



Tenterfields Primary Academy

Learning together, growing together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! It has been so fantastic to see all the children come back to school and be able to mix and play with each other. All the teachers have been delighted with the behaviour and attitude of the children and they have thrown themselves into their new learning.

Thank you for my very warm welcome, I have loved my first week getting to know you and your children, they are wonderful!

We welcome Nicole, Benjamin and William to Tenterfields and say a huge well done to all our new starters in Preschool and Reception. You have been incredible!

We are looking forward to the Readathon next week so good luck with collecting sponsors and choosing your book to bring in on Monday and we hope the children love their new class reading text that they will be reading on Monday.

The staff at Tenterfields have collaborated brilliantly with Manor Way staff on the Inset Days, which was spent planning together, supporting each other and working on the environment. We are looking forward to working together to create opportunities for the children to have competitions, trips, fixtures, writing pen pals and to share great practice across the two schools. Lots of exciting opportunities lie ahead!

The works on site during the holiday have made an immediate impact and the redecoration and refurbishment of the Early Years area has been well received by all. The children will soon be able to use the new astro turfed area at the back of the school as an extra area to play, learn and have lunch on warm days.

I am looking forward to the AGM of the PTFA and to meet more families next week. Please introduce yourself when I am on the gate, so I can get to know you. Have a great weekend and have a read of what has been happening in each year group in our first week back.

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What's been happening in school

Nursery

This week we have been exploring our new surroundings and finding out all of the exciting activities that we can do at nursery. We have been painting, sculpting with play dough, making our own small world and even playing builders and babies in the role play. We were able to get really messy in the tuff tray with shaving foam and painting rollers. We also have a brand new outdoor area which we were able to play in with hoops, balls, hoppers and building equipment. We got to meet the new PE teacher too and enjoyed playing a Mr Men game with her.

Reception

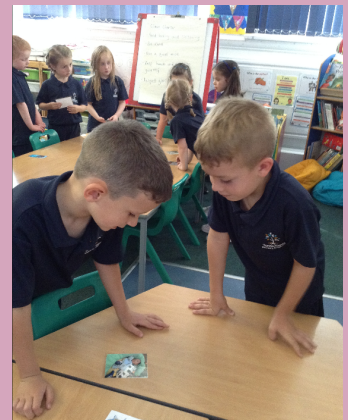
This week we have been settling in, learning the rules and routines and discovering all the amazing things we can do in our classroom and outdoor area. With some new children joining the school since Nursery, we spent some time introducing ourselves to help us make new friends. We have since been putting together puzzles; drawing and painting; moulding with play dough; making patterns with shapes; acting in the role area; building models and playing in the small world and construction area.

The children have also had their first PE lesson with their new PE teacher for this year and they came back so excited to share the fun games they had played.

Year 1

We have had a brilliant start to Year 1! Children came into school beautifully and have settled in extremely well. They have been learning all of the new routines in KS1 and have been taking it all in their stride! I am so proud of each and every one of them. Children loved sharing stories about their Summer holidays and have enjoyed writing holiday news. We have been talking about careers and Year 1

wrote about what they would like to be when they are older. We have also had lots of fun being historical detectives, looking for clues to identify each other from all of the gorgeous baby photos! Children were amazing at finding clues and even managed to guess some of their friends from the pictures! We have started our new reading book *The Enormous Crocodile* and have been describing the crocodile. We have been using tens frames to count sets of objects in Maths and enjoyed making towers to represent objects with friends.



Year 2

We wrote our ASPIRE sentences this week, we have a lot of budding police officers and nurses. As well as this the children gave themselves aims for the year, thinking about areas they would like to improve upon. We have also all discussed our holiday adventures and the fun we had with our families and friends. We then used our phonics and writing skills to write recounts of holiday news. In our curriculum lesson the children researched what we would need to do to become a historian ready for our new topic next week, the children were very excited. Maths this week was exploring place value to 100, we counted in tens by grouping cubes together. Our whole class reading text is 'The Fantastic Mr Fox'. The children were able to recall many other texts written by Roald Dahl including the 'Enormous Crocodile'. We then watched a clip about foxes in urban gardens, we were able to think of many fox facts, the children asked some fabulous questions about habitat and diet.



