

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and continue to stay safe. All the staff would like to express their gratitude for all the Christmas gifts they received.

We are looking forward to Spring term as the weather begins to improve. Until then, please supply your child with a coat as we will be going outside for morning break and lunchtime. We will endeavour to continue with the variety of activities planned throughout the term. I would like to thank you in advance for your patience if we have to make changes due to the ever changing Covid situation.

We will be following the government advice regarding testing and isolation. Presently, children who test positive either by LFT or PCR will need to isolate from day 0 for 10 days. Adults who are double vaccinated, and children can end their isolation after 2 negative LFT from day 7. Please continue to send evidence of positive test results to covidtest@tweeddale.org

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Terrie Jerrom

Water in school

Please can you make sure that children come to school with water in a named bottle, and not juice. We are seeing more children bringing juice into class which is not permitted.

Family Liaison Officer

Our Family Liaison Officer is Ms Jane Barbury
Contact: 020 8644 5665

The role of the Family Liaison Officer is to listen, support and advise by offering practical parenting strategies to help with:

- ☑ Strengthening existing parenting skills
- ☑ Managing challenging behaviour and setting boundaries
- ☑ Concerns around the family
- ☑ Attendance and lateness
- ☑ Routines, mealtimes, sleep and play
- ☑ Parents becoming more involved with their child's school and learning
- ☑ Ensuring children complete home learning
- ☑ Making informed choices and accessing local services

Lost Property

Has your child come home without some of their uniform?

Lost property is in the reception. Please come in to look for your child's lost items.

Please name your child's clothes this enables us to return lost items to the

A request from the office

Do you have any old, spare school trousers or tracksuit bottoms for boys (aged 3-6) or socks and tights for girls?
If you have any of these items that can be used as spares, could you please send them into the school office.
Thank you.

Reminder

The Closing date for Reception Applications for September 2022 is Saturday 15th January 2022.

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 1 had an exciting start to the term, the children and the staff donned their superhero costumes for the day to launch their new topic 'Superheroes'. Everyone looked wonderful. During the day the children took part in an outdoor superhero hunt and got to share their ideas about superheroes through discussions, movement and writing. Some of the children even brought in their favourite superhero toy to show. The children have since been learning how to draw their own superheroes in preparation for painting.

If anyone has any superhero comics or other related items they no longer need, Year 1 would be happy to find them a new home.

Miss Thirtle



Dates for your Diary

January 2022

Tuesday 18th.....	Yr6 Boys Football Match V Stanley Park, 3.45-4.45pm
Thursday 20th.....	Girls Football Match V Muschamp, 3.00-4.30pm
Thursday 20th.....	Mufti Day
Friday 21st.....	Year 4 Assembly, 2.45pm
Monday 24th.....	Walk to School Week
Monday 24th.....	Yr6 Boys Football Match V St Marys, 3.45-4.45pm
Thursday 27th.....	Yr6 Boys Football Match V Holy Trinity, 3.45-4.45pm

February 2022

Thursday 3rd	Yr5/6 Climbing Competition, 1.30-3.30pm
Tuesday 8th.....	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10th	Girls Football Match V Mushchamp, 3.00-4.30pm

Sports News

On Tuesday, 10 children from Y6, Mr Onyskiw and Mrs McLean went to Carshalton Athletic for a league game against Highview. The boys played really well, showing great skill and teamwork throughout the game. Tweeddale scored the first two goals of the game which sent great excitement through the boys! Unfortunately Highview scored the next goal taking the score to 2-1. Tweeddale pulled together to score another which was quickly copied by Highview. With minutes remaining, Tweeddale dug deep as they didn't want to throw their initial lead away and managed to score again! The final score was 4-2 to Tweeddale! Great game boys! An extra well done to the goal scorers Hood, Nathan BD, Daniel and Frankie! Keep up the great play.



UKS2 News (Years 5 & 6)

It has been a quiet start to the new year for the children in Year 5 & 6 but all of the children returned to school eager to learn and ready for the challenges they would face this term. In Year 5 children have started the new topic of 'Beast Creator' which fits with their science topic of 'Living things and their Habitats.' I have been reassured no beasts will be taking over the school! In Year 6, this term's topic is 'Darwin's Delights' which will see the children learning all about Charles Darwin and his discoveries on the Galapagos Islands. In science they will also be learning about Darwin's Theory of Evolution. Hopefully the children in Year 6 do not expect a trip to the Galapagos islands to learn more!

Mrs McLean - UKS2 Leader

Mrs Henderson

Mrs Henderson will be leaving Tweeddale on Friday 14th January. She will be very much missed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her many years of hard work supporting the children at Tweeddale with their learning. We wish her all the best in her new job.

EYFS News (Nursery & Reception)

Since returning from the Christmas holidays, in Early Years we have welcome some new children into the Nursery class and they are settling in really well. Both Nursery and Reception are currently learning about the season Winter. In Nursery, the children have been decorating and making their own collages of hats, scarves and gloves using a range of materials. In Reception, the children have been playing outside and looking at how the environment has changed. Reception noticed how frosty it was one morning and spent hours talking and playing with the ice, how it is made and how it melts. They really enjoyed making hand prints and showing their friends.

Miss Digman—EYFS Leader



Punctuality Award

On Monday the children were told about a new weekly certificate that will be awarded to classes that have had 100% punctuality for the week. The certificates will be given to all classes with 100% punctuality at our attendance assemblies on Monday mornings.

Please note that lessons start promptly at the start of the day. Please ensure your child is in school on time to avoid them missing parts of their learning.

If you are going to be late please ring the school office to let us know.

Thank you for your support.

Headteacher Awards

Well done to all the children who worked so hard to achieve Headteacher awards.

Tamara Y5—for fantastic research into the Tudors
Leah Y3- for writing a newspaper article about Ironman
Leah Y3—for using correct punctuation in her writing
Arden Y2—for great writing about Moz the monster
Esme Y3 - for great independent writing about magnets
Tommie-Lee Y6—for enthusiastic singing
Adam Y3—for great maths work estimating and measuring
Vivienne Y5—for writing 2 scenes from Macbeth
Stanton Y2—for great improvement in his writing
Tyler Y5—for making a great model of a Tudor house
Ryan Y5—for making a Tudor ring
Alfie Y5—for making a fantastic model of an Iron maiden
Louie Ray Y3—for great effort in maths on fractions
Louie Ray Y3—for great work on arrays for multiples of 3,4 and 8
Joey Y3—for great effort with his handwriting
Logan Y4—for drawing a fantastic mountain range picture
Ellie May Y4—for drawing a fantastic mountain range picture
Charlie Y4—for drawing a fantastic mountain range picture
Leah Marie Y5—for writing a non-chronological report

Koala Class Y4—for 3D style drawings creating a mountain landscape scene



Caring for Animals and our Environment day.

On Thursday 20th January we will be holding a special day on caring for animals (EYFS and KS1) and caring for our environment (KS2). The children will be able to dress in mufti clothes on this day (NO FOOTBALL KITS). The classes will be doing activities based on these themes. Class teachers will provide more details of specific activities for their classes. The school kitchen will be providing a special meal in this day. Please sign up for the lunch.

A letter will be sent home with the sign up slip attached.



Lower KS2 News (Years 3 & 4)

On Thursday afternoon, a group of children from years 3 and 4 had the opportunity to learn a new sport at Carshalton Boys'. They learnt the skills of handball with lots of throwing, running and catching activities. After a short break, the children played against other schools and scored some brilliant goals. The children had a lot of fun and enjoyed learning about a new sport.

Miss Docksey
LKS2 Leader

