



# Tenterfields Primary Academy

*Learning together, growing together*



## NEWSLETTER ISSUE 8 - 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term and what a wonderful two weeks we have had! The children have excelled themselves and returned with their usual enthusiasm and smiles. There is so much to look forward to this term as we are busy booking trips and experiences for the children. Year 6 have a residential booked for June so watch this space!

We hope that you found the assessments and the End of Term Learning Review helpful and supportive and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. We have sent home the questionnaire feedback this week that you kindly completed on Parents' Evening and we thank you for your time in doing so as it helps us to move forwards and take on board your thoughts and ideas.

I hope that the children enjoy the new clubs that have been on offer this week and I am pleased to see that some children have signed up for 'Relax Kids' which teaches children to meditate and be mindful. Friday afternoons is a great time to do this after a busy week!

It is also lovely to see so many children receiving their reading certificates on Class Dojo and great to know their reading is improving and becoming more fluent. We have also reminded the children about the awards they can aim for this term including their pen licence and silver and gold pencils for knowing their tables. We awarded our very first pen licence today which is amazing!

I am pleased to say that all the staff undertook Trauma Informed Training on the Inset day and we are now a 'Trauma Informed School'. This means that all the teachers and teaching assistants at Tenterfields joined Manor Way Primary on INSET day and received 3 hours CPD delivered by Barnardos. Staff are now trained to recognise the signs of trauma in children and provide support to children that have experienced adverse childhood experiences. If you would like more information on ACEs there is a short video clip (6 mins) that you can watch [HERE](#)

Finally, the new uniform introduced in Nursery looks so smart and the children have proudly shown it off. You will be pleased to know that the last part of the uniform, the polo shirts are now available to purchase.that the polo shirts are now available to buy

Have a wonderful weekend.

Lisa Buffery - Executive Headteacher

Daniel Wade - Deputy Headteacher

# Updated Covid Guidance

The government have updated their guidance and you can access the information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to ring the office.

Please can you contact the office if your child is positive and self isolating and also if they are testing daily with an LFD as there is a positive case in the house. Please be assured that we have updated our risk assessment and are continuing to work hard to follow guidance and to reduce transmission and keep our children and families safe

## Praise Assembly

Praise certificates for this week have been awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working hard on their ASPIRE Character Virtues!

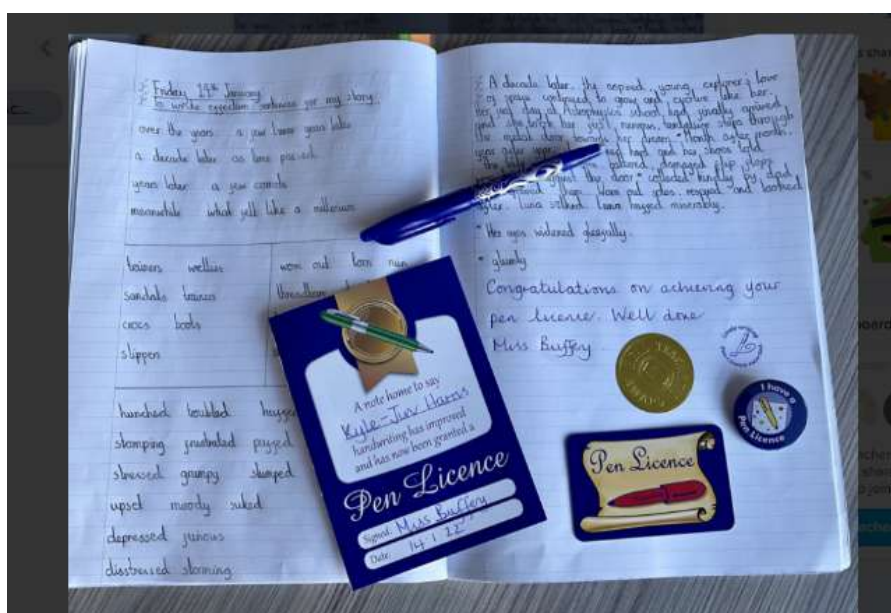
Praise Certificates		Well done for...
Nursery	Cory	Cory has been showing respect to his friends, teachers and environment by making great behaviour choices
Reception	Heidi	Heidi developed a lot more confidence throughout the Autumn Term. She is always ready to learn and is a good role model to her peers.
Year 1	Nicholas	Nicholas is respectful with his peers and has great manners. He is kind in all his dealings with others.
Year 2	Amria	Amria shows respect to everyone by listening to what others have to say, as well as being kind and considerate to all around her.
Year 3	Lexi	Lexi shows respect to everyone that she works with, both peers and adults. She always listens to what the other person has to say whilst inputting her own ideas.
Year 4	Logan R	Logan is always polite and respectful to others. Logan has superb manners and always asks people how they are. He has a lovely nature
Year 5	William	William has adapted to life at Tenterfields well and now shows great respect and compassion for others around him including adults and his peers.
Year 6	Jamilia	Jamilia is a polite and respectful member of our class who always strives to do her best. She is always kind, considerate and has beautiful manners.