Year 3

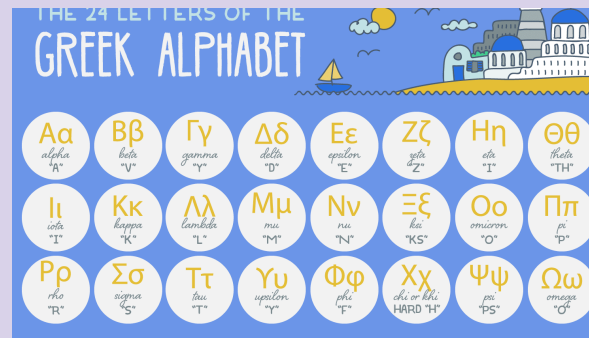
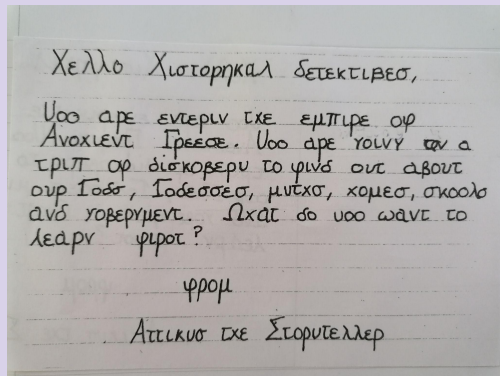
We have settled in well this week and I have enjoyed hearing all about their summer. We have had a busy week as we have started our new curriculum. The children became historical detectives and completed a treasure hunt where they had to try and work out what our new topic is. They all worked really hard particularly in the heat. In Maths we have started looking at numbers and how we can represent numbers in different ways. The children have designed number posters and have thought of many creative ways to show their ideas. We have started to read the 'BFG' and have thought about what might happen next in the story. We have all written our ASPIRE sentences and I was impressed by the variety of careers and how the children aim to achieve them. In English we started a piece of writing based on an image of a turtle under the sea. The children have worked really hard to think of different ways to show off their writing skills such as stories, diary entries and even newspapers.

Year 4

We have started this year as we mean to go on - with high expectations. I have been impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the children. We have begun our key text - 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. The children have really enjoyed their first few chapters and were keen to make predictions about what will happen further into the story. Also, in Maths the children have been learning to recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number. In PE, the children had fun playing 'Stick in the Mud' and they really thought about how to use the space to escape the catchers. The children have told me all about the exciting things that they have done in the Summer holidays and were keen to show and tell to the rest of the class. The children have written their ASPIRE sentences this week as well and I was amazed at the variety of the careers that the children were interested in doing when they were older. The children could talk about how they would achieve their aspirational careers.

Year 5

We had a great start to the year! I have been particularly impressed with how quickly everyone has settled back into routine and has given 100% effort with their learning. We have begun our new curriculum theme 'Historical Detectives' based on the Ancient Greeks. We started with a code breaking activity where children had to decipher a letter written using the Greek alphabet. We all found it quite challenging but we showed great resilience and didn't give up. The big question for our theme is 'What impact did the Ancient Greeks have on modern day society?'. We are excited to learn about the Greek Gods and Goddesses as well as Greek myths. In addition to this, we have been thinking about our aspirations for the school year alongside our aspirations for our future careers. Year 5 were articulate and could explain their chosen careers and what they needed to do to achieve it. Keep up the great work Year 5, I'm already excited for next week!



Year 6

We have been working hard to set ourselves and each other high expectations of the year to come. We have settled back into school life wonderfully and have already been wow-ing me with their fantastic attitude to learning. This week we have been considering our 'aspire sentences'. Not only have we considered what career and path we would like to follow when we are older, we have also identified what we can do now to help us achieve our aspirations. On Monday, we went on a trip on an airplane! We had our passports checked and boarded 6H airlines to a mystery location. After a small bit of turbulence, Year 6 noticed that the landscape around us was changing from lush green grass to a desolate desert. After spotting a pyramid in the distance, Year 6 correctly guessed we had safely landed in Cairo, Egypt and that our new curriculum theme 'Historical Detectives' is based on the Ancient Egyptians! We are all very excited to learn about how Egyptians lived, worked and were able to create such incredible structures! It has been a fantastic first week in Year 6, I can't wait for next week!


School Entry starting Monday 13th September

We have been reviewing school entry procedures since returning, and we are very thankful to everyone for their considerate approach and patience. From Monday, we would like to welcome **all years from Reception through to Year 6** to drop off their children on the **main school playground**.

Years 4, 5 & 6 will enter in the top KS2 door, Years 1, 2 & 3 will enter in the bottom KS1 door and Reception will rejoin us and will enter school via the ramp and glass door at the bottom of the playground.

