

Tenacres First School

September '19

Epic Newsletter



Welcome back to another jam packed Tenacres school year!

Thank you to all staff, children and parents/carers who have helped to make the start of the year extremely settled and positive.

Huge congratulations to our 60 Reception starters and their families as they have been amazing and are already showing super independence by coming into school by themselves.

Miss Marshall

Well done!

As you may be aware as a First School our EYFS (Reception), Yr1 Phonics and Yr2 SATS screening results benchmark the school's performance.

I am very pleased to confirm in all aspects Tenacres staff and children have done us proud. Check out the website for more information

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

After 7 years as Lunchtime Supervisor Mrs Fletcher will be leaving her post but continuing as Breakfast Club Supervisor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all her years of service. As a result, we have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. If you are interested in this vacancy or in becoming a Relief Supervisor (to provide cover when required) please ask at the office for an application pack.

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.

2019/20 School Priorities

At Tenacres we pride ourselves on the provision for our children and families and are always striving to further enhance this. As in previous years you will receive an SDP (School Development Plan) mat which will detail our priorities for 2019/20. This will be sent home shortly.

British Values

As part of our 'Personal Development' curriculum this year we are further exploring British values/what it means to be British. This will include aspects such as :

- Respecting we are all different.
- We are all special and unique.
- Respecting other people's opinions and values.
- Understanding and respecting the roles of the people who help us in school and beyond (including the emergency services).
- Living in a country of democracy.
- Everybody treated equally.



(more information is available on our website)

A Few Reminders

- ◆ Please ensure all clothing, shoes, PE kit and pumps are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ◆ Lunch menus are available on the school website
- ◆ If you are not the primary carer for your child and wish to receive school reports, photo proofs and parents evening /school play invites please ask at the office for a registration form for double correspondence. Please be aware that all other information including letters and newsletters appear on our school website and blog.
- 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.
- Our Autumn term parents evenings will take place on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's start to the new school year and to see how busy and creative they have been in their Learning Journey.
- A Book Fayre will be in the hall from 2.30pm on these days and will be available until 6pm. All profits will go to purchasing additional resources for the children.

Leave of 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 on the appropriate form (available from the office) 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.

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.

Communications from School

As this is the first newsletter of the academic year we are sending out printed copies. Future newsletters will be posted on the School Blog on the website along with any other letters which do not require a reply slip.

Uniform sale

We are holding a uniform sale in the school hall on Thursday this week from 2.15-3.00pm. All items will be available at 50p.