



TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL APRIL/MAY 2010



To

Educate and

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All our

Children to

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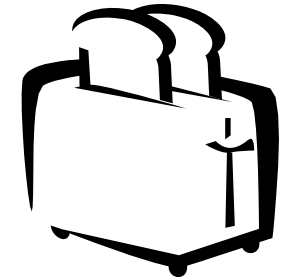
Excellence and

Success



This term we *welcome* Richard Watkins back to Tenacres. After a year teaching in Australia, Richard joins us for the Summer Term in Year 2.

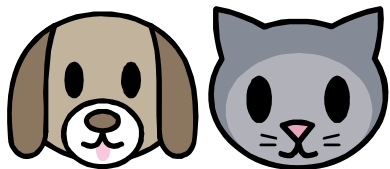
Breakfast Club : we are very pleased that more children are attending and that we have therefore recently recruited Wendy Fletcher (Our Caretaker Bob's wife) to join Angela Hollands as Breakfast Club Supervisors. If you are interested in a place for your child please ask at the Office. The Club is open any time between 8am and 9am, Monday – Friday in term time where children engage in activities and enjoy breakfast and a drink, at a cost of £2 per day. Children who are entitled to free school meals are also eligible for a free place at Breakfast Club, using POW funding.



Attendance : Congratulations to the 18 children who achieved 100% attendance at the end of last term. As a school, our target has recently been set at 96% and we have 122 pupils achieving this, however, overall we are only achieving 94.9%. Let's put percentage attendance into perspective:

90% attendance rate may seem pretty good, however, it actually means that he/she is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half-day every week and an 80% attendance rate means that he/she is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one whole day every week!

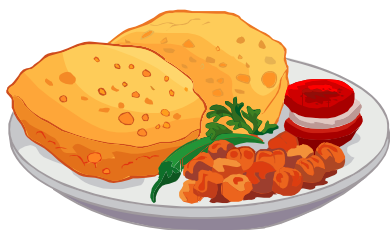
Punctual attendance is vital for learning and promotes an essential life skill. Children have 14 weeks of holiday so we do not support the taking of holidays in term time. Our Educational Welfare Officer visits regularly to monitor attendance and will offer support to families where attendance is a cause for concern.



Pet drawing competition. To celebrate National Pet Month, Willows Veterinary Centre is running a children's drawing competition. All children at Tenacres who wish to take part drawing a picture

of their pet, have been given an entry form. There are two age categories that apply to us; under 6 and 6 to 10. There will be a prize for the top 3 pictures in the whole competition and in addition, every entry handed in will receive a small prize. Miss Shillaker is collecting the entries and she will take them to the Vets Centre by the closing date of Tuesday 4th May.

We were thrilled to see so many wonderful entries for our **Easter bonnet and decorated egg competitions**. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to TAPA for the prizes and for the crème egg for every child and member of staff!



Once again, we were delighted to see so many Mums join their children for our **mothers day meals** week in March and very much look forward to our Dads joining us week commencing 14th June for **fathers day meals**.

Free to a good home (must collect) – Tekniks double keyboard organ in wooden casing approx. 5ft x 3ft x 2ft. Please ask at the office if you are interested, first come, first served.

We welcome the following pupils onto our **Pupil Council (TAPS)**: Harry Fox & Anna Hine – 1R, Callum Lewis & Julia Porebska – 1W, Owen Kirton & Shanice Mattison – 2F, Becky Murphy & Harvey Wayley – 2M, Will Hampton & Amy Savage – 3W, Ryan Fitz-Harris & Megan Smith – 3H, Abbie Gordon & Amber Parker – 4B, Emily Alder & Kyran Venmore – 4P. They have already met and decided on their rules for the group, playground friends for the week and 'bright ideas'.

We are running a variety of **clubs** for 6 weeks, starting w/c 10th May including cricket, book group, sewing, forest school, board games and football. Children will be asked to express an interest and then given letters with permission slips. These letters will detail club dates, times and pick up points. After you have returned the permission slip, please keep the letter as a reminder. Thank you. Choir, Yr 1 singing, TAG Rugby, dance, recorders and ukuleles continue as normal.

Dates for your wall planner

April

w/b 26th
Tuesday 27th
Friday 30th

Outdoor maths week
Music Festival at Matchborough
School nurse drop in session 8.45 – 9.15

May

Monday 3 rd	May Day	School Closed
Friday 7 th		Europe Day *
		Class Photos
		TAPA Bingo evening *
Monday 10 th	2.30pm	R curriculum meeting for parents
Tuesday 11 th	2.30pm	Yr 1 curriculum meeting for parents
Weds 12 th	2.30pm	Yr 2 curriculum meeting for parents
Thursday 13 th	2.30pm	Yr 3 curriculum meeting for parents
Friday 14 th		Fruity Friday
	2.30pm	Yr 4 curriculum meeting for parents
Thursday 20 th		Whole school panoramic photo
Tuesday 25 th		Yr 2 trip to Hartlebury *
Friday 28 th		Break up

* more details to follow

*Return to School Tuesday 8th June
(Monday 7th June = Teacher training day)*