



# Tenacres First School Newsletter October 2020

## Remote Learning

A reminder of the systems in place should remote learning be required:

All children have been issued with a 'Seesaw' password. Please activate this as we are aware that this is still to be completed for some of our children. Teachers can upload lessons, interact and respond. Children also have access to Phonics Play, Letter Join (handwriting) Phonics Bug Club (R, 1&2) Timestables Rockstars (2,3&4). There are a number of other links along with passwords in your child's Home/School Diary.

## Out & About

With the darker nights we are aware that groups of children are playing out. We have reminded them about keeping safe including being close to home so adults can see them.



## This half term .... the story so far



**The children returned to us in September really, really well and they have maintained this. Thank you for the on-going support of our parents and carers. I would personally like to thank all the staff at Tenacres from the initial planning for the return of the children to ensuring life at Tenacres remains familiar to them as a place of safety with nurturing at the centre of all we do.**

**To the Tenacres Community – have a safe and relaxing half term break.**

**Miss Marshall**

## Travel safety

It has come to our attention that some parents have been taking children out of school for holidays and not informing us (Your child will always dob you in!). We wish to remind you that holidays should not be taken in term time. We are aware that during half term some of our families may be travelling abroad. We would urge you to check quarantine regulations for any countries visited as any period of quarantine is mandatory for the safety of the whole school community and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

**Year 1** Forest school will now be on a Monday afternoon starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Children should come to school in their Forest School clothes.

## Sign-a-long

Thank you for all your responses to yet another fabulous video 'Let the Sun Shine'. As you are aware Mr Fletcher (aka Batman) leads the whole school in signing. Please see the school website blog to view your signing superstars.



## Alternative Parents' Evening

Due to current guidelines our October Parents Evenings have been with replaced with the following:

- Children have completing pages 36/37 in their Home School Diary – 'Things I have Learnt' & 'My Journey'
- Teachers have completed a reflection of the half term for your child.

Reception parents & carers were invited to see their child's Learning Journey during the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October.



## Parking

Please be considerate to our neighbours in the closes around school when dropping and collecting children.

Please park in accordance with the Highway Code, do not block driveways or park in a way that makes access for emergency vehicles difficult.

Thank you

## Cycling Superstar

You may remember over lockdown Edward (Year 1) cycled and raised over £2000 which he donated to Tenacres. Edward felt we needed goalposts (now located on the field) and a range of other PE resources.

Thank you again Edward

## Virtual tour

Due to current restrictions we will not be having an Open Day for prospective parents this year. Instead we will be uploading a virtual tour to the website week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Year 1 & 2

The children would like the opportunity to show you all their hard work in their Learning Journey and Maths books. On your child's allocated day we invite you to come to the lower playground between 2.15-2.45pm where you will find your child's books on an allocated chair. The children will then come out and join you. Once you have taken a look you can take your child home.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – 2DH

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 2J

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 1D

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 1W

## Year 1 & 2 Reading books



To compliment Phonics Bug Club all children in Years 1 & 2 will be bringing reading books home after half term.

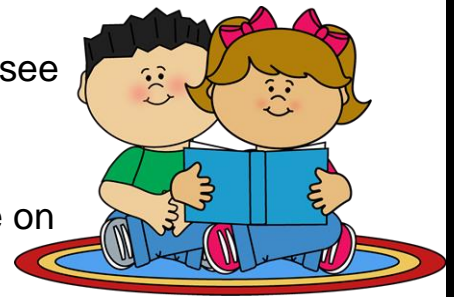
Year 1 – 2 books home on a Monday to be returned on the Thursday of that week.

Year 2 – 2 books home on a Monday to be returned on the Friday of that week.

Returned books will then be quarantined.

## Looking ahead to next half term

Next half term is already looking like a busy one. Please see below for some important dates for your diary.



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Start of half term. Poppies will be on Sale for a 50p donation to the British Legion.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November : Bonfire Themed Lunch (to be booked on ParentPay)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Individual & sibling photos (no family photos before school due to COVID)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November : Children in Need – for a £1 donation children can dress up in spots, colours and Superheroes.

Children in Need themed lunch (to be booked on ParentPay)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Children will be recording a Christmas CD. More information to follow regarding this and other exciting Christmas events.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December : Yrs R - 4 Flu vaccination (nasal). Consent letter to follow.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation to Save the Children

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December : Reception Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December : Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December : Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December : End of Term

## Reminder

Please telephone the office if your child is unable to come to school giving the reason for their absence (you may leave a message on the answer phone). This is particularly important in the current situation and enables us to maintain the safety of the whole school community.

If you are unsure as to whether your child is well enough to come to school please see the school website blog for advice from the NHS.

Thank you.

