



# TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JULY 2016



Here we are once again at the end of the year and where has the time gone! For our Year 4 children their time at Tenacres is coming to an end and our new starters in Reception have spent some super play sessions with us.

It has been a busy year packed full of learning experiences for the children. A huge thank you to all staff for everything they have done and more! This includes teachers, TA's, lunchtime supervisors, our lovely ladies in the office and of course Bob our site manager and his team!

Miss Marshall

## Here are just a few updates on life at Tenacres this term ...

Ofsted –In May we had our Ofsted Inspection and we were thrilled that they saw everything we are about including our nurturing ethos, inclusion, teaching, making lessons engaging and that pupils, parents/carers feel this also.

Some of the findings in the report include :

- Pupils make good progress as they move through Tenacres ... and attain high standards.
- Pupils say they enjoy learning because teachers make learning fun.
- 'I will remember your school for a very long time' :  
Her Majesty's Inspector – Heather Simpson

*We have vacancies for relief dinner supervisors who are willing to work on a casual basis when required. If you would like more information on this opportunity please ask at the office.*

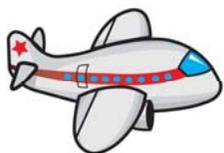
## Staffing news ...

We welcome Miss Austin to Tenacres as our Year 1 teacher. She has had a successful time at a Redditch first school.



We are delighted to welcome Miss Karolina, Polish Specialist Teaching Assistant who will be working with children across the school.

After 25 years at Tenacres we say goodbye to Mrs Jones and wish her a relaxing retirement!



Mrs Collier and her family are relocating abroad. Tenacres will be a quieter place ... I mean that in the nicest possible way!

Mrs Lesser is changing her career path and from September will be working as a Teaching Assistant here at Tenacres. We are pleased that she is continuing to be a part of our team.



**Football Stars** – Well done to the football team that represented Tenacres at our Partnership match with Matchborough and Moons Moat. They worked well as a team and were a credit to themselves and the school.

**Chickens!** – Our ten chickens are thriving under the loving care of our head farmer Mrs Fletcher. They have adjusted well to life in their luxury coup (complete with swing) in the courtyard. Our little farmers will be helping to look after them from September. Please feel free to pop and see them at the end of the school day.



## Home School Diaries

Our popular Home School Diaries will continue and the new cover for 2016/17 has been designed by Natalia (Yr 2).

## Transition Day

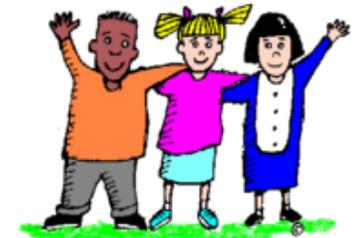
The children spent Thursday with their new class teachers. Below is the overview for 2016/17.

- Yr R : Mrs Poynton (R1) & Miss James (R2)
- Yr 1 : Mrs Dearden (1D) & Miss Austin (1A)
- Yr 2 : Miss Hurley (2H) & Mr Beacham (2B)
- Yr 3 : Ms Rickard (3R)  
Mrs Duffy (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Longfils (Thurs/Fri)  
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- Yr 4 : Mrs Walters (4W) & Mrs McEvilly (4M)

We are looking forward to all the new opportunities that will arise as Mrs Longfils will be teaching music across the school. Mrs Longfils plays numerous instruments and has ordered class sets for the children to use in their lessons. Watch this space!

## Year 4 leavers

This week we say a fond farewell to our Year 4 children. We wish them good luck for their journey to middle school. To those parents and carers of Year 4 children without younger siblings in school we wish you all the best.



Thank you to everyone who sent in Sainsbury's vouchers. We look forward to a delivery of sports equipment in September.

### Free school meals

Please see the office if you qualify for free school meals and are not currently claiming or are now eligible due to a change in circumstances. This not only secures additional funding for the school but provides a fully funded lunch for your child. From September this will include a packed lunch for trips and events provided by Class Catering for qualifying children.



### On the subject of school meals .....

*From September* jacket potatoes and a packed lunch will be available as a menu option.

### Looking ahead to the Autumn Term ....

#### New Year – New Topics!

There will be a parent planner sent home in September with the whole school topics and key dates.

During the first half term Years 1-4 will be focussing on the life and books of Roald Dahl. To commemorate what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday we will be having a 'Party Day'. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September we are asking all children to come to school dressed as a character from the many stories of Roald Dahl.

### And finally .....

We wish all our children and families an enjoyable summer break and we look



forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th September.