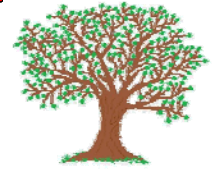




Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Friday 1st March 2013

Dear Parents and Carers

This is going to be a very short half-term with many new and exciting activities and experiences for the children. The staff are working very hard to ensure the children make maximum progress and we welcome your support and involvement in your child's learning.

Year 5 class Assembly - Yesterday, we were delighted to watch year 5's class assembly about the Aztecs. They took us back in time and we learnt about their way of life, their culture and their gods. The hall was transformed into an Aztec market place and temple and the children's costumes ensured they all presented themselves from a different time and place. We could hear every word and parents who attended were clearly delighted. 'The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy playing the parts. Really well done.'

Parent/Carer Consultation meetings - This term, there is a further opportunity for you to talk to teachers about your child's progress and discuss targets for their ongoing improvement. The meetings will be:

Thursday March 14th 2.15pm-7.00pm (school will close at 2pm)

Monday March 18th 3.30-5.00pm

There will be letters coming home to individual parents and carers to agree times of meetings. The staff will make every effort to ensure that parents and carers with more than one child have times that ensure a gap but not a long waiting period between meetings. Parents and carers of children in Cheetah class will have meetings on a different day and time. I will send a letter to explain how this will be organised at the beginning of next week.

Tweeddale Book Week - Miss Evans has organised a fantastic Book Week, based on an Anthony Browne book entitled 'The Mirror'. This will be a wonderful week full of inspirational visitors and opportunities to write new ideas. Ask your child to tell you about it.

Comic Relief Day Friday 15th March - It's come around again! A special day that gives everyone an opportunity to dress up and raise some money for very needy children. On Friday 15th March, children are invited to dress up in anything red. We leave the imagination and creativity to you. However, please can we request no football kits and please ensure your child wears sensible shoes. Please can children bring a £1.00 to donate to this very worthy cause.

Chinese New Year - Thank you very much to Hsiang Yuchen for sharing her Chinese New Year Festival with the children before half term. I know they found it very interesting and the Chinese children told me about their fantastic new year celebrations.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for parent governors.

Being a governor is an interesting and rewarding role. The governing body itself is made up from various groups including parents & staff and is responsible for a wide range of important matters, which directly affect the education and the well being of the pupils. To be a good governor you do not need any special qualifications except to have a child on the school roll at the time of the election. You just need to be willing to take an active part in the meetings, to get involved and gain greater knowledge of the school and help make sound decisions. There is an evening

meeting of all governors once a term and in addition you will need to attend the meeting of one of our committees.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please collect a letter containing more information and a nomination form from the school office.

It is important that parents are represented on the governing body. I hope you will consider nominating yourself.

Completed nomination forms need to be returned to the school office **by Friday 8th March 2013**.

Class Attendance - w/c 11 February 2013

99.1% Badger Class
99.0% Eagle Class
98.3% Monkey Class
97.4% Puffin Class
96.9% Jaguar Class



95.4% Polar Bear Class
95.0% Turtle Class
94.6% Panda Class
94.2% Hedgehog Class
93.3% Ladybird Class



87.9% Butterfly Class
85.4% Wombat Class
84.5% Cheetah Class
84.2% Kestrel Class

Parents drop-in sessions with the school nurse

Once a fortnight, the school nurse holds a drop-in session for parents/carers in the Round Room. If there is anything you would like to discuss with her, please go along to the Round Room after 2pm. There is no need to book. The remaining dates for this term are Tuesday 5th March and Tuesday 19th March.



Dates for your diary

w/c Monday 4th March..... Book Week
Tuesday 5th March Josh Lacey (Author) visiting school
Wednesday 6th March..... Year 4 - Middleton Library
Friday 8th March Children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character
w/c Monday 11th March..... Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall after school
Tuesday 12th March Choir - Voice in a Million at Wembley
Wednesday 13th March..... Polar Bear class Mosque visit
Thursday 14th March 9:00am Eagle Class assembly
2:15pm-7pm Parent/teacher consultations (**school closes at 2pm**)
Friday 15th March Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Monday 18th March 3:30pm-5pm Parent/teacher consultations (school closes at normal time)
Wednesday 20th March..... Wombat Class Mosque visit
Thursday 21st March Year 5 trip to Shere Village
Thursday 28th March..... Hat Parade
2:00pm Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 15th April **INSET Day - School and Children's Centre closed**
Tuesday 16th April..... Children return to school at normal time

Term Dates 2012-2013


These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year along with the Tweeddale INSET days:

Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term

Children who ride on their scooters to school

Please can parents ensure that they take their children's scooters home as we cannot store them in school during the day.

Children's Centre Information

A full timetable of our activities can be found in the file downloads area on the Tweeddale website www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk. You can also follow us on  www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC

Contact the Centre on 020 8404 1640 or email tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org



New Group

"Busy Buddies"

Designed for children under 5 years old. A chance for busy bodies to sample music, have a boogie, listen to a story with arts and crafts!

Thursday's from 10:00 until 11:00 at Tweeddale Children's Centre