# Hot Chocolate Friday Award

Hot Chocolate Friday Award	
Hot Chocolate Awards over the last week were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working so hard	
Nursery	Charlotte
Reception	Savannah
Year 1	Asma
Year 2	Oscar
Year 3	Nathaniel
Year 4	Isaac
Year 5	Joshua B
Year 6	Aleeza

Class Dojo Awards		
Class Dojo awards over the last two weeks were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all		
	Class Total ending 14th January	Individual Winner ending 14th January
Nursery	140	Arla-Rose
Reception	259	Heidi
Year 1	616	Amelia
Year 2	389	Poppy
Year 3	371	Eli
Year 4	337	James
Year 5	365	Charlie
Year 6	265	Isabella

# Pen Licence



Huge congratulations to Kyle-Jin for being the proud recipient of Tenterfield's first ever pen licence.

Well done and Congratulations on a fabulous achievement

# What's been happening in school?

## Nursery



We have welcomed some new friends into our class this term and have really enjoyed playing with them. We have also had a new school uniform; lots of the children are already wearing this and they look so smart. Our topic has been 'Rainbow Fish'.



We have been looking at kindness and how to be a good friend during our Whole Class Reading. In Phonics we have been listening for words that begin with the same sound. In

maths, we have explored patterns and created our own ABAB pattern. We have also begun our 'Woodland and Wellies' mornings on a Friday which are very fun and muddy.

## Reception

The children came back from the Christmas holidays with lots of exciting holidays news to share and we have had a busy couple of weeks to kick start a new year and a new term. We have started this half term with a new class story 'How to Catch a Star'. The class is enjoying this story and we are linking it into our topic 'People Who Help Us'. We are having lots of fun dressing up as different occupations and our role play area is now a vets. In Phonics, we continue to learn new sounds, with a current focus on digraphs (two letters that make 1 sound) and words containing these sounds. In Maths, we are learning to use a ten frame to show different numbers, matching these with pictures and the numeral itself. We have learnt that it doesn't matter how we present our objects on the ten frame, it can still represent the same number. The class has returned this term ready to learn and the children are excited to practise their reading at home to see how many certificates they can collect.



## Year 1

Children are very excited to be back after their holidays. They have settled into learning beautifully and are working very enthusiastically. We have been learning about time in Maths. Children have been learning how to tell the time to O' clock and half past and have been superstars at this. We have also been thinking about the times that we do different activities during the day and thinking about morning, afternoon and evening times.

In English we have been using a picture stimulus to help us to write our own story and we have been focusing on using capital letters and full stops. Children have been thinking up lots of brilliant ideas for this and have been coming up with some amazing language.

We have started off our new ASPIRE topic talking about Julia Donaldson and exploring the books that she has written. We have been thinking about our favourite Julia Donaldson books and played a game where we had to guess the name of the book just by listening to a sentence from the story

- what fabulous detectives we are in Year 1! We will be thinking about what we aspire to be and what we would like to choose as a career when we are older.

Children have been receiving their reading certificates and are very excited to be doing so well. Keep up the brilliant work Year 1!

## Year 2

The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. This term we are concentrating on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to be able to achieve our silver pencil award as well as forming our letters and digits of the correct size starting and finishing in the right place.

