



# Tenterfields Primary Academy

*Learning together, growing together*



## NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3 - 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our first half term of this academic year and what a half term it has been!

We have hit the ground running this year and the children have taken part in a wealth of curriculum activities and experiences and I hope you have enjoyed reading about them in our newsletters. I have loved seeing the children engaged in their Stone Age and Egyptian days for Year 4 and Year 6 and enjoying their trips and other events and activities such as the WAT Olympics, the rugby festival, the Readathon, World Book Day, and particularly pleased to see our return to sporting competitions including netball, football and cross country. Our Fun Forest School Day finished the Autumn festivities with a bang! A massive thank you to all your hard work with creating gardens on a plate and scarecrows and gate competitions and well done to everyone who entered. A great big thank you to Miss Ellerton as well because she works incredibly hard to make forest school a wonderful place for children to laugh, learn and get muddy!

I spent a wonderful night on Wednesday at the Pioneer residential centre with Year 6 children who have stayed there for 3 days and had the most incredible time. They have experienced caving, zip wires, climbing, abseiling, scrambling over assault courses, campfires and film nights! And these were only a few of the things that were on the itinerary! I watched them tuck into an enormous roast dinner after their activities and then witnessed the excitement of putting on their pyjamas! I know that they will sleep well tonight and that they have been absolutely brilliant ambassadors for Tenterfields over the last 3 days. I have seen bucket loads of resilience, determination, bravery and kindness and there have been lots of laughs too. I am sure they will come home with many stories as well as a few missing pants and socks! Well done Year 6! A huge thanks goes to Mr Griffiths, Mrs Brettle, Miss Hampson, Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Davies for giving up their beds for three nights and looking after them like their own.

Thank you for your feedback and positivity this half term and I hope that you will complete a questionnaire at our upcoming Parents' Evening to help us celebrate what we do well and refine and reflect our provision. As always, if you have any questions or need any further information about your child's learning then you can either speak to me or Mr Dowling on the gate in the morning, talk to your class teacher after school or contact the office.

We have many things to look forward to when we return, including Christmas performances, National Elf Service day, Christmas lunches, Christmas jumper and jeans day and a visit to Santa's grotto! We also have the following trips coming up next half term: Year 1 are going to the theatre, Year 2 are going to the RAF Museum at Cosford, Year 3 are visiting the Black Country Museum, Year 5 are visiting the Thinktank and Reception Class and Preschool are having a very special visit from the Falconry Experience. As well as Year 5 taking part in Forest School and cookery lessons!

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing everybody back on Monday the 31st of October.

Lisa Buffery - Executive Headteacher Steve Dowling - Acting Deputy Headteacher

# What's been happening in school?

## Nursery

Nursery class have enjoyed learning about black history month. We have explored African music and created some of our own dance movements as well as playing the drums. We looked at similarities and differences between ourselves and others during our PSED sessions. We noticed that some children had blonde hair and some had brown, one child wore glasses just like Miss Ellerton, some children were boys and some girls and we also found out that some of us have the same kind of pets. Our class text was 'So Much'. It was about a family party. We enjoyed sharing the images of our family members and our pets too. We also learnt about a festival called Diwali and made some decorations to celebrate this. We really enjoyed our story time in forest school and were great explorers when we went on our nature hunt. Forest school fun day was lots of fun!



## Reception

This week has been a spooky week in Reception! We had an exciting start to our week when we found all kinds of Halloween related things in our classroom. This led to us finding out that our new text is Funnybones. We have enjoyed reading this story and joining in with repeated refrains 'in the dark dark street, there was a dark dark house...'. Can your child tell you what happens in our story?



In Phonics, we have learnt the next 8 sounds (g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e). The children are developing confidence in blending the words Fred is sharing with them. One of our Phonics activities has been to find the initial sound in words. We have been playing 'what's in the box?' where the children have been choosing a picture out of the box and identifying the initial sound. Some children are also beginning to find more than the initial sound in words, having a go

at reading CVC words and building these words with magnetic letters or writing them on a whiteboard.



In Maths, we have continued our learning about numbers. We have been developing our counting skills; identifying numerals and describing what the numbers look like and representing numbers in different ways.



