



28 February 2025

Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

The month of February has gone by in a flash! I hope everyone had a good half-term break. This week has been a full one as usual! On Monday, teachers spent the day conducting an analysis of our recent mid-year data, which assesses the progress pupils are making at the half-way point in the year. We took time to identify learning gaps and draw up plans to plug these gaps so we can improve pupils' attainment even further in the second half of the year. Teachers have also reviewed the Learning Support Plans for pupils with a special educational need or disability (SEND) and these will be shared with parents.

There is a real buzz of excitement in our Early Years classes as the new climbing frame is almost complete. We hope to be able to start using it next Monday and we can't wait! Mrs Digman, our Early Years Lead, has promised to test out the slide first! We were hugely grateful for financial support from Sutton Local Authority, who have covered a large part of the cost of this new facility.

Yesterday, we hosted a Coffee Morning workshop on the topic of helping children manage anxiety, led by Dr. Ellen Westwood from the NHS Educational Well-being Service. It was excellent and I can commend this service to all parents. It is a free service, which offers 1-to-1 support for parents. For more details, please check their website <https://swlstg.nhs.uk/education-wellbeing-service>. I am delighted with this partnership we have with the NHS and Dr. Westwood will deliver some training to our teachers next month. In addition yesterday, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a special workshop with Al Sylvester MBE, an explorer who visited the South Pole. He was really inspiring and we learned so much about exploration and living in the Antarctic.

I want to give a short update on our school teams. Our footballers put in an excellent effort against Wood Field Primary, scoring one but ultimately losing by a small margin. Our Year 6 'Top of the Form' Team did really well in the second round against Cuddington Croft Primary but were sadly beaten, despite some excellent answers. There is huge potential for us to build from here and we are proud of all our teams who represent Tweeddale so well.

Next week we have our Parents Evening on Thursday 6 March from 2-7pm. Please sign up to speak to your child's class teacher. **Lessons finish at 1.45pm** on that day but special permission can be requested via the school office if you can only collect your child at the usual time. Then on **Friday 7 March is World Book Day**, when children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr. Walters, Headteacher

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