English this week has been exploring architecture, looking at buildings around the world in readiness for our new text 'The Building Boy'. A lovely touching story about Tom and his Grandma and their relationship together. Our whole class reading text is 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. All about Laszlo, a boy who was afraid of the dark. It tells of a journey he goes on so the dark never bothers him again.

In maths this week we have started to look at time, how many hours are in a day, how many minutes are in an hour, recapping o'clock, ½ past. Then we will start to identify quarter past and quarter to on an analogue clock. Additionally, we will read the time on the clock to the nearest five minutes.

Our new curriculum theme: How can I achieve my dreams? We have been researching athletes particularly Usain Bolt and Mo Farah and how they both had amazing resilience and perseverance to follow their dreams and achieve their personal goals.

Finally, we have given out our 'Tenterfields Reading Challenge' certificates. The children are very enthusiastic about reaching the next level, so keep reading.

## Year 3

All of year 3 have come back from the Christmas holidays ready to learn and are all focused on smashing the rest of the year. We have set a few goals that we are working on as a class and can't wait to start achieving. We are working towards learning our year group times tables, improving our handwriting and finding our love for reading.

This past week we have started our new Maths topic on multiplication and division. We are looking at different strategies to help us answer questions and methods that improve our fluency. We have been able to complete lots of problem solving questions which we have all really enjoyed.

In English we are looking at a new book 'the secret of the black rock'. We have used lots of modelled writing to help us create ideas for our own work. This adventure story has got us all gripped and we can't wait to find out what happens next.

We have started our new Aspire topic which we are looking at for the next couple of weeks. We discovered we are researching the explorer Ranulph Fiennes. We went on an adventure just like Fiennes to solve who we are looking at for this topic. This made us feel like real explorers and understand what Fiennes must of felt like on his adventures.

Finally I am excited to announce that we have been able to award our first reading certificates this week. Keep up the hard work and I can't wait to start giving out moreover the following weeks.



## Year 4

Year 4 has come back from the Christmas holidays refreshed and ready to learn. This term, we are focussing on a range of things to improve our learning. We are going to continue to smash the times tables as I know the children were amazing last term with them. We are going to work on improving our handwriting and trying hard to join as well. It would be fantastic to see children earning their pen licence. Also, I have been so impressed by the children who have earned their reading certificates for 25 reads and more. It would be great to see more children being awarded them. Make sure that you record your daily reading in your reading records.

In Maths, this week the children have been learning to construct bar charts and line graphs, so that they can interpret data. They have worked really hard to plot information on temperatures. In English, the children have continued to read our key text - 'The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin Maker' and they have been looking at retrieving key information from the text.

In Science, the children have been learning about 'Sound' and how it is caused by vibrations. We have also started our new Aspire theme. We will be looking at and researching Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple and Tim Berners-Lee, the founder of the internet. It will be interesting to find out more about these inspirational people and what drove them to succeed.

Thanks for a great week Year 4, lets get reading and earn those certificates in the coming weeks.



## Year 5

Year 5 have all had a terrific week; they have returned back to school refreshed and eager to learn. They have shown great resilience this week as we began a new English writing approach. I have been blown away by the writing that they have produced and Year 5 have commented on how proud they are of their work. This is wonderful to hear!

In Maths we have been revising division using the bus stop method. This is something we have found quite challenging but we have persevered and most children are now able to use the bus stop method more confidently. If you would like to continue practising, please access ixl at home.

Our new ASPIRE theme focuses on inspirational figures leading into our aspirations and future careers. We have been researching Malala Yousafzai and discussing why she is an inspirational figure. Year 5 identified that Malala demonstrates a very resilient, positive outlook to her life despite the challenges



she has faced. They identified that took great responsibility standing up for what she believed in- the right to an education.

Finally, it is with great pleasure we have been able to award our first set of reading certificates. It is wonderful to see so many children reading regularly at home. As Dr. Seuss says "the more that you read, the more that you will know, the more that you know, the more places you will go!"

### Year 6

What a wonderful week! Year 6 have come back from Christmas with a brilliant attitude and a determination to do well. They have adapted and shown resilience to their adapting timetable and have been working hard to do their very best.

