### TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL





## Welcome back to the Autumn Term

Welcome back everybody! We are extremely proud of all the children and how well they have returned to us. The school has a calm, purposeful atmosphere and they have been very busy in class. Thank you to all our parents/carers for your support in returning the children to school.

We are communicating updates to you via the school blog. This is located on the home page (top right) of the school website. If you receive a text message with an update please take a look as it will have important information that you will need to know.

We are currently finalising our 'Remote Learning Policy' which outlines in the event of individuals/year groups having to self isolate the home learning systems in place. During lockdown we used the platform SEESAW and this will learning continue. Updated log details/passwords will be sent home. We are all experiencing the impact the test structure and waiting for results can have. We urge everybody to maintain being and follow Government responsible guidelines in order to not just protect yourselves and your family but the whole school community which will greatly to normal school routines being maintained.

Home/School Diaries: Please check your child's diary daily as teachers will communicate information to you through

The 'daily communications' page is also to be used by yourselves as these are checked every morning for any messages from home for the teacher. Using the diary to communicate also enables the teachers to promptly get in to

# Reminder

- Please respect social distancing on the playground and by the school gates.
- Only a bookbag to be brought in to fit in your child's tray. No rucksacks etc. Ensure your child has their lunchbox/drink if bringing a lunch from home.
- Check your child's diary for P.E. days and Forest School days.
- Children are to come in suitable clothing and footwear for these
- Breakfast Club is operating normally.
- Hot dinners can also be ordered. Children in Yrs R, I and 2 have funded meals and this includes the sandwich bag option.

Special lunch on Thursday 1st October—the children are keen for one! They have asked for hotdogs (with ketchup please!) and themed cupcakes. Ordering this hot dinner will be available in the usual way to book and pay for.



Reminder: If your child develops any of the following symptoms; a high temperature a new, continuous -cough or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste, keep them off school, book a test through NHS Test & Trace (link on our website links page), keep them off until you receive the result and keep school informed throughout. A copy of the text/email confirming the result will need to be shown to the school. Thank you.

#### WELCOME BACK TO THE AUTUMN

Curriculum/Topic Information: Teachers are finalising the topics after the first few weeks back of settling the children in. The children and the teachers are ready to launch back in to topics. This again is a reflection of how well the children have returned to us. These will be sent home over the next week.

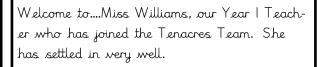


Reading Matters: Children brought a letter home last week. Children in Yrs R-2 have access to Phonic Bug Club. Children in Years 3 and 4 from Monday 14th September will bring two reading books home on Mondays and must only be sent back in on the-Friday of the same week. New reading books will then be sent home on the following Monday and the pattern continues until further notice.

Mick, our Site Manager has been very busy during the holidays. Year I have had their outdoor spaces extended to enable further opportunities for outdoor learning.

Years 3 and 4 playground has also been extended with a decking area and seating. He is currently working on our 2nd Forest School site to enable the two sites to be used.

Currently in progress is the school boiler replacement, updating the front of the school building and starting next week the rejuvenation of the Year 2 steps area.



#### Our new starters

Well done to all our new Reception starters. They have enjoyed 'Stay and Play' sessions and have thoroughly impressed Mrs Poynton, Miss Austin and the Reception team. Monday 21st—children to wear their uniform and you have allocated times for drop off. From Tuesday 22nd drop off is 8.40am-9.00am.



Social Media: Reminder of the signed agreement on Page 8 of your child's Home/School diary. We urge all of you to contact the school/Miss Marshall directly before discussing 'rumours' on social media.



Friday 6th November: The photographer will be in to take individual and sibling photographs for those children at Tenacres.

There will be no family photographs before school, again for obvious reasons.

#### Parent's Evening and Christmas Play dates in the Home/School diary

The usual format for Parent's Evening has been cancelled which I know you will understand in the circumstances. Teachers will be informing you with an update on your child's progress/targets during the week before the October half term break. This will also include children completing pages 36/37 of their Home/School diary in their first half term.

Christmas plays will also not be happening this year. We understand it is so special to see your child perform so the teachers have their creative thinking caps on and more details will follow......!