We are really enjoying Music at the moment and I think we may have some future musicians and conductors in the room! We have been learning about the different instruments and last week we each had an instrument and we had to follow the conductor who stood in different hoops to signal when the different instruments needed to play. If the conductor stepped outside of the

hoop, this meant 'STOP!'. They were amazing listeners! The children then continued this activity independently and it was delightful to see some music creation take place.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have introduced our Rainbow Challenges. These are set challenges the children have to complete throughout the week in order to collect lollipop sticks which then turn into dojo points.

And last but not least, we had our Forest School Day. The children absolutely loved being explorers and our day involved story time in the forest, an Autumn scavenger hunt, making our own necklaces and designing the Forest School gate.



## Year 1

Another busy two weeks we've had in Year 1! Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the Phonics workshop, to gain a better understanding of how we teach Phonics and what to expect in the screening process in spring next year. Phonics lessons are having a great impact on the children's knowledge and language, which in turn impacts their writing!

In English, we have been studying 'Toys from the past' looking at the history of toys and the materials they are made from now and then! We even had a Teddy Bear's picnic and listened to the 'Teddy Bear's picnic' song written by John Walter Bratton in 1907. We have looked at adjectives to describe the teddies and onomatopoeia words for the noises that skateboards and computer games make! We are learning how to structure and write reports using Jane Considine symbols to help us.

In Maths, we continue to build on our skills of using cubes with the part-whole model to add and subtract numbers up to 10, in addition to using number lines. We are just about to start a new Maths topic of 3D shape and patterns. Exciting!

We have had a masterclass in African dancing, learning two dances from Ghana and Nigeria, which was great fun! In our Historical Detectives ASPIRE topic, the children have used family photos to construct their own Family Tree, looking at what makes a family and thinking about each generation. In Science, the children continue to learn about humans, looking at our body parts, our senses, and personal hygiene.

The children loved being 'explorers' for the day, when they took part in the Forest School Day on Tuesday. The wonderful things they got up to included a scavenger hunt, making wooden badges for our Forest School lessons in Spring and taking part in the gate competition!

Here are a few photos of our African dancing!



## Year 2

What a packed two weeks we have had in Year 2. The children have been continuing to find out about pioneers of flight. This week we researched Amelia Earhart. Did you know she was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932? We were surprised to find out the aviator's plane disappeared when trying to circumnavigate the world on 2 July 1937. Finally, to complete our theme the children designed a new mode of transport that could be used to travel around Mars.

In maths, we have been subtracting and adding numbers using a variety of methods. Part, part whole and bar models. We used these methods to solve worded problems.

On Tuesday, we had our Forest school day; it was fabulous to see the children dressed as explorers. We started the day by searching for a variety of Autumnal coloured leaves. The children had a great time comparing the shades against our colour chart. Then the children listened to our text 'The hedgehog who leaves home'. We then designed wooden name disks ready for our forest school sessions next year.

In English, we wrote our own version of 'A Way Back Home' including many of the features we have been learning. They have also written a recount of our forest school explorer day. The children were able to recall many of the activities in great detail.

To celebrate black history month the children had a super time learning how to dance a traditional African dance.

Super first half term, well done Year 2!



## Year 3

We have had a brilliant end to the half term this week. On Tuesday we celebrated explorer day where the children came in dressed as explorers and we took part in forest school activities. During the day we spent time creating our own name wood slices, which we will wear during our forest school sessions. We then designed the entrance way into forest school. We made sure these were nature themed and we were really happy with the results. We shared a story around the fire pit, this got us thinking all about autumn and looking at our surroundings and how they have changed throughout the season. We loved looking at all the brilliant scarecrows and the garden plates and were amazed by all of the hard work everyone had put in.

We also had a great session learning all about African dance. We learnt how it linked to black history month. We learnt a few different dance moves which we were able to put together as a group and perform to each other. We really enjoyed this experience and couldn't wait to keep practising our moves at break time.

We completed our last cook this week and we made Halloween cookies. They looked amazing. I hope they tasted great too. The children have really enjoyed forest school and have made so many memories and learnt new skills. Year 3 wants to say a big thank you to Miss Ellerton for the forest school sessions and for making them full of fun.

We have finished our curriculum this week and have found out lots of information about how the Black Country has changed during the 19th century. We have really enjoyed this theme and found it interesting discovering how people lived and how many things were invented during the 19th century. We all decided we would much rather live in Halesowen now than in the 19th century.

