

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. The children have returned keen to continue their learning and I have seen some fantastic work around the school. This half term, World book day will be celebrated to encourage all our children to enjoy reading. We will be holding our parents evening on Monday 25th March. Please see the letter about booking appointments that will be shared next week. This is an opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements in school and for us to work together to encourage this further.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Jerrom

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 23rd Feb - Boys Football vs Barrow Hedges	Fri 15th Mar - Girls Football vs Holy Trinity
Fri 1st Mar - Girls Football vs Bandon Hill	Mon 18th Mar - National Dental Survey Rec & Yr1
W/B Mon 4th Mar - Yr6 Mock SATs Week	Thurs 21st Mar - Rocksteady Assembly
Thurs 7th Mar - World Book Day	Mon 25th Mar - Parents Evening
Fri 8th Mar - Girls Football vs Muschamp	Wed 27th Mar - Oral Health Promotion
Wed 13th Mar - Class Photographs	<b>Thurs 28th Mar - Break up for Easter 2pm Finish</b>

### LKS2 News

In year 3 the children have been learning about an earthquake in Nepal and learning about how to write a newspaper article. Next week they will be writing their brown newspaper articles about the earthquake. Art lessons this week have included learning about how to draw people and they have made excellent sketches of their friends.



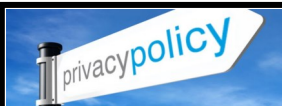
Year 4 have had a great start back to learning after the half term break. In Maths we have been recapping what we learnt last year about fractions and applying it to some slightly harder questions. Our topic learning has moved on to learning more about mountains and the children did their own research to find out about Scafell Pike. Some excellent artwork from the end of last term hung up in the class provides great inspiration for our lessons. In Computing lessons this term, the children are writing their own blogs about a subject of their choice. It will be great to see what the children enjoy writing about.

Mrs Iraola



### Headteacher Awards

Zanab YR - for fantastic independent writing  
 Saanvi Y4 - for a great computing presentation about misty mountains  
 Ava YR - for wonderful independent writing  
 Victor Y1 - for drawing a lovely picture of Tower Bridge  
 Akankshi Y4 - for a great computing presentation about misty mountains  
 Krishma Y3 - for writing a poem using expanded noun phrases about a volcano  
 Yazeedah Y1 - for drawing an outstanding picture of Big Ben  
 Reuben Y1 - for drawing a lovely picture of Tower Bridge



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## UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Year 5 have been settling back quickly into routine this week. Having finished our topic about life cycles, we are excited to be learning about space in Science. We feel pretty small! In English we are planning a piece of writing in diary form, based on our book 'The Secret Garden'. We have been hot-seating so that we can really start getting into character. The children are enjoying playing basketball in PE, especially as the weather is improving! Please continue to ensure that your child is reading regularly (preferably every day) and completing homework and spelling practice each week.

Year 6 have hit the ground running this half term, continuing with our topic Frozen Kingdom; learning more about inuit art and carvings. Children created some great carvings out of soap in the style of the inuit people. Thank you for supporting this learning by ensuring your child had a bar of soap! In science, we will be learning about Darwin and his theory of evolution and in PE the children will be developing their badminton and basketball skills. The children have been great at taking on a challenge and are eagerly preparing for their mock SATs in a couple of weeks time.

Mrs McLean

## KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

In year 1, the children continue to learn about different types of words. They have learnt to identify nouns and verbs and are now beginning to explore the role of adjectives. They have explored a range of different objects and written adjectives to describe them, they then used these words in sentences. They will use what they have learnt to describe London landmarks. In maths, the children have been learning new vocabulary to express times of the day. They have begun to explore analogue clocks and have been reading and making o'clock times.

In year 2, the children have been learning about the features of non-chronological reports. They have worked hard to write their own using headings and subheadings. In maths the children have been learning about fractions, they have been finding half of different amounts and will be moving on to identifying a quarter and three quarters of an amount.

Miss Thirtle

## End of food vouchers for school holidays

Food vouchers during the school holidays for families in receipt of benefits-related free school meals are no longer available. This follows the government's Household Support Fund coming to an end at the end of March 2024. The last round of vouchers were issued over the February 2024 half term.

Other support for families is still available, including the Holiday Activities and Food programme. If you are on benefits-related free school meals you will soon receive your unique booking voucher for our Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which provides SEND-friendly holiday activities and healthy food throughout the day.

[Further information about HAF and the other support available to families in Sutton can be found here](#)

## Foundation Stage

Before the children broke up for half term, the children in Reception were learning all about Chinese New Year. They learnt about the story of the Zodiac and outside, they were acting out the story themselves and using toys. On Friday, they had the opportunity to food taste different Chinese food, such as spring rolls and prawn crackers.

It is clear to see that the children had a well deserved rest and are ready to learn about their new topic.

In Nursery, the children are learning about the Chinese New Year this week. They are enjoying the story of how the months got their names. In Expressive Arts and Design, the children are painting cherry blossom trees. They have transformed part of their classroom into a Chinese shop and put Chinese food in the malleable area. The children have loved doing Chinese mark making. The class have loved listening to Chinese music and watching videos of the dragons and lions dancing in the street. In Maths, they are continuing with the fantastic counting.

