



Newsletter: December 2013

TAPA News

Due to the really good response from parents and staff who have come forward to join



the Committee we are delighted to inform you that TAPA are to continue.

Our next event will be a Christmas Disco on Thursday 19th December.

Disco and raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday. We will send

more information about this at the end of the week.

We would be very grateful for donations of chocolate for a tombola and raffle prizes.



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Reception Teacher

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Sabel at the end of this term.

She is moving on to teach at Chadsgrove, a special school for children with physical disabilities.

We thank her for her hard work and enthusiasm over the last 2 years during which time she has been a very popular member of the Reception team

and led our efforts to achieve ECO Green Flag, of which we are very proud.

We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Sabel good luck and best wishes in her future role.

Welcome

We will be welcoming Miss Edwards into Reception at Tenacres in January. She joins us from Ark Rose Primary

Academy in Birmingham where she has been teaching Reception and running drama club.

Miss Edwards' love of drama has led her to work as part of the Palace Youth Theatre in Redditch, leading drama sessions and helping children create costumes and scenery.

Please join us in welcoming Miss Edwards in the new year.



Reception Library Visit

Reception had a fantastic visit to our local library at Woodrow.

We listened to stories and had a look around.

We were even given special Book Time packs.



Classroom Workshops

You will have received a letter inviting you to come and take part in your child's maths or phonics lesson this week.

You will have the opportunity to see first hand how maths is taught in Years 3 & 4, how

phonics supports children's reading and writing in Years 1 & 2 and how children learn their letter sounds through phonics in Reception.

We very much hope that you can make it.

Workshops are on:

Reception, 9am—9.30am,
Wednesday 4th December;

Years 3 & 4, 9am—10am,
Thursday 5th December;

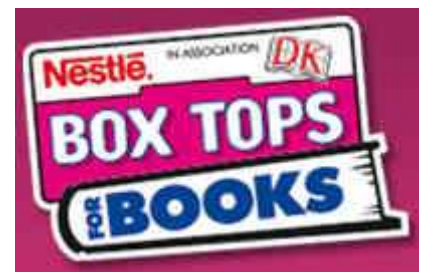
Years 1 & 2, 9am—9.30am,
Friday 6th December

We can't accommodate buggies or younger siblings at the workshops.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our fund raising efforts for Children in Need.

Staff and children raised £200 for this worthy cause by dressing in spots and playing games with their friends.



We are collecting. Please help us to get free books for Tenacres by sending in your tokens. Thank you.

Speech & Language Tip

I went shopping. This game is good for developing memory, so is good for adults too.

One person starts by saying 'I went shopping and I bought a ...' (names a food item).

The second player says 'I went shopping and I bought ...' and repeats the first player's item before adding their own.

The third player continues saying the first two items before adding their own. And so on.

See how many you can remember.



In the unlikely event of school closure for any reason, we will text parents and carers. 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.

Family Learning—Chatty Families

Our first Family Learning course of the year has been a great success, enjoyed by children and adults!

We look forward to planning new Family Learning courses in the new Year.

Nicole and her Mum enjoy recognising and ordering numbers at a Family Learning Number Workshop



Year 2, Forest School

Year 2 have enjoyed Forest School activities this term.

We have built shelters, made mud pies, practised outdoor skills such as digging, tying knots, making rope swings and camouflage.

We even went on a scavenger

hunt, looking for leaves and forest creatures.

We will be making Christmas decorations to decorate a tree in the Forest School area.



Reminders

- ☺ CD orders in by Wednesday 4th December
- ☺ Christmas dinner orders in by Wednesday 4th December
- ☺ Christmas play ticket orders for Years 1 & 2 in by Thursday 5th December; Reception by Friday 6th December, Years 3 & 4 by Thursday 12th December

NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

- ☺ Please phone and leave a message if your child is unable to attend school due to illness. Please try to arrange routine medical appointments out of school time
- ☺ Please keep your child off school for 48 hours after any sickness or diarrhoea
- ☺ Children need to be in their class line (Years 1-4) by 8.40am and Reception need to be in class by 9am
- ☺ As the weather gets colder please remember to send children with suitable coats, gloves, hats. For P.E. long trousers and long sleeved tops are a must.

<u>December</u>	
Wednesday 4th	9am—9.30am, Reception Phonics Workshop
Thursday 5th	9am—10am, Years 3 & 4 Maths Workshop
Friday 6th	9am—9.30am, Years 1 & 2 Phonics Workshop
	Year 4 visit to Cosford RAF Museum
Tuesday 10th	1.30pm, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play
Wednesday 11th	9.30am, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play
Thursday 12th	9.30am, Reception Christmas Play
	Christmas Lunch
	Year 4 singing at Ibstock House *
Tuesday 17th	1.30pm, Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play
Wednesday 18th	9.30am, Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play
	Reception trip to Ash End House Children's Farm *
Thursday 19th	Year 2 Banquet *
	6pm—8pm, TAPA Christmas Disco *
Friday 20th	Break up for Christmas holidays
<u>January 2014</u>	
Tuesday 7th	Return to School
Wednesday 15th	Year 4 swimming *
Friday 17th	Young Voices @ LG Arena, NEC, Birmingham
<u>February 2014</u>	
Monday 3rd— Wednesday 5th	Year 4 Malvern Residential *
Tuesday 4th	Year 3 trip to Balaji Temple, Birmingham *
Thursday 13th	Book Fair
Friday 14th	Break up for Half Term
* more details to follow	
NB Monday 6th January: School Closed for Staff Training	

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