A special thank you to our Year 3 parents who have cleared the pond so that it can refill with water and be alive with wildlife once again!



#### Year 4

Year 4 have had a great last few weeks, which lead up to a fantastic 'Stone Age Day', taking place at Manor Way with the Year 4 children there. The children made spears using twigs, twine and spear heads made of flint. They produced cave art on slate slabs using charcoal and pretended to be Stone Age hunters for the day. The children even chased a woolly mammoth around the school hall and fired at them with bows and arrows. Also, the children compared the skulls between early humans - Homo Neanderthals and modern day humans - Homo Sapiens. What a great way to bring our ASPIRE topic alive.



The children were also very lucky to dress up as explorers for our 'Forest School' themed day. The children decorated some wooden name labels for their forest school sessions and produced designs for the gate leading into the area. The children were read a story around the forest school circle about based on a 'Autumn' theme.



The children have finished their stories in English based on the short Pixar animation 'Feast' and they have continued to read 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. The story is getting really exciting! In Maths, the children have been solving problems involving the use of column addition and subtraction. In addition to this, the children took part in an African Dance session as part of Black History Month. Finally, the children have been finding out about the periods after the Stone Age, called the Bronze and Iron Ages.

What an amazing first half-term. Thanks for all youtube hard work. Well done Year 4!

### Year 5

In English, we have been basing our writing on a short film called "The Eye of the Storm." We have been creating character descriptions; writing a flashback and using semi colons to mark the boundaries between independent clauses. During our maths lessons, we have been solving addition and subtraction problems using column method to calculate large numbers. We have been learning about the differences between the ancient Greek cities of Athens and Sparta and how democracy prevailed. On our "Forest School fun day" we enjoyed a story outside in our forest school area before admiring the scarecrows created by our EYFS and KS1 children, we then looked at the fabulous "garden on a plate" entries from KS2 before designing our wooden forest school name badges. Year 5 also enjoyed participating in an African dance workshop as part of Black History Month.



## Year 6

This week has been an amazing experience for the Year 6 children. After some brilliant writing on Monday and Tuesday, Year 6 headed off to the Pioneer Centre for our joint residential with the Year 6 class of Manor Way. The children from both schools have engaged brilliantly with each other participating in a wide variety of exciting activities including: abseiling, archery, caving, challenges, high ropes climbing, low ropes climbing, team building, and zip wiring to name but a few. All the children have challenged themselves in some way or another with each activity, facing individual challenges with resilience and determination. Working with the Pioneer Centre's expert staff, the children have behaved impeccably with one member of staff commenting on how they were the politest children he'd ever worked with at the centre. Ms Hampson has also been delighted to hear how focused the children who didn't come to the Pioneer Centre have been as they worked responsibly and in a collaborative way to complete their work. Overall, well done to the Year 6 children on a fantastic half term. Have a brilliant break and see you back on Halloween day!



## Forest School Fun Day

What a great day! The children's creations were spectacular. It was amazing to see such vibrant and creative scarecrows out on the school field for our very own scarecrow festival. The year groups all had an opportunity to go out and see what their peers had been creating. The gardens on a plate were all very inventive. We had natural gardens, modelled gardens, lego gardens, streams, caves, fairies. You name it, there was a garden of it! Many of you dressed as explorers and looked fantastic going on your scavenger hunts dressed in the appropriate gear with binoculars and magnifying glasses at the ready. Reception enjoyed their forest play session in the morning creating mud pie and climbing through a rope obstacle course. Year 3 had their final forest school session where they chose to have toasted marshmallows and chocolate biscuits, delicious!

Thank you to all the parents for all of your support, we managed to raise nearly £250 for forest school resources to enhance your children's learning further.

The competition winners were:

Scarecrows to be displayed in the forest school area:

Joseph (Reception)

Esme (Year 2)

Alana (Reception)

Edward (Year 1)



The most colourful scarecrow

The most creative scarecrow

The largest scarecrow

- Sienna



The most colourful plate

- Olivia



The chosen Forest School gate design is:

Imogen Year 4



Well done to all those who entered our amazing competitions.

