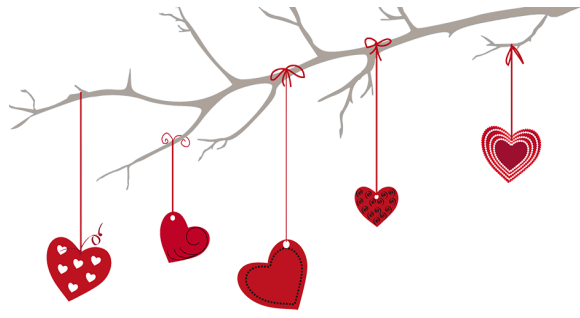


Tenacres First School

February '22

Newsletter



Ofsted Inspection

We are extremely proud of the outcomes from our recent inspection. The full report is available on the school website/Ofsted website. Thank you to the whole school community for helping to ensure that Tenacres continues to be a happy and effective school where all our children learn, enjoy and feel safe.

Feedback from the inspector to staff included:

- *There is an air of positivity across the school.*
- *Children enjoy school, they want to be here, they say lessons are as enjoyable as playtimes.*
- *School goes way beyond the curriculum.*
- *School has a really lovely atmosphere, which is a credit to the way things are done here.*
- *Pupils talk about things they do and enjoy.*
- *The teamwork feel is across school with all staff and children.*
- *Safeguarding is a strength of the school.*
- *There is a high consistency of teaching including subject knowledge.*
- *Teaching reflects a high level of confidence with both teachers and support staff.*
- *Children feel a sense of success.*
- *Tenacres is an inclusive school with a broad and balanced curriculum.*
- *Behaviour is very good at all times.*
- *The welcoming nature of the school contributes to the behaviour and teachers say it is a nice place to work.*
- *Leadership and management is a strength of the school. The Inspector highly praised the Governing Body.*

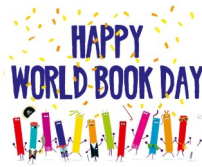


A return to normality

At Tenacres we are all looking forward to a return to normality in the next few weeks. For our pupils and staff this will mean the reintroduction of some assemblies, sports days and the children are desperate for the return of 'Tenacres Got Talent'. We are aware some of our younger children and families have missed out on the full 'Tenacres experience' due to Covid—something we all hope to move forward with.

World Book Day/Week

The week we return after half term (w/b 28.2.22) is time to celebrate our favourite stories and authors.



On Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March all children will take part in a story workshop.

Rec, Yrs 1 & 2 *Stickman* (Julia Donaldson)

Yrs 3 & 4 *Matilda* (Roald Dahl)

Thursday 3rd March is dress up day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character.

There will be themed lunch on the day.

Throughout the week children are invited to bring in their favourite book to share with their class.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 18th March we will be raising money for this great cause. The theme of this year's event is 'Calling all Superheroes' and 'Funny is Power'. For a £1 donation children are invited to dress as a superhero, wear something red or colourful on the day. We will be selling the 2022 range of red noses for £1.50 leading up to the day. A text will be sent once the noses have arrived.

Miss Marshall is running a competition for the best joke. There will be a prize per class for the winning entry. More information to follow.



Date for your diary

Thursday 5th May—Polling Day

We have been informed by Redditch Borough Council that the school will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 5th May. You may have seen in the recent edition of the Redditch Standard a residents' survey is underway to consider a change in location. However at present, school will be closed. If this changes we will contact parents/carers by text.

Lunch boxes

It has been noted that a number of unhealthy snacks are creeping into lunch boxes. We would like to remind parents/carers that in order to support our healthy eating policy lunchboxes should contain a healthy balance of items for example:



One sandwich or roll, crisps, yoghurt, piece of fruit, dairy snack eg cheese (5 items is an ideal number for most children)

Thank you

A massive thank you to Antony Cheetham (Atlas' dad) and owner of nxt.gen.com for our fantastic banners celebrating Tenacres. These will be on proud display after half term on the gates/front of school. He has brilliantly captured our love of colour and rainbows in the banners.

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Malvern Parent/Carer Meeting

We can feel the excitement building for Malvern amongst the children and staff. Parents/carers (1 per child) are invited to a socially distanced meeting on **Thursday 3rd March at 2.15pm** in the Hall.

Young Voices

A reminder for our Year 4 children that the rescheduled date for Young Voices is **Friday 29th April**. Young Voices choir will start again at lunchtimes after Half Term.

Reception and Year 1 Swimming

We are absolutely delighted to be able to offer the opportunity to our Reception and Year 1 children to start swimming lessons after Easter. Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed and excelled at their lessons which have been taking place at the training pool at Woodrow First School. Our children have been under the expert tuition of the Sholfins Swim School CIC. We believe that to be able to swim, understand how to stay safe near & in water is an essential life skill. We are the only school to offer your child a rolling programme so they have the opportunity to swim in every year group.

More information will be sent out after half term.



Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Austin who is expecting her first child.



Don't worry though Squirrels as baby Austin is not due until September 2022 so she (and baby) will be with you until we break up for the Summer holiday.

Breakfast Club

Our popular Breakfast Club has places available. Booking is in advance through ParentPay although we can accommodate children on the day when required. Breakfast Club is open from 8am every weekday offering breakfast, fun & games. Please ask at the office for more details.

Dates for your diary

Mon 28 February	World Book Week
Thurs 3 March	World Book Dress Up Day & themed lunch (more details to follow)
Fri 18 March	Red Nose Day (more details to follow)
Wed 30 March–Friday 1 April	Malvern Residential Yr 4
Wed 6 & Thurs 7 April	Parents Evening (more details to follow)
Fri 8 April	Break up for Easter holidays

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