In maths we have been looking at missing angles. We started off by investigating missing angles of straight lines but have now progressed to looking at complex problems such as finding missing angles in quadrilaterals! We have been very grateful to have had the support of Mr Wade, our resident mathematician, to help deepen our learning. In English, the children have continued to read our key text - 'The Graveyard Book' and they have been looking at understanding tricky vocabulary questions. I have been incredibly impressed by the quality of writing the children have produced and I'm looking forward to reading the final narratives.

Our first SATs club was a complete success. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many students attend and work so hard. Likewise, I am very proud of the children who received reading certificates this week. Keep it up!

## Attendance

**Whole School Attendance from 10th January to 14th January: 94.11%**

**Well done and congratulations to**

**Reception**  
**For receiving the**  
**'Attendance Trophy'**  
**this week**



## Other News



### **Celebrating success**

We will be continuing with our Friday assemblies to celebrate the successes of our children for attendance, hot chocolate, Class dojo, pen licences, praise and their reading challenge certificates. Unfortunately we will not be asking parents and carers into school at the moment, but look forward to welcoming you in the future. We thank you for your continued support at this time.

### **Well done Freya**

A huge well done to Freya who during the Christmas holiday did a litter pick around the roads by school. Freya collected three bags of litter and was thanked by the local residents.



### **School Applications**

Please find the link below to help with your child's primary school admission. All applications must be submitted by 15th January 2022

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/primary-reception-intake/>

### **Nursery uniform**



We are pleased to announce that the new polo shirt for Nursery is now live:

Please find link below:

<https://www.mapleworkwear.co.uk/ProductGrp/Tenterfields-Nursery-Turquoise-Polo-Shirt>

Cardigans and jumpers with Tenterfields logo are available to purchase from Dancers in Halesowen.



## After School Clubs

Following feedback on the parent questionnaires, from Parents' Evening, we have increased the amount and type of afterschool clubs.

After School 3.30-4.30pm	
Mon	Football Club Yr 1-2 Basketball Yr 3-4 Golf Yr 5-6
Tue	Football Club Yr 3-4 Tag Rugby Yr 5-6
Wed	FUNDamentals Yr R-1 Martial Arts Club -Yrs 2-6 (Fully booked)
Thurs	SATs Club Year 6 Musical Theatre Years 4 & 5 Pottery Club Yr 1-5 (Fully booked)
Fri	Football Club Yr 5-6 (YourSport) Relax Kids - Years 1, 2, 3 & 4

There are still some spaces available if you are interested in booking your child into our range of clubs. Please call the school office for more details. Full payment needs to be made prior to your child starting at the club.

## Parents' Evening

We can't wait to invite you to Parents' Evening on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th February from 3.35pm- 6.30pm, slots will be 10 minutes long and run over the two evenings.

These meetings will give us the opportunity to discuss where children are in their learning, their targets, attendance and their learning behaviours. It is also an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ask any questions.

Pupils are of course encouraged to attend these consultations with their parents and carers, as it is an effective way of sharing with the children their progress, their targets and their potential. The children's books will be in their classrooms and you are welcome to have a look at their learning. We will also have chromebooks on hand for the children to practice their TTRS and books on sale while you wait.

Mrs Taylor will be available in her role as SENDCo on both evenings and have available slots for all SEND children.

**Next week you will receive a link from Parentmail to enable you to book a slot for Parents' Evening and SEND appointments with Mrs Taylor, if you have any questions, please contact the school office.**

## Moving Forward Together – Parent Survey 2021/22

Thank you for completing our Parent Questionnaire at Parents' Evening. We have listened very carefully to your feedback and used your comments to further shape our School Improvement Plan for this coming year. We have sent out the responses to the questionnaire to you on Parentmail. Please check the email section of Parentmail.

## Party Fun Lunch – 20th January



January Party Fun Lunch  
On Thursday 20th January

There will be a selection of the following options:

All day breakfast

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Chicken Nuggets

Fishcake

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potato with various fillings

Along with a selection of popular desserts

Place your order for dinners on Parentmail  
in the school dinners section.

Music and Fun!

The fun lunch is now available to book on the dinners section of Parentmail. Just choose the option from the menu and the party is included

**All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to universal free school meals.**

## Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Please click on the link below to see if you qualify

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## Infographic: Building resilience in children and teens (Family Lives)

The Family Lives charity aims to offer all parents somewhere to turn before they reach crisis point. Crisis support, provided for over 40 years through their helpline, has always been at the heart of what they do.