- Luna



The most creative plate

- Tommy



- Esme



The plate with moving parts

- Oscar



### Whole School Attendance for week commencing 10th October 2022- 99.71%

Reception

98.84%

Year 1

99.71%

Year 2

99.44%

Year 3

99.38%

Year 4


96.39%



Well done and congratulations to



<b>Year 5</b>	100%	<b>Year 5</b> <b>for receiving the</b> <b>Attendance Trophy</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	97.40%	

<b>Whole School Attendance for week commencing 17th October 2022 – 98.88%</b>		
<b>Reception</b>	96.99%	  <b>Well done and congratulations to</b>  <b>Year 5</b> <b>for receiving the</b> <b>Attendance Trophy !</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	96.94%	
<b>Year 2</b>	97.80%	
<b>Year 3</b>	96.54%	
<b>Year 4</b>	97.10%	
<b>Year 5</b>	98.88%	
<b>Year 6</b>	97.18%	

## Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason then please let us know as soon as possible:

- The school office telephone number is 0121 289 5020 where you can speak to a member of staff or leave a messenger on the attendance line
- Report their absence via our Parentmail App

Please be aware you **must** report your child's absence **every day** that they are unable to attend. The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression. If we have not heard from you by 10am after trying all the contact numbers we will do a home visit.

At Tenterfields we aim for pupils to achieve an attendance figure of above 97% or more.

### **Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year – Less than 30 Hours of Learning Lost**

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best levels/grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

### **95%: 10 days absence a year – 50 Hours of Learning Lost**

These pupils are less likely to achieve their target levels/grades and will start to find it difficult to maintain a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a two-week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

### **90%: 19 days absence a year – 95 Hours of Learning Lost**

The Government classes pupils in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work and achieve their target levels/grades. Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by Dudley Council, including the issuing of Penalty Notices and Fines.


## Praise Assembly

Praise certificates for the last two weeks 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	Sahaba	Sahaba has been communicating much more this week. She has learnt some key words for snack time and how to get the attention of a teacher. Well done!
	Ethan	Ethan has been very creative this week and has enjoyed learning about and celebrating Diwali.
Reception	Thiago	Thiago has been working really hard with his communication in Reception so far. Thiago was able to retell many parts of our story 'The Little Red Hen' and enjoyed using the character masks in our story telling area to communicate his ideas. He is always trying his best to speak to adults and his peers using sentences.
	Elliot	Elliot is showing a lot of independence in his learning. He is working incredibly hard and will always try to solve problems for himself before coming to an adult. He is trying different activities in the classroom and really showing how much he is learning.
Year 1	Kaylee	Kaylee is so enthusiastic about her learning! She loves to share her ideas and links her learning across curricular. She always has a smile on her face. She has also made a brilliant start to the Year 1 Reading Challenge, far exceeding others in her efforts so far! Well done!
	Zenith	Zen is always ready for his learning! He shows great independence in getting himself ready for the next instruction and helps others too. He loves to share his ideas! Great start to Year 1! Well done!
Year 2	Laurella	Laurella has really wowed me this week. She is always the first to offer an answer and has a great attitude to her learning. She comes into school everyday with a positive outlook and a smile on her face. What a star!
	Grayson	Grayson has worked incredibly hard this week. He always participates in class discussion and gives 100% effort in all areas of learning. Particularly English where he has produced some lovely writing about our lost aliens, he used some fabulous adjectives to describe what they looked like and how they felt.
Year 3	Colby	Colby has been working really hard with his reading this week. His concentration has been amazing when reading independently and he can't wait to show me how much he has improved.
	Valentina	Valentina is always prepared for learning and she makes sure she has everything she needs. She is then able to focus on her learning. Valentina is also able to unstick herself by independently getting the resources she needs to help support her learning.
Year 4	Joey	Joey has made a super start to Year 4. He is keen to learn and is growing in confidence in all areas of the curriculum. Joey shows great resilience in his learning and he is working hard to follow the ASPIRE learner skills.
	Ruby	Ruby is always ready to learn and listens to instructions clearly. She shows resilience and is courageous in her learning. Ruby's presentation in her books is always neat and a great example of aiming high. Superb!

