

Tenacres First School Newsletter

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Hoppy Easter

Another term has come to an end and I think we are all wondering “Where has the time gone already?” Since our January newsletter lots of learning and activities/events have happened. On behalf of myself and the staff we wish you a lovely Easter break. See you on Monday 11th April when school reopens for the SummerTerm.



Environmental Issues

We had an amazing whole school topic week focussing on environmental issues. The Mad Science Company came in to do some great experiments with us. We learnt how to be super Eco warriors.

Thank you for your support with our Fairtrade Big Breakfast. We really enjoyed coming in our PJ's and eating our Fairtrade food. We loved knowing we had helped Fairtrade farmers to receive a fair wage.

We have raised lots of money for Eco through the clothes you have donated to our clothes bank. Don't forget to keep recycling your old unwanted clothes.

Also we have a new battery recycling box in the library for your old dead batteries after learning about the lack of recycling of electronics and batteries, which are not environmentally friendly.

Thank you,
Eco Warriors!



EASTER ACTIVITIES

Children have participated in a number of Easter activities.

T.A.P.S. council decided to organise a raffle for Easter hampers. Well done to Josh 4W who won the children's hamper and Gabi 3L for winning the adult hamper. They also organised an Easter bonnet competition. The children paraded their bonnets during assembly on Wednesday 16th March and prizes were awarded to the winners from each class.



Sponsored Egg Hunt

The children had an 'egg-citing' time hunting for eggs around the school grounds. As a thank you all children received a chocolate treat from the remaining TAPA funds. Thank you for all the money received. The total raised so far is in excess of £500. Please send in any outstanding money as soon as possible.



Visit from the Easter Bunny

We were very lucky to have a visit from the Easter Bunny on Wednesday this week. All children received an Easter egg.

Many thanks to
Lear Corporation for their
generosity.

Once again, children from Year 4 were invited to attend a 3-day residential at the Malvern Outdoor Elements Centre. 40 children plus staff had a great time enjoying new experiences and challenges.

All were a credit to themselves, their school and their parents. Well done – now get some well-earned rest!

Photos of their time will be on the website soon.

Happy Campers!



Parent/Carer Evenings

Please arrange an appointment to discuss your child's progress if you were unable to attend on the 9th/10th March.

Yrs 1 & 2 Assemblies

This half term we have been treated to assemblies for parents and carers by children in Key Stage 1 on the topics they have been learning. Look out for details of Yr 3 assembly next half term.



Our Palace Theatre stars!

Tenacres School Choir performed at the Palace Theatre this week as part of the Pyramid Schools Concert. Mrs Longfils and Miss Hurley lead the choir throughout the year and the children have various opportunities to perform. Once again they did us proud. Well done to everyone that took part.



Happy Birthday to the Queen!

As you would have seen on the Parent Planner during the two weeks beginning 11th April we are celebrating the reign of our Queen and British values. Each year group will be focussing on a decade.



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- 1 60's
- 2 50's
- 3 70's
- 4 80's



On Thursday 21st April we will be asking the children to dress in clothes from their decade. So dust off the flared trousers, leg warmers and tank tops!

Keep an eye out for year group letters about activities during this time.

If you have any stories or artefacts relating to these decades please let your child's class teacher know.

Attendance Matters

Please remember to phone and leave a message on our answering service if your child is absent from school due to illness. If you are unable to do this please inform your child's class teacher on their return either by writing in their Home/School Diary or speaking to them directly. Absence which remains outstanding will be unauthorised and may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable, per parent, per child.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2016	
Thurs 24 March	End of Term - School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2016	
Mon 11 April	Start of Term - School opens
Tues 12 April	Grandparents Day—Reception
Thurs 21 April	Decades Dress-up Day/Reception Garden Party
Tues 26 April	Yr 1 Trip to Hatton (more details to follow)
Mon 2 May	May Day holiday (School closed)
Mon 9 May	Yr 3 swimming starts (more details to follow)
Fri 13 May	Class Photos
Fri 27 May	School closes for Half Term
Mon 6 June	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Tues 7 June	School opens
Thurs 9 June	Yr 3 Trip to Symphony Hall (more details to follow)
Thurs 23 June	New Intake Meeting for Reception 2016 starters
Tues 28 June	Reception Sports Day (time to be confirmed)
Wed 29 June	Yrs 1 & 2 Sports Day (time to be confirmed)
Thurs 30 June	Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Day(time to be confirmed)
Fri 8 July	Reports to parents sent home
Thurs 21 July	Yr 4 Leavers concert
Fri 22 July	End of Term - School closes for Summer