

# Weekly Newsletter



Tweeddale Primary School

Tuesday 10th May 2011



Dear Parents & Carers

This week is Year 6 SATs week, and all the children are working especially hard to do their very best in their tests. Staff have done all they can to get them ready, so now we just keep our fingers crossed...

Of course children in Year 2 are also doing their end of key stage assessments, and these will be going on for the whole of May. It is especially important that children in these two year groups are in school, every day, on time.

## Measles Risk

We have been warned that there have been a number of confirmed cases of measles, in the UK, in the last month. Most cases have been in people who have not been immunised and are in secondary age pupils. However, parents should take all necessary steps to ensure that their children are safe from this disease. Advice from the Health Protection Agency is that children should have the MMR vaccination to protect them. If you require any information about the vaccination or have any concerns, you should consult your GP or come in to school any Thursday afternoon to speak to Geraldine Ball, our School Nurse. If you are considering a holiday to France, or other parts of mainland Europe, please be aware that the spread of measles in these areas is much greater than in the UK.

## Co-location Project

You will be able to see the new building taking shape. The floors and roof are both in place, as are the new first floor rooms at the back of the Children's Centre. It's so exciting to see the building taking shape in this way and some of our Year 5 pupils will be going over to have a look around the site and for a talk from the site foreman, Graham Chettah.



## New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Tweeddale this term. Yvonne Grant working in years 4 & 5 and Ghazala Zubair & Laura Reado both working in Reception. Holly Kearey has also transferred from the Children's Centre to School Nursery for the Summer term.

## Late Letters

Some of you will have received letters telling you how many times your child was late last term. We are monitoring punctuality very carefully and do expect all children to arrive in good time for the start of the school day.

## Attendance Awards this Week

Well done to Butterfly Class, who had the best attendance last week with a stunning 99.2% Turtle Class came a close 2<sup>nd</sup> with 99.1%. Kestrel Class were in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 97.4%. Hedgehog Class were awarded a certificate for excellent punctuality – no late marks for the whole week! Can your child's class do as well?

## Parents drop-in sessions with the school nurse

Dates for parents drop-in sessions this half term are Thursday 12 May and Thursday 26 May. The school nurse will be available in the Round Room from 2pm. If there is anything you would like to discuss with her, please go to the Round Room at 2pm. There is no need to book.



## Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd May—Class photos  
Friday 27th May—Year 1 visit Kew Gardens  
Friday 27th May—School breaks up at normal time for half term  
w/c 30th May—half term  
Monday 6th June—INSET day—School, Children’s Centre & Play Centre are closed  
Tuesday 7th June—Children return to school  
Monday 27th June—Sports Day  
Wednesday 29th June—Year 6 to visit Sutton Life Centre  
Saturday 2nd July—11am-2pm Summer Fete  
Monday 4th July—end of year parent/teacher meetings—school closes at 2pm

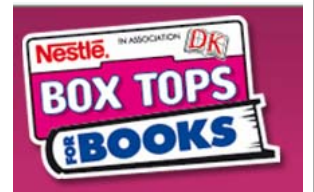
### Tesco Vouchers

The Tesco promotion has now ended. Please bring any vouchers that you have at home into school as soon as possible.




### Nestle “BOX TOPS”

We are also collecting “BOX TOPS” tokens from packets of Nestlé cereal. School can exchange these tokens for educational books from Dorling Kindersley. Please send tokens in to the school office. Thank you



## 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](http://www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk). You can also follow us on  [www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC](https://www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)

### Antenatal Classes

**at Tweeddale Children’s Centre  
Every Monday 2-3:30pm**

These sessions give you the opportunity to meet the midwifery staff and other parents-to-be, as well as giving you tips on preparing for your new baby. To book your place on the antenatal classes please contact the St Helier Community Midwifery Team on 020 8296 2059



### Children’s Centre Day Nursery

As you may know, our Nursery provision in the Children’s Centre has been reorganised and, as a result the following members of staff have left Tweeddale: Catherine Bedford, Janet Cook, Amanda Higgins, Louise Knight, Nicola Lambert, Rachel Ramsey, Sally Whitlock and Caroline Williams.

We wish them the best of luck in their new ventures. The Day Nursery now operates as a pre-school provision, for children from 2-5 years, from 9:00-3:30 during term time. If you would like any information about our Children’s Centre Nursery, please contact Kerry de Bonici at the Children’s Centre.