<b>Year 5</b>	Tommy	Tommy has been working really hard this week. I have been proud of his increasing resilience in Maths. Although he sometimes finds Maths tricky, he is becoming more independent.
	Benjamin	Benjamin has been a superstar, he has completed all work to a high standard. He is always respectful to everyone and is always ready to learn. He shows great compassion to his peers.
<b>Year 6</b>	Jack	Jack displayed an exceptional understanding of the Ancient Egyptians during our Egyptian workshop. He confidently shared and explained his knowledge with others; his enthusiasm and passion were infectious.

## Hot Chocolate Friday Award

 <b>Hot Chocolate Thursday Award</b> Hot Chocolate Awards for the last two weeks were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working so hard	
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Myles &amp; Oscar</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Oliver &amp; Olivia</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Ella - Mae &amp; Jessica</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Sophia &amp; Daisy</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Amelia &amp; Ben</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Lila &amp; Toby</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Tobias &amp; Freya H</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>William</b>



## Class Dojo Award

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Class Dojo awards for the last three weeks were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all

	<b>Class Total Ending 12/10</b>	<b>Individual Winner ending 12/10</b>	<b>Class Total ending 19/10</b>	<b>Individual Winner ending 19/10</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	258	<b>Millie</b>	231	<b>Jack &amp; Rory</b>
<b>Reception</b>	406	<b>Hermione</b>	231	<b>Elliot</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	227	<b>Esme</b>	281	<b>Sara</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	501	<b>Amelia</b>	291	<b>Meadow &amp; Nicholas</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	302	<b>Poppy</b>	228	<b>Sophie</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	420	<b>Corey</b>	218	<b>Joey R</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	362	<b>James</b>	170	<b>Harry &amp; Freya G</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	187	<b>Charlie</b>	168	<b>Rachel</b>

### Remembrance Day Poppies

After half term we will be selling poppies and merchandise on the playground at the end of the school day.



### Parents' Evening

Parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 11th November

Appointments have been sent out on Parentmail. Any questions please contact the school office.

### Reception Open Days

If you have a child starting school in September 2023 then please come to our Open Day. You will have a tour of school, meet Miss Buffery and Miss Hawker and hear from our Junior Leadership Team.

**14th November 2022 9.30am**

If you would like to join us for a visit please contact the school office on 0121 289 5020

## **October Half Term Holiday Club hosted at Manor Way Primary**

Come and join us for some fun and games during October Half Term! The club will run Monday 24th to Friday 28th October 8am until 5.30 pm. The cost for each day is £22.00. If you would like information or book a place, contact Trudi Fowkes  
afterschool@manor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

## **School Trips and Activities**

Nursery and Reception will be having a Falconry visit at school on Wednesday 9th November, a permission slip and details have been sent out on ParentMail. Please contact the school office if you haven't received one.

Year 2 will be going to The Royal Air Force Museum on Thursday 24th November, a permission slip and trip details have been sent out on ParentMail.

Year 3 will be going to the Black Country Living Museum on Wednesday 2nd November, a permission slip and trip details have been sent out on ParentMail.

Year 5 will be going to the Thinktank on Monday 7th November, a permission slip and trip details have been sent out on ParentMail.

## **Year 6 Booster Club**

We would like to support your children further, by running a booster club on a Monday after school, free of charge. The club will be run by Miss Hampson and the Senior Leadership Team, offering support to children where needed.

The club will start Monday 7th November 2022 and will run up to SATs week in May. This club will take place from 3:20pm until 4:20pm.

Each week will focus on an area of English or Maths to ensure your child has every opportunity to achieve and be the best they can be.

Please could you provide your child with a snack and drink as they will have a break between the end of the school day and starting their booster club at 3:20pm, during which they will be supervised.

Please complete the consent form which has been sent to you on Parentmail. On the consent form please indicate who will be collecting your child as, due to the shorter days and darker evenings, we will not be allowing the children to walk home alone.

Miss Hampson



## HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUN IN DUDLEY (HAF)

<https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/>

<https://twitter.com/DudleyHaf>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dudleyhaf/>

### Registrations are NOW OPEN!!!!!!

Hello to all our current and future HAF families!

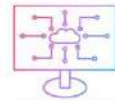
During the 6 weeks holidays HAF has been providing a summer of free fun activities across Dudley, at Dudley Zoo, Laser quest and many community activities. We have loved seeing so many families involved and seeing the photos and positive feedback about the difference it has made.

