assembly. Children receive WOW badges as an incentive.

Clubs

There are limited spaces and clubs run throughout the year so children who haven't had a place this time round will have the opportunity next time.

Hot meals



Class Catering, our hot meals provider, are coming into school to talk to TAPS Council about ideas for hot meals. All children should have received a menu for this term and we hope they are all enjoying their meals which are varied and nutritionally balanced.



return data catchment forms (years 1 - 4) and internet use forms. Thank you.

Dates for your wall planner!

Oct

Sun 11 th		Choir performing at St. Stephens Church
Mon 12 th		Yr 3 trip to Roman Alcester
	7pm	TAPA meeting
Mon 19 th		Individual photos
Thurs 22 nd	9.30	Yr 2 Harvest assembly
		Parents evening *
		Break up for half term
		(Fri 23 rd : closed: staff training)

Return to school : Monday 2nd November

* More details to follow