Family Lives also have an excellent website to help parents with the ups and downs of family life. One useful infographic is this one about building resilience in children and teens. You can download it here:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/your-family/wellbeing/building-resilience-in-children-and-teens/>

**The Family Lives parents' helpline is available Monday to Friday, 1.30 – 9pm  
on 0808 800 2222**

**The website can be found here: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>**



Tenterfields PTFA are holding a Meeting on Monday 24th January straight after school. There is a free creche available for children to attend whilst their parent/carer attends the meeting

Tenterfields PTFA is made up of parents, friends and teachers who work hard as a team to raise funds for extra equipment and activities that add to our children's experience of school.

We raise funds by holding events which take a great deal of hard work to organise and run. Tenterfields PTFA is made up of parents and teachers who attend our meetings and volunteer their time as and when they can.

We are always looking for new members to come along to our meetings or offer their help at our events.

## Head Lice Checks

It's not unusual for children to catch head lice, regular checking is always advised.. Please see the advice below from Dudley NHS.

Head Lice are spread by direct head to head contact with an infested person. Having lice is like other infections, you catch them from someone else, who could be a friend or relative with clean hair.  
It is important for all family members to be checked every week.

### Treatment of Head Lice

If eggs (grey / brown and oval) or nits (White empty eggs) are observed they may not be readily removed by combing and may require removal by hand.

- Grasp the shaft between the thumb and forefinger and draw it along the hair strand.
- Continue to comb through the hair until the whole head has been combed.

The conditioner is very helpful because it makes the hair too slippery for a louse to run along and so it cannot easily escape the nit comb.

- When the combing is completed, rinse the hair with clear water.
- It is then necessary to repeat this procedure every 3-4 days for at least three weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs can be removed along with lice that may have escaped the first couple of sessions.

Chemical treatments can be purchased over the counter; however, it is known that some head lice are resistant to these and, therefore, no chemical preparation is one hundred per cent effective.

### NEVER USE CHEMICAL TREATMENTS TO PREVENT HEAD LICE INFECTIONS

The old-fashioned system of mass head checks in school is not effective



### PARENTS ARE IN THE "FRONT LINE" OF HEAD LICE DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT

#### Some Facts about Head Lice

- The head louse only affects humans and cannot be passed onto or caught from animals
- Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that cannot jump or fly
- They are colourless when first hatched and take on the colour of the hair after feeding on blood from the scalp several times a day
- The louse grips on to the hair with six claws

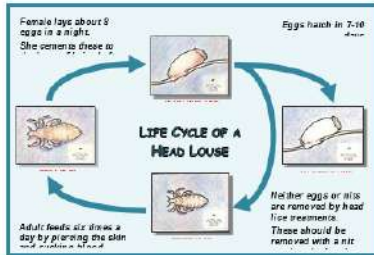
#### Detection of Head Lice

- The following should be done weekly.
- Apply conditioner to dry hair, or wash the hair and shampoo as normal then rub conditioner in.

- With a nit comb, carefully comb the hair, section by section, right from the scalp to the end of the hair
- Observe the comb for lice after each stroke and wipe it clean with a tissue

### Have you found Head Lice?

There is nothing shameful about finding head lice... BUT IT IS SHAMEFUL TO DO NOTHING ABOUT IT



## Diary Dates

Saturday 15th January	Applications close for Reception 2022 - <a href="#">Primary Link</a>
Thursday 20th January	January Party Fun Lunch - bookings to be made on parentmail
Tuesday 15th February	Parents Evening from 3.35pm. Scholastic Book Fair will be at school for you to purchase books
Thursday 17th February	Parent Evening from 3.35pm. Scholastic Book Fair will be at school for you to purchase books

### TERM DATES

#### 2021- 2022 Autumn Term Dates

#### 2022 Spring Term Dates

Term starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022  
Half term: Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February 2022  
Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

#### 2022 Summer Term Dates

Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022  
Half Term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022  
Term Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022 -

#### Inset Days 2021- 2022

Thursday 5th May - school to be used as a polling station  
Monday 27th June 2022 TBC  
Friday 22nd July 2022 Extra bank Holiday