#### New to HAF?

We would love this fantastic offer to continue to grow and see more families get involved. HAF is available to any family with children aged 5 – 16 years, who are on a low income and who receive income eligible free school meals.

Registration is easy, simply fill out the form in the link below, or scan the QR code. Once you have registered you will receive a confirmation email which will contain a HAF number which you need to use to book activities on the HAF website when bookings open. Registration will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, and you will not be able to register after this date. We do check eligibility with the council so do not complete the form if you do not qualify.

<https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/register/>



We also take a small number of referrals from schools, social workers and other professionals for children who are not in receipt of income eligible free school meals but where there is a real need to get involved, so if you think you may qualify for this part of the scheme speak to your school or other professional involved so they can contact the team directly ( the online form is not open to register for this part of the scheme).

#### Already Registered?

The good news for those families already registered for HAF, you don't need to register again, simply keep hold of your HAF number. We will send out your HAF numbers before booking opens at the beginning of December just in case you have lost it. Once booking opens on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022, you will be able to access the HAF booking page by clicking the link we send you and using the same username and HAF number as the summer. Here you will see all the activities available and book your activities.

All HAF Families also have the advantage of a HAF portal where the details for all your family can be found in one place and where you can amend any bookings you make, please use the following information to help you to create your family portal/ account.

**To create a family portal/ account** (you only need to register for one family portal/ account not each child) go to <https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/register/> and click on the register button at the bottom of the page. Add the email address you have used to register your children for HAF. Once the system has checked that your email matches your family details, you will receive a password via email. When you have this, you can then go back in as many times as you want (use login this time not register) to check/change details and bookings.

Once again, we are working hard with providers and have some amazing winter activities for our HAF families across the borough to enjoy the festivities and have some fun!



We would love to recruit even more volunteers for our HAF Parent Helper and Young HAF Helper (11- 16) volunteering programme. Our volunteers are amazing at spreading the news, updating Facebook, and helping the team. If you want to know more or get involved visit our website [Fancy Volunteering for the HAF programme? – HAF \(holidayactivitiesindudley.com\)](#)

Many Thanks the HAF Team

## Other News

### School Applications for September 2023

#### Primary School Admissions

If your Child's date of birth is between 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019 then you need to apply for their primary school place.

You can apply from 1st October 2022 to 15th January 2023.

Please see primary link below

[Primary Link-](#) Applications open 1st October

#### Secondary School Admissions



If your Child is in Year 6 then you need to apply for their secondary school place.

You can apply from 1st September 2022 to 31st October 2022

Please see secondary link below

[Secondary Link](#)- Applications open no

If your child already attends Tenterfields Nursery and you would like to learn more about the Reception Class at Tenterfields you are welcome to visit us for one of our open days- dates below. (These are also open to new families).

We are offering Reception Open Days for all prospective parents on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th October at 9:30am

Monday 14th November at 9:30am

If you would like to join us for a visit please contact the school office on 0121 289 5020.

## JAMES MORRIS MP CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



We have been asked to take part in this year's Christmas Card Competition organised by James Morris MP for Halesowen & Rowley Regis.

The competition has attracted thousands of entries from different age groups. The winner of the competition will have their drawing produced on the front of James' Christmas card, which is sent to over 300 people, including local and national press, senior politicians, including the Prime Minister, and many charitable organisations. As part of the competition prizes are presented to the winner and runners up during school assemblies along with a framed certificate.

If your child would like to enter the competition then the Christmas card design should be bright and colourful. Please avoid using glitter crayons or paint. Please ensure the child's name, year and age is clearly marked on the back of the design. The size of paper to be used is A4 and all designs must be portrait shaped.

We only have until **Wednesday 16th November** to produce your wonderful designs as these must be handed into the class Teacher by this day. Any cards received after this date unfortunately will not be included.

"Happy Designing"

## Names on School Items

Please can we ask you to double check that everything your child brings into school is clearly named. We have lots of children with the same water bottles and lunch boxes and it will help us to avoid mix-ups and upsets, as well as return lost property when stray items are found. Unnamed uniforms are understandably almost impossible for us to return and we know that it is costly for you to replace. Names/initials added with a special laundry marker pen is fine!



