

Dates for your planner



TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2011



January

Wednesday 19 th	Year 3 swimming
	1.30 Pantomime in school
	TAG rugby after school club recommences
Monday 24 th	2.30 R curriculum meeting for parents
Tuesday 25 th	2.30 Yr 1 curriculum meeting for parents
	Choir recommences
Weds 26 th	2.30 Yr 2 curriculum meeting for parents
Thursday 27 th	2.30 Yr 3 curriculum meeting for parents
Friday 28 th	2.30 Yr 4 curriculum meeting for parents
Monday 31 st	7pm TAPA meeting

February

Tuesday 15 th	3pm Book Fayre
Thursday 17 th	Parents Evening
Friday 18 th	Break up

Half Term

Monday 28 th	Return to school
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March

w/c 28 th	Mothers day meals *
	Outdoor Maths Week
Thursday 31 st	4pm Choir performance at Arrow Vale

April

Friday 1 st	Yr 1 Assembly
Thursday 7 th	Pupil of the term assembly
	Break up
Friday 8 th	April = Training day

* more details to follow

Welcome back everyone. A very happy New Year to you, we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break.

Photographs of the wonderful Christmas plays and other special events last term will shortly be appearing on our school website www.tenacres.worcs.sch.uk. Do take a look and leave a comment on the contact us page.

Miss Begley has started her new role as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. She is available to meet with you on Tuesdays if you have any concerns or queries regarding SEN. Please phone for an appointment. We wish her well in her new role.

We also welcome to Tenacres this term new Lunchtime Supervisors Miss Dennis and Mrs Bruc.

Urgent : Free School Meals

Under new school funding arrangements please ensure that if your child is entitled to free school meals, you apply as school receives much needed income for every child registered. Your child will also be entitled to POW funding which you can use to pay for all school events including trips, music lessons, swimming and out of school clubs.

To qualify you must be in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Income support
- Job seekers allowance
- Employment and support allowance

- Child tax credit provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

All claims are dealt with in the strictest confidence. We currently have over 60 children registered for free meals at Tenacres and urge you to apply even if your child won't be taking up the meals. Thank you.

Parent Governors

We currently have 4 vacancies for Parent Governors at Tenacres. If you wish to be involved in supporting the school in areas including curriculum, finance & staffing, estates, health & safety or marketing and willing to attend a couple of evening meetings a term, we would be delighted to hear from you. If you want to know more please see Mrs Carpenter, Clerk to Governors in the office or Miss Shillaker, Headteacher.

Breakfast Club

We have vacancies at our Breakfast Club. It is open every day in term time from 8am at a cost of £2 per session. It is run by school staff who give children breakfast, provide fun activities and take them to their classrooms in time for registration. You can use the facility on a regular or drop in basis. If you require more information or an application form, please see Mrs Carpenter or Mrs Parker in the office.

TAPA (Tenacres Parents Association) News

- The Christmas Family Disco was a huge success thanks to the hard work of the Committee and all the fantastic raffle prizes they organised which included



donations from the following Redditch Market Traders: Mutts & Moggies, Carl's Fruits, D&M Meats, Swag, Rainbow Nurseries, Sweet Success, Amo Fashions, CK Computer Tek; Bags of Choice and The Flower Stall. Thank you to them for their generosity and to Father Christmas for making time to come at his busiest time of year!

- Thank you to the new Committee members including Miss Dennis and Mrs Iles, the new Treasurers.
- The next meeting of TAPA is next Monday 31st January at 7pm in the staff room. We are hoping for a good attendance again.
- Funds raised by TAPA are being used to provide a professional pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' for the children in school next Wednesday afternoon. So thank you to everyone who supports TAPA events.

The inevitable reminders

- Please send PE kits and leave in school for this half term to include shorts and a tee-shirt (preferably white or blue, plimsolls (pull on type) for indoor wear, trainers and tracksuits or warm top and joggers for outdoor activities if required.
- Please remember to phone school and report any absences as soon as possible.
- If for any reason your child arrives late (after 9am) ensure they bring a packed lunch as dinners are totalled and ordered by this time.
- Applications for places in Reception for September need to be in by 15th January. Forms are available from the School Office.