Reception's new topic this half term is called 'Ready, Steady, Grow!' The children have really enjoyed reading and sharing the story called 'The gigantic turnip' by Aleksei Tolstoy. In Literacy this week the children have been looking at farm books and talking about fiction and non fiction books. In class, children have been encouraged to make comments and ask questions to find out more. The children have had the opportunity to talk about their memorable experiences if they have been to the Farm.

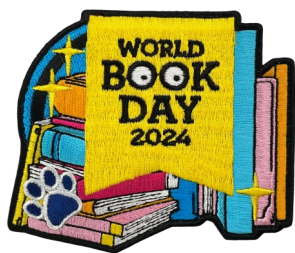
In Maths this week the children have continued to subitise and using farm animals to do this. The children had to identify how many animals they can see on each card without counting them. The children have been exploring the numbers bonds to 5.

In our daily Phonics lessons, the children have been focusing on ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, oo, ow, oi, ear. They have been identifying the sounds and reading words with these sounds in, as well as our previous sounds. The tricky words we have been learning this week are is, as, his, has, the, I, put, pull, full.

Outside in the playground, the children have had so much fun in soapy water and using sponges and cloths to clean the scooters and bikes.

The children have enjoyed learning about various fruits and vegetables. At the creative table, the children have been using fruit to make patterns in the paint. The children have enjoyed sharing their work with their friends and talking about the patterns, designs and effects they have created. The children are pretending the home corner is a shop. They are using pretend food items with labels to go shopping. The children are encouraged to buy two items and then add the amount together.

Miss Digman



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and we have decided to mark this special day asking children to come dressed in their favourite book characters. We have lots of fun activities planned for the day to promote a love of reading.

The Children will be given a £1 book token to bring home, which can be exchanged for WHSmith, WaterStones and other local book shops (including most supermarkets) for the Special World Book Day books <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Thank you for working with us to help make your child's education exciting and memorable.

Miss Dhillon

### Absence Request Forms

Absence request forms are now available from the school office. If you are requesting time off for your child during term time then this form needs to be completed and handed in to the office. Authorisation will only be given for requests of absence due to exceptional circumstances.

### Sports News

Tweeddale Girls football team played their first league match of the season on Wednesday, February 7th, away against Stanley Park. In windy conditions and on a heavy pitch, the girls got stuck in from the first whistle and Amelia scored an early goal to give Tweeddale the lead. For the rest of the half, Stanley Park had plenty of possession, though Tweeddale's defence, led by Lola, stood firm. The second half followed a similar pattern - Lola, Sima and Precious stayed firm in defence, Serenity focused in goal, with Tilly, Lexie and Limota looking to maintain a threat on the counter attack. Soon, Amelia grabbed her and Tweeddale's second goal, 2-0! However, Stanley Park came back strongly and scored one back, to set up a nervous last 5 minutes, before Lexie scored a goal of her own to secure a fine 3-1 win! Well played girls! A strong start to the defence of our league title!

Team: Serenity, Lola, Sima, Precious, Harriett, Kenayah, Tilly-Boe, Lexie, Limota, Amelia (c)



Mr Dix

### School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October**

**Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October**

**Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December**

School Holiday

**Friday 22nd December - Friday 5th January**

#### **SPRING TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February**

**Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**

**Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March**

School Holiday

**Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April**

#### **SUMMER TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May**

**Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

**Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July**

#### INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 4th December

Monday 8th January

Wednesday 24th July

# Sutton School Streets



## A new school street zone is coming to Tweeddale Primary School and Tweeddale Children's Centre

Tweeddale Road will be restricted between Winchcombe Road and Paisley Road.



Term time only - starting **4 March 2024**.

**Monday - Friday: 8.15am - 9am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm**

Roads will remain open to pedestrians, cyclists and those with exemptions.


For more information visit [sutton.gov.uk/schoolstreets](https://sutton.gov.uk/schoolstreets)

## CAMHS Education Wellbeing Service

At our next parent's evening, professionals from Sutton CAMHS Education Wellbeing Service will be present to speak to anyone who is interested to know more about the interventions and support they can offer to parents/carers of primary school aged children.

Their service offers two guided self-help interventions to skill up parents/carers to support their child with

- 1) managing fears and worries and/or
- 2) manage behavioural struggles.



# EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

**DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 3-11?**

**IS IT DIFFICULT TO GET YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS?**

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE REGULAR TANTRUMS?**

**DOES YOUR CHILD FEEL ANXIOUS IN NEW / SOCIAL SITUATIONS?**

**IS THE BEDTIME ROUTINE A DAILY STRUGGLE?**

**DO YOU FEEL STUCK IN A NEGATIVE CYCLE WITH YOUR CHILD?**

**DO YOUR CHILD'S WORRIES OR FEARS IMPACT ON YOUR FAMILY'S DAILY LIFE?**

**DO YOU STRUGGLE TO GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS?**

**AN NHS WELLBEING PRACTITIONER MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!**

**I'M LEVINE  
I'M BASED AT TWEEDDALE ON THURSDAY  
FEEL FREE TO SAY HI AND ASK ME ABOUT THE WORK WE DO.**

**WE OFFER:**  
1:1 GUIDED SELF HELP TO PARENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S ANXIETY OR BEHAVIOUR  
6-8 WEEKLY SESSIONS TO HELP YOU REFLECT ON HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF YOUR CHILD AND LEARN TO PUT EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES IN PLACE SO THAT FAMILY LIFE CAN FEEL CALMER AND HAPPIER.

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