Hopefully this will greatly help those families moving forwards who have siblings to drop off and pick up. Again, thank you for your patience and we will continue to monitor and review processes.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance from 6th to 10th September: 99.23%		
Reception	99.45%	 <p style="text-align: center;">Well done and congratulations to Year 1, 2 & 6 for receiving the 'Attendance Trophy' this week</p>
Year 1	100%	
Year 2	100%	
Year 3	97.62%	
Year 4	98.79%	
Year 5	100%	
Year 6	98.97%	

Sports Clubs for September

Clubs will start on Monday and you should have now received sign up letters and payment requests via Iris Parentmail. If you would like your child to stay at school for a club, please make sure you have completed the sign-up (consent) form beforehand

	After School Sports Clubs - 3.30 - 4.20pm	
Monday	Football Club - Years 1,2 and 3	Dodgeball Club - Years 4,5 and 6
Tuesday	Football Club - Years 4,5 and 6	Dodgeball Club - Years 1, 2 and 3

PE Uniform

PE uniform is available to order online from Echo Workwear and will be delivered to school. Thank you in advance for your support to promote the importance of physical activity with your child.

<https://www.echoworkwearandembroidery.co.uk/shop>



Price: £6.40



Price: £11.00



Price: £4.50



Price £9.0

DIARY DATES

Monday 13th September - Roald Dahl Day

TERM DATES

2021- 2022 Autumn Term Dates

Term Starts: Thursday 2nd September 2021

Half Term: Monday 25th October- Friday 29th October 2021

Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021

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:

Inset Days 2021- 2022

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Friday 26th November 2021

Friday 10th December 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 27th June 2022 TBC

Friday 22nd July 2022 Extra bank Holiday

Other News

School Lunches



School lunches are available to book online using the Iris Parentmail app. Please can we ask that these are booked in advance. Please contact the school office if you haven't received your log in.

Roald Dahl Day - Monday 13th September

We are excited to celebrate Roald Dahl Day on Monday with a Sponsored Readathon and lots of activities taking place in school. Please have a look at the letter sent out via Parentmail for all of the details. Paper sponsorship forms can be collected from the school office if needed.



Major Road Closure

The A456 Manor Way, Halesowen, will be closed next week (13th-17th September) from 6:30am on Monday until 5pm on Friday - subject to the works being completed. During this period there will be temporary diversions put in place, a map (shared with us by Benniman Construction Group) illustrates the diversion route.

This will of course severely impact the traffic flow around our school. Please can we ask that as much as possible, you allow additional time for your journey, or consider alternative means of travel if at all possible. Please do also take extra care when travelling in what we imagine will be a particularly busy period.



National Online Safety



What parents need to know about Rocket League

Something of an unexpected success after its 2015 debut, Rocket League settled into a steady if unspectacular groove of moderate audiences in the following years. Like many online video games, however, it enjoyed a significant spike in popularity over recent months as children and young people sought entertainment during lockdown.

Over-consumption, in fact, is one of the main issues with the game – which relies on frequent (and occasionally long) sessions of play if users want to progress up the rankings. Today's #WakeUpWednesday guide to the game also pinpoints potential risks including in-game purchases and the possibility of scams which target naïve younger players.

[Please click here the national online safety guide for more information](#)

Local Events

Heritage Open Days

Several of Dudley's historical buildings will be throwing open their doors over the Heritage Open Day week:

Former Crown Public House, Saturday 11 September, 10am to 4pm, are hosting the [Dudley Society of Artists exhibition](#) and information about the [West Midlands Historic Trust](#).



St Edmund's Church, Saturday 11 September 10am to 2pm, including an exhibition about the Growing up in Dudley project. Why not find out about the 'Growing Up in Dudley' project - you may want to get involved!

[Dudley Castle](#), Thursday 16 & Friday 17 September, 3.30pm – 7.30pm, free access to the courtyard – prebooking required

[Top Church](#), Saturday 18 September 11am to 3pm will be holding a 'Brilliant Bread' event with children's activities

You can also visit some of the local heritage sites virtually- starting today. For more information please visit: [Welcome to Dudley Heritage Open Days 2021](#)

Visitor Trails- For those wishing to visit the town centre, you can find downloadable self-guided tours on the Discover Dudley website.

This year sees the launch of three new Dudley trails: Time Trail, Public Art Trail and Halesowen Heritage Trail plus the existing walks, Architectural Heritage Trail, and the Geological Heritage Trail.

Courses for Parents, Carers & Grandparents

Dudley MBC have pre-paid for every parent and carer in Dudley to access a range of courses for parents/carers (access now for life-long access). There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents about children from bump to 19+ years, from the [Solihull Approach](#) (NHS).

Course available include:

- Understanding your pregnancy, birth, labour and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child (0-19+ yrs, main course)
- Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19+ yrs, main course)
- Understanding your child's feelings (taster course)
- Understanding your child's brain (short course)
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing (accompanies UYC and UYCAD)



The courses can be found [here](#) and can be accessed using code: **CASTLE**