

# Dates for your wall planner



TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2010



## February

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term  
TAPA Valentines Family Disco : 6-8pm

Return to school Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

## March

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dance Festival at Kingsley \*  
w/c 8<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day Meals \*  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Year 1 Assembly \*  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 'Charlie & the Kitchen Cook' performance \*  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Year 2 trip to Birmingham Synagogue \*  
Week beg 29<sup>th</sup> : Decorated Easter bonnet and egg  
competitions\* Entries to school please  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Assembly \*  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Choir : Pyramid Music Festival and performance  
for parents at 3.30 pm \*

## April

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Pupil of the Term Assembly and prizes for  
Easter competitions (provided by TAPA) \*  
  
Break up for Easter holidays

\* more details to follow

Congratulations to Mrs Duffy who has had a baby boy, Patrick, born on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, a beautiful baby brother for big sister, Erin. We look forward to meeting him and congratulating Mrs Duffy in person.



While Mrs Duffy is on maternity leave we have a temporary teacher, Mrs Gillies who is working with most classes across the school. She specialises in PE and is running a football club for the younger boys after school on Thursdays. She has settled in really well and we are delighted to welcome her to Tenacres.



*We hope you can all come along to our Parents Evening next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please make an appointment with your child/ren's class teacher/s if you have not already done so. Mrs Coleman, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, will also be available in the office on that day between 5pm and 7pm to discuss any issues with you.*

Would you kindly complete a brief questionnaire when you attend parents evening. We welcome your feedback on our recently held 'Curriculum Meetings for Parents'. Please complete and return them to your child/ren's class teacher/s and this will to help us to plan future meetings.

Following the popularity of the Christmas Disco, TAPA have organised a Valentines Disco, next week, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Reception children and families are invited from 6pm, with older children and families from 6.30 pm. There will be refreshments on sale and a raffle. Donations of prizes can be sent to the school office any time this week. Tickets will be on sale from Monday at £4 per family and all profits go to TAPA funds to buy extras for the children in school.



We would be very interested to hear from anyone who would be willing to be a Relief Dinner Supervisor here at Tenacres. The role would involve looking after a class of children during their lunch hour. As it is a relief post you would be called at short notice. Please see Mrs Bacon, TA in Year 2, for more details/to register your interest.

Reception and Year 1 children will be starting a programme of Forest School sessions after half term. They will be learning about the woodland environment, supporting all areas of the curriculum within our own Forest School. We are providing waterproof jackets and trousers for all children and really look forward to starting this exciting opportunity.

Our new TAPS Council representatives for this term are Connor Joy & Chloe Kindon, 1R; Lauren Bligh & Ben Allcock, 2M; Aimee Davis & Ben Whitehouse, 3W; Alex Rose & Tia Payne, 4B; Luke Richardson & Eden Stanley, 1W; Abbie Fernley & Cory Attarde, 2F; Chloe Collins & Adam Taylor, 3H; Katie Holloway & Kieran Bristoll. They are busy deciding what to buy with the money raised by the mini marathon event.



Thank you to everyone who registered Cooking with Schools vouchers for us. We were very pleased with the amount of tokens raised which we were able to 'spend' on many items including oven gloves, aprons, mixing bowls, wooden spoons, weighing scales etc. Please continue to register any tokens you find inside flora packs at [www.cookingwithschools.com](http://www.cookingwithschools.com).

We are in the process of setting up a school bank for children in years 3 and 4 to encourage them to start saving and to be 'money aware'. HSBC are coming into school next week to talk to children and we will be sending more details home after that.



Our local Police Community Support Officers Jen Blackburn and Jon Duggins are holding Police Surgeries, where you can discuss with them any local policing issues. They will be available to meet with you in the Children's Centre here at Tenacres every last Thursday of the month between 10am and 11am as follows; 25<sup>th</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> May & 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Our School Nurse, Sue Beebee will be holding her drop in sessions in the Children's Centre, again here at Tenacres where you can see her about children's health issues. She will be here on Fridays between 8.45am and 9.15am on the following dates : 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July. Just come to the Children's Centre (opposite the School Office) on those dates if you wish to see her.