

TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter : SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome back to all our children and families

The new school year is well underway and our Reception children have settled brilliantly. Children in Years 1-4 have also made us proud since returning. We would like to thank all parents/carers for their support.

Miss Marshall



Family Support Worker

A number of our families have benefitted from meeting with Lisa, our family support worker. She is in school every Thursday and able to advise parents/carers on a wide range of family issues.



To book an appointment please contact the school office or contact Lisa direct on 07999828054

Free School Meals

As you may be aware children in years R-2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, a Government funded initiative. This is however different to Free School Meals. If your child is eligible not only are they entitled to funded meals, the school receives additional funding. If you receive any of the following benefits then you may be entitled to Free school meals:

- Income Support
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

We urge Parents and Carers in all years to take a look. The office staff will be able to advise/help with the form which has been sent out this week.

Home/School Diaries

All children will have brought these home by now. Please make sure the following pages are signed:

Home/School Agreement-Pg 2

Food Activities in School-Pg 7

On-line Safety Guidelines- Pg 8

Parental consent for local visits-Pg 11

Please also see Pg 13 for 'Suggestions for Reading Comments'. We fully appreciate how busy the evenings can be but it really does help your child if they share their reading book with you.

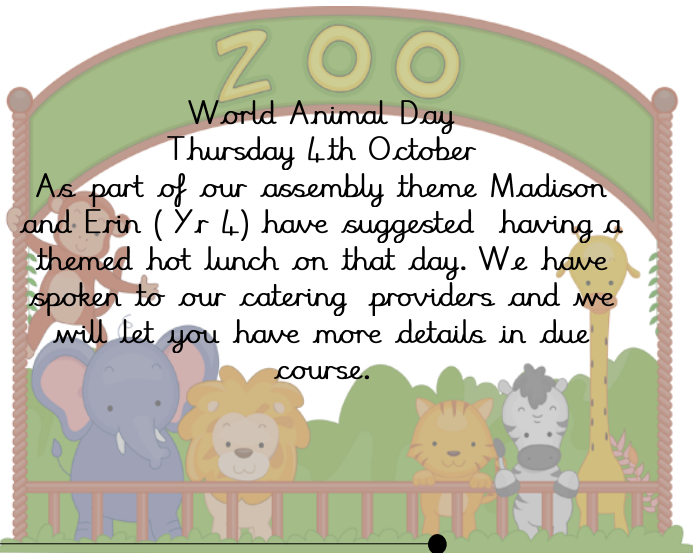
Home/School diaries are checked every day by a member of staff for any communications.

Mr Beacham's Halloween

Music Extravaganza

More information will follow shortly but in order to give as much notice as possible we are letting you know that children are invited to wear fancy dress on Thursday 25th October.





Class Catering

(our hot meals provider) are looking for someone to join our servery team at Tenacres from

11.45–1.30pm.

For more details contact Emma on 01527 527576



Attendance Matters

Punctuality

Please ensure your child/ren arrive on time for school. Promptness ensures lessons can start on time and reduces disruption for other children & teaching staff. Parents/carers should be aware that lates are recorded on children's attendance records and are reviewed regularly by the Education Welfare Officer for Tenacres who will contact parents if necessary.



Holiday absence in term time

We would like to remind parents and carers of the following :

- School are not able to approve any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- Any request for absence must be made in writing to the Headteacher and received by the school at least four weeks before the departure date to allow for adequate consideration.
- If the request is unsupported and the absence occurs the dates will be unauthorised.

From September we will be forwarding all requests for term time absence to our Education Welfare Officer for consideration and if appropriate, a penalty notice will be applied for.

As we approach the Winter Vomiting season we would like to remind parents/carers that School operates a strict 48 hour return policy from your child 's last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Children who return before this 48 hour period will be sent home. We hope parents/carers will support us in ensuring that this policy is adhered to in order to prevent spread of infection.

If your child is unable to attend school please phone the school office on the first day of absence and leave a message or speak to a member of the office staff.

Is it too early to mention
Christmas..... ?



The times of the Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance have been changed and we wanted to give you as much notice as possible. A sticker has been put in every Home School Diary for those year groups but to confirm :

Tuesday 4th December—9.30am

Wednesday 5th December—1.45pm

Open Day Tours

Tuesday 16th October 9am or 1.30pm

Wednesday 17th October 9.30am or 1.30pm

Thursday 18th October 11am or 1.30pm

We are pleased to confirm our Open Day Tours for prospective parents, carers and children. If you know of anybody with children due to start school in September 2019 please let them know.



Governor News

The Governing Body would like to welcome everyone back to Tenacres following the Summer break. We particularly welcome the new Reception children and their parents/carers. We look forward to an exciting academic year ahead here at Tenacres and the Autumn calendar is full of events for the school starting with Languages Day on Wednesday 26th September.

The Governing Body has a busy half term ahead as we meet to review the progress and performance of the school and putting plans for the school into action. As Governors we meet regularly throughout the academic year and carry out governor visits to review the School Development Plan and to measure how effective the plans are in delivering the improvements we anticipate. We look forward to giving feedback and updates from our meetings and visits as the school year progresses.

We wish everyone associated with the school well for the academic year ahead and we look forward to meeting many of you as we attend various school events.

Tenacres Governing Body

Autumn Term 2018

DIARY DATES

Tues 2 Oct	Individual and sibling photos
Thurs 4 Oct	World Animal Day themed lunch
Tues 16 Oct	World Food Day (more details to follow) Open Day Tours 9am & 1.30pm (September 2019 parents/carers)
Wed 17 Oct	Open Day Tours 9.30am & 1.30pm (September 2019 parents/carers) Parents Evening
Thurs 18 Oct	Open Day Tours 11am & 1.30pm (September 2019 parents/carers) Parents Evening
Thurs 25 Oct	Mr Beacham's Halloween Music Extravaganza (more details to follow) Halloween themed lunch
Friday 26 Oct	Training Day
Mon 29 Oct - Fri 2 Nov	Half Term