

# Dates for your planner



## TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EASTER 2012



### March

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 1 assembly Year 3 last swimming lesson
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Hobby Day <i>Break up for Easter hols</i>

### April

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>		Return to school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	Year 4 Parents' Meeting *
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Year 3 Parents' Meeting *
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>		Year 4 trip to Wolverhampton Theatre *
	2.30pm	Year 2 Parents' Meeting *
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Year 1 Parents' Meeting *
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Reception Parents' Meeting *

### May

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No school - 'May Day' Bank Holiday</i>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Class photos "Big Dance"
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 3 assembly *
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>		Diamond Jubilee celebration <i>Break up for half term</i>

\* More details to follow

Vouchers Thank you for sending in school vouchers for Nestle Books for School, Sainsbury's Active Kids and Tesco for schools. We are actively collecting these to use for new resources in school. Please also ask friends and family and keep them coming!

With last years vouchers we are pleased to inform you that we 'purchased':  
From Morrisons 'Let's Grow': Forest School resources such as tarpaulin, trowels, gardening tools, & storage, and spare wellies  
From Tescos 'for schools': Recordable microphones which children use for recording information in and around school, handwriting and special educational needs resources.  
From Sainsburys 'Active Kids': A variety of outdoor sports equipment  
From Nestle Box Tops Books: We have sent off 150 vouchers so far which can be used to claim 15 free books.

Our 'Fruity Friday' earlier this month was a very enjoyable day. We had a visit from Karen Lumley, MP who judged the drawing competition. You might have seen us in the Advertiser and there's a photo on our website. Many thanks to the parents and particularly Redditch Market who donated fruit for the day. Winners of the drawing competition were Josh White R1, Emily Williams Yr1, Jake Rogers Yr2, Rebeca Owen-Giering Yr3, Sarah Randle Yr4. Healthy lunchbox winners were Andrew Barnett Yr4, Harry Fox Yr3, Freya Pavely Yr2, Josh White Yr1 and Jake Ashby R2.



We were very pleased that lots of children who had a second chance card for coming to school on time received their prizes this month. We have seen

a 10% improvement overall. Please keep up the good work; Mrs Parker who completes the electronic registers on a Friday afternoon says well done!

We are continually trying to improve our attendance figures to build strong foundations for continued good attendance throughout children's school careers. To help us with this please remember:

- ✚ Only keep your child/ren off school in cases of genuine illness
- ✚ Be reassured that school will always phone if a child is unwell in class during the school day
- ✚ If a child has a high absence rate due to illness we may request medical evidence such as doctor's appointment card
- ✚ Holiday absences during term time are discouraged. Holidays during term time should be seen as an exception to the norm
- ✚ If head lice are detected, children can attend school after treatment
- ✚ Miss Shillaker and class teachers are always available to discuss any attendance issues you may have
- ✚ Persistent absences are reported to the Educational Welfare Officer who will contact parents to offer support
- ✚ Absences from school disrupt a child's continuity of learning and should be kept to a minimum to maximise your child's potential
- ✚ 100% attendance is always rewarded at Tenacres

Many of you went to see Tenacres Choir perform in a schools pyramid concert at St. Stephens Church in the town centre where they joined Matchborough & Abbeywood First schools, Church Hill & Ipsley Middle schools and Arrow Vale High School. As always our 42 children proudly represented Tenacres, looked fabulous in their brightly coloured choir T-shirts and they sang beautifully. Thank you to Miss Russell, Miss Mason and Mrs Parker for their hard work and support.



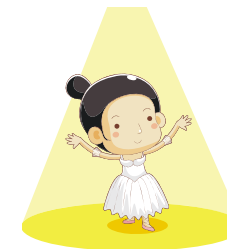
Thank you to everyone who has had a good sort out and brought their 'phil the bags' to school. There is still time to fill your bags with old clothes, curtains, towels, bedding, shoes, handbags, belts and any other textiles that weigh heavy! This is a fundraising exercise for

school as well as helping the environment and the more it weighs, the more it pays!!

TAPS Council have organised a new event - 'Hobby Day' on Friday in school



when we look forward to children coming to school dressed in their favourite hobby clothes, bringing in awards and achievements and sharing their hobby with their class through mini presentations. TAPA have



provided a prize for the best presentations for a boy and girl in every class.

Plea from the School Office; Please check out our online payments system for any school activity requiring payment e.g. school trips, meals, breakfast club, swimming lessons and music tuition. Simply go to <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/payments4schools>, choose Tenacres, the item you wish to pay for, enter your unique pupil reference number (available from the office if mislaid), the amount and your address. All details are included in every trip and other letters. It is our preferred method of payment which we subscribe to in order to provide you with this facility but well worth it if used. The many advantages include:

- ✚ No rummaging around for change
- ✚ Young children not responsible for handing in money
- ✚ Receipt number provided as evidence of instant payment. Takes away any worries about non payment
- ✚ Saves you and us time and effort
- ✚ It is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week
- ✚ It is very secure as it is the BACS system used by County Council
- ✚ There are no transaction charges
- ✚ It is very easy and quick to use

"Please, please, please give it a go!"

We wish you all a 'cracking' good Easter and look forward to another fabulous term when we will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics. Lots to look forward to!

