

Dates for your planner



December

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| Friday 14 th | 3.30 | TAPA Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 17 th | 1.45 | Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play |
| Tuesday 18 th | 9.30 | Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play |
| Thursday 20 th | | Break up for Christmas Holidays |

(Staff Training Day Monday 7th January)

January

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| Tuesday 8 th | | Return to school |
| Monday 14 th | 2.30 | Yr 4 Curriculum Meeting for Parents * |
| Tuesday 15 th | 2.30 | Yr 3 Curriculum Meeting for Parents * |
| Weds 16 th | | Yr 4 swimming * |
| | 2.30 | Yr 2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents * |
| Thursday 17 th | 2.30 | Yr 1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents * |
| Friday 18 th | 2.30 | Reception Curriculum Meeting for Parents * |

February

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| Tuesday 12 th | 9.15 | Yr1 Assembly * |
| Weds 13 th | | Parents Consultation Evening * |
| Thursday 14 th | | Parents Consultation Evening * |
| Friday 15 th | | TAPA Family Disco * |
| | | Break up for Half Term |

*more details to follow



Newsletter December 2012



Fund-raising

Tenacres 'Friendly Friday' for **Children in need** raised an impressive £274. Thank you for helping us to support this event.

Children's purchases of **poppies** meant we could donate an impressive £152 to the very worthy British Legion appeal. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Educational Visits

Mrs Pennell & Mr Durnall report: Year 4 visited Worcester



Cathedral in November, to support their learning about Christianity in RE. They were all excited about the trip and enjoyed tours around the Cathedral, learning about signs and symbols used in the Christian religion. They were taught how to create and

use their own prayer stones and used drama to perform some of the symbols they had learned about. The children behaved superbly throughout the trip, as is normal for Tenacres pupils, and all agreed they had had a great day.

Mrs Mason & Ms Fisher report: Year 3 children discovered Vikings on their trip to Bishops Wood in November! They built Viking shelters using natural materials, visited a Viking house and played Viking games. The children loved their day and went home wearing copper broaches they had made!





Mrs Poynton & Miss Taylor report: Reception had a fabulous time on their visit to Ash end House Farm where they fed sheep and goats, met real reindeers and received a present from Santa! Teachers and helpers were really impressed with how well the children behaved, they did us all

proud!

Mrs Parker reports: Year 4 children joined hundreds of other children at the LG Arena in Birmingham for Young Voices 2012, a national singing event for school children. They proudly represented Tenacres and thoroughly enjoyed the event.



Christmas plays

Reception children put on a fantastic performance of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' with super acting and dancing. The children were really chuffed with themselves and parents loved the play.

Year 1 and 2 children performed 'Born in a Barn'. Parents have said 'costumes were great, the songs were very catchy and the children were really enthusiastic!'

Speech & Language Idea

Our latest fun idea to try at home to help develop your child's language and communication skills is:

Make something with your child. It may be craft or construction. Doing it together gives lots of time for talking. Try and listen more than talk and comment more than question. This website will give you further ideas, but you can do great things with bricks or by cutting up old cereal packets.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/familytime/learning>

- During the cold weather please remember to send children to school with warm coats and hats/scarves/gloves as appropriate.
- In the unlikely event of school closure for any reason, we will text all parents and you can also check on the County Council website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk, by calling the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 765765 or listening to local radio stations.



Have a very Merry Christmas and love and best wishes for the New Year from all at Tenacres

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

