



**TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
September 2011**



Dear Parents,

A belated welcome back after the summer holiday. The start of term has been very enjoyable with us welcoming 59 Reception children and 5 new children in main school. We also welcome class teachers Miss Taylor and Miss Mason in Reception and Year 1 respectively and Year 1 Teaching Assistant Mrs Jackson. Mrs Beech is our new cleaner and many of you will already have met our new Admin Assistant Mrs Brooke in the school office. We wish all our new colleagues and pupils a very happy time here at Tenacres.

School improvements during the holidays

I am pleased to inform you that the perimeter fencing has been extended to cover the tyre park and field area further improving our site security.

We are also benefiting from improved lighting throughout the school.

Vacancy : Lunchtime Supervisor

This is for 1 hour per day (12- 1pm) to supervise children eating their lunches and in the playground. Salary - £6.47 per hour. Please apply via the school office.



On-Line Payments

We continue to receive positive feedback to our online payments system which is available to use for all school activities. It is our preferred method of payment and we encourage its use.

Help in School

If you can spare a few hours each week to help with activities such as Reading or Forest School please notify the school office who will take your details. We would love to hear from you ☺



Breakfast Club

This starts at 8 a.m. each morning and costs £2 per session. Children have the choice of toast, crumpets or cereal and a drink. Again please contact the school office to book a place.

Parent Governor

We have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors to join the other four parents already on the Governing Body. If you would like to be more involved in supporting the work we do in school and are willing to attend a couple of meetings a term please see Michaela Carpenter (Clerk to Governors, contactable at the school office) or Miss Shillaker. Experience/expertise in financial management, marketing or the building industry (site management) would be particularly beneficial. All Governors are required to complete a CRB (police) check.

T.A.P.S. Council

The newly-elected members of the Tenacres Problem Solving Council are Harvey Wayley and Alice Hill-Smith 4B, Dylan Huband and Jolie Webb 4P, Lexi Sutor and Kai Masters 3H, Shade Agidee and Ryan Ellis 3F, Millie Ady and Joseph Morgan 2W, Kieron Collins and Lily Hanson 2R, Charlie Sedgwick and Chelsey Hodgetts 1M, Sam Lewis and Katie Smith 1W.

They meet every week to talk about their ideas to continue to improve the school. We wish them well with their new responsibilities representing their classes and will report their ideas and actions to you as the term progresses.

School Bank

Here at Tenacres we operate a bank for children in years 3 and 4 to encourage the saving habit. The HSBC visit school on a weekly basis to administer pupils bank accounts. Pupils also help out in the 'bank' and 'interviews' are taking place this week for positions. All children who open a new account will receive a globe money box. Application forms for new accounts are available from Mrs Pennell.



PE Kit

A few reminders -

Please label ALL items

No ear-rings

Pumps for indoor P.E. and trainers for outdoors (Years 1-4 only). They also need tracksuit bottoms.

Children need to keep their PE kit in school in a PE bag.

Holidays in term time

Due to an increasing number of holidays being taken in term time, Governors have reviewed our school policy. The leave of absence request form has been updated to reflect their concern about the increase and to monitor these absences more closely. If you apply for holiday in term time you will receive a written response detailing whether the absence has been authorised or not. You may also be required to make an appointment to see the Headteacher.

Dates for your Diary



September

Tuesday 11 th	Reception new intake photo (Standard newspaper)
Weds 21 st	Year 4 swimming (week 1 of 10)

October

Tuesday 18 th	Individual photographs
Weds 19 th	Year 2 assembly
Thursday 20 th	Break up
	Parents evening *
	Half term Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October
Monday 31 st	Return to school

December

Friday 9 th		Year 4 trip RAF Cosford *
Tuesday 13 th	1.45pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas play
Weds 14 th	9.30am	Reception Christmas play
Thurs 15 th	1.45pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas play
Friday 16 th	9.30am	Years 3 & 4 Christmas play
Tuesday 20 th		Break up

* More information to follow