

TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter : SEPTEMBER 2023

Welcome back to all our children and families

The new school year is well underway and all our children have returned very well. Welcome to all our 60 new starters in Reception who are also settling in very well.



Curriculum Information

All year groups have sent home curriculum information (which is also available on the website) so parents/carers can support their child's learning at home.

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

Applications for Free School Meals can be made on the Worcestershire County Council website..

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.

Reading

Mrs Purkess our English co-ordinator has sent home information on the way reading is structured throughout Tenacres and the progression as children move through the year groups. This is important information as it includes the phonics progression. This is also available on the website-English/Reading section.



Children in Need—Friday 17th November

Everyone is invited to dress in brightly coloured clothes/spots. Back by popular demand - this year we will be selling a selection of wristbands, badges, puzzle cubes and Pudsey and Blush ears.



PE/Forest School

Please see your child's Home School Diary for PE/Forest School days. On PE days children should come to school in plain tracksuit bottoms (navy/black/grey), Tenacres polo shirt/plain white t-shirt.

On Forest School days please send children in long sleeved top and trousers (no jeans please), with a waterproof coat and wellies.

Fabulous Fundraising



On behalf of Pickle, Mick, Jo & all of us at Tenacres a massive thank you once again for raising £4800 for Guide Dogs. The plan is to name & sponsor one of Pickle's puppies from her next litter which should be in 2024! By sponsoring a Guide Dog puppy Tenacres will be supporting a dog through puppy raising. Wherever the puppy is placed in the UK we will be kept up to date with 'Pawtraits', video montages, information on their training progress and even zoom calls with the puppy and their puppy raiser throughout the year. We are in the process of arranging visitors from the Guide Dogs Association who want to come and say a personal 'thank you' to the children. We will also be launching a 'Name the Puppy' competition—more information to follow.

Parking

A reminder to please be considerate when parking your car. Please do not block residents driveways/park in allocated or disabled bays. Residents have been advised to take registration numbers and report vehicles to the local Community Support Officers.

Year 4 Blackwell Residential

Year 4 held a meeting for parents/carers last Friday. Please see the class teacher or email if any further information is required.

Breakfast Club

Please could you book your child in for a space on ParentPay. Whilst we fully understand on rare occasion an emergency means you need to bring them on the day, uptake is very high. Thank you.

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 16th Oct	Open Day Tours 9.30am & 2pm (September 2024 parents/carers)
Wednesday 18th Oct & Thursday 19th Oct	Open Day Tour 9.30am (September 2024 parents/carers)
Tuesday 24th Oct & Thursday 26th Oct	Parents Evening—more information to follow
Friday 27th Oct	Training Day
Mon 30 Oct - Fri 3 Nov	Half Term
Friday 10th Nov	Individual school photographs
Friday 17th Nov	Children in Need
Tuesday 12th Dec	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play pm
Wednesday 13th Dec	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Play am Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play pm
Thursday 14th Dec	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play am
Friday 15th Dec	Reception Christmas Play
Wednesday 20th Dec	End of Term