## After School Clubs September 2022

	After school 3:20 - 4:30pm
<b>Mon</b>	Hockey - Years 3 and 4 Football - Years 1 and 2 Booster Club - Year 6 (Free of charge) starting 7th November
<b>Tues</b>	Basketball - Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball - Years 1 and 2
<b>Wed</b>	Football - Years 3 and 4 Martial Arts Club - Yr1-6 Limited to 20 places Tag Rugby - Year 3 - 6 Limited to 20 places
<b>Thurs</b>	Pottery Club - Years 1-6 - Limited to 14 places -FULL Dodgeball - Years 3,4,5,6 - FULL
<b>Fri</b>	Football - Years 5 and 6

Please contact the school office for details if you would like your child to attend

## Online Parenting Programmes

Dudley are currently providing Free online programmes for Parents, Carers and Professionals in Dudley. The Triple P programme for Parents/Carers of children 2 - 11 and a new Fear-less programme for children aged 6 to 14 who suffer with anxiety.

For more information and access to sign up access is available at - [www.dudleyparents.co.uk](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk)

## Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to free meals under the Free School Meals criteria.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following, you will need to submit an online claim in order for school to receive Pupil Premium Funding.:

- 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 State 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 to see if you qualify <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



## Update on free swimming



Children can access FREE swimming over Half Term. **Please note Halesowen Leisure Centre's pool is not open this half term due to ongoing work.**

Children can still benefit from free swimming at Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre in Dudley and Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge during the holidays.

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Your child must be registered in advance with full details online at

<https://www.freeswimindudley.co.uk/home>

## Diary Dates

<b>24th–28th October</b>	Half Term
<b>31st October</b>	PTFA – Spooky Disco – Details on Parentmail
<b>2nd November</b>	Year 3 trip to Black Country Living Museum – details and payment on Parentmail
<b>7th November</b>	Year 5 Trip to The Thinktank – details and payment on Parentmail
<b>7th November</b>	Year 6 Booster Club – 3.20pm–4.20pm
<b>8th November</b>	Parents’ Evening – available to book on Parentmail from 12th October
<b>9th November</b>	Nursery & Reception Falconry Display –see Parentmail for details and payment
<b>10th November</b>	Parents’ Evening – available to book on parentmail from 12th October
<b>14th November</b>	Reception Class Open day for new starters Sept 2023 9:30am
<b>18th November</b>	Children in Need – see our just giving page <a href="#">details here</a>
<b>24th November</b>	Year 2 Trip to The Royal Air Force Museum – see Parentmail for details and payment
<b>25th November</b>	Inset Day
<b>1st December</b>	Who’s Rudolph? Competition starts
<b>2nd December</b>	Inset Day
<b>5th December</b>	Christmas Play – EYFS 9:30am

<b>6th December</b>	Christmas Play – Years 1 & 2 9:30am
<b>8th December</b>	Christmas Play – EYFS 9:30am
<b>8th December</b>	Christmas Play – Years 1 & 2 – 2pm
<b>14th December</b>	Christmas Dinner – details to follow
<b>14th December</b>	Christmas Jumper & Jeans Day – Details to follow
<b>15th December</b>	National Elf Service Day – Details to follow
<b>16th December</b>	Last day of term Break up at 1pm Wraparound available until 3.30pm
<b>3rd January 2023</b>	Inset Day –School closed for students
<b>4th January 2023</b>	Return to school

## **TERM DATES 2022–2023**

### **Autumn Term 2022**

Training Days: Monday 5th September 2022  
Term Starts for children: Tuesday 6th September 2022  
Half Term holiday: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022  
Last day of term: Friday 16th December 2022

### **Spring Term 2023**

Training Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023  
Term Starts for children: Wednesday 4th January 2023  
Half Term holiday: Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023  
Last day of term: Friday 31st March 2023

### **Summer Term 2023**

Training Day: Monday 17th April 2023  
Term starts for children: Tuesday 18th April 2023  
Bank Holiday : Monday 1st May 2023  
Election Day: Thursday 4th May – open for Year 6 only  
Half Term holiday: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023  
Training Day: Monday 26th June 2023  
Last day of term for children: Tuesday 25th July 2023

### **Inset Days**

Friday 25th November 2022  
Friday 2nd December 2022  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023  
Monday 17th April 2023  
Monday 26th June 2023