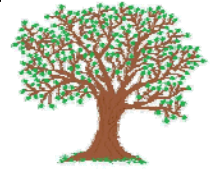




Weekly Newsletter *The Tweeddales*

Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 11th December 2012



Dear Parents and Carers

This is the penultimate newsletter for autumn term 2012. I will be doing a look back over this term next week so that we can review what we have achieved and what we can look forward to in 2013.

'Never Too Late to Learn' club

Last Thursday, a group of year 6 children embarked on a new club with 'Contacting People' a local voluntary organisation. The children are working alongside people 2 generations older and teaching them Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills. Each child is providing 1:1 teaching and helping our senior citizens to e-mail, surf the internet and write letters. The first week was a great success and we hope that this club will run all year, with different groups of adults and children working together. John Gallop, our Chair of Governors came to see us in action and proclaimed this 'Absolutely wonderful!'. More news next term!

Tweeddale Christmas Fayre

I would like to congratulate everyone for the amazing achievement at the Christmas Fayre last Friday. Staff and parents worked a miracle and created a fantastic Fayre that was really buzzing with parents and carers buying bargains for Christmas and enjoying the festive atmosphere. Some people commented that it was one of Tweeddales' best!

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone that helped to prepare for the Fayre, work on stalls and help clear up. It was a very well organised event and I am immensely proud of everyone. The children were full of praise for the Fayre and really enjoyed the face painting, visiting Santa and wrapping their Christmas presents. We will have probably made about £1,000 for the school and next term we will be deciding how to spend our PTFA funds on school improvements.

Tweeddale Celebrating Christmas

This week is all about celebrating Christmas across the school in different ways. The Upper Phase is putting on a performance of 'Mr Humbug sees the Light'. This is a modern take on the classic Charles Dickens Scrooge story and I am really looking forward to seeing the polished performance. The rehearsals have sounded wonderful!

The Middle Phase is holding a traditional Carol Service at St Peter's Church and I can't wait to sing along to some new and some traditional carols. The true message of Christmas is so important in our busy 21st Century lives.

The Nursery and Reception classes, along with the Children's Centre nursery, will be holding a Christingle service at St Peter's Church. This is an opportunity to share Christmas with our Foundation Stage children who may be part of a Tweeddale celebration for the first time!



I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas festivities and sharing this very special time.

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher



Class Attendance - w/c 3 December 2012

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| 98.3% | Panda Class |  | 92.3% | Butterfly Class |  | 88.3% | Hedgehog Class |
| 98.0% | Puffin Class | | 91.4% | Cheetah Class | | 88.0% | Wombat Class |
| 96.3% | Monkey Class | | 90.7% | Turtle Class | | 87.0% | Jaguar Class |
| 94.8% | Eagle Class | | 89.5% | Kestrel Class | | 84.0% | Badger Class |
| 92.7% | Polar Bear Class | | 88.7% | Ladybird 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 last drop-in session for this term is on Tuesday 18 December.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 12th December 2:00pm Upper Phase "Mr Humbug sees the light" performance - school hall
 6:30pm Upper Phase "Mr Humbug sees the light" performance - school hall

Friday 14th December 2:00pm Nursery, Reception & Children's Centre Christingle at St Peter's Church

Monday 17th December..... 6:30pm Middle Phase Carol Service at St Peter's Church

Wednesday 19th December Whole School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 20th December Pantomime & Class Parties

Friday 21st December..... 2:00pm Break up for Christmas

Monday 7th January Children return to school at normal time



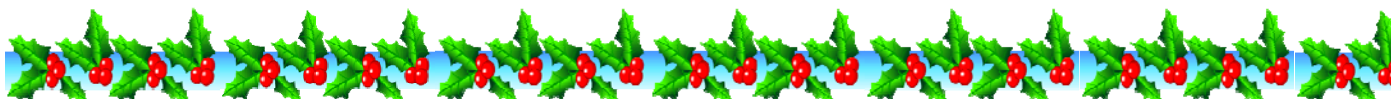
Term Dates 2012-2013

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


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| Friday 21st December 2012 | - Last day of term | Monday 15th April 2013 | - INSET Day |
| Monday 7th January 2013 | - Children return to school | Tuesday 16th April 2013 | - Children return to school |
| Friday 15th February 2013 | - INSET Day | w/c 27th May 2013 | - Half term (1 week) |
| w/c 18th February 2013 | - Half Term (1 week) | Friday 28th June 2013 | - INSET Day |
| Thursday 28th March 2013 | - Last day of term | Wednesday 24th July 2013 | - Last day of term |

REMINDER: Milk for Spring Term

Please remember that if your child wants to have milk in the Spring Term, you will need to request this with the office and pay for it using ParentPay or a PayPoint by the deadline of **Friday 21st December**. Letters have already been sent home. If you need another copy, please speak to the office.



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](https://twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)

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

Family Fun Activity Group

On Saturday 15th December 9.30-11.30am

For Dads, Mums, Step Parents, Grandparents and carers with their children who are under 5. The group is aimed at children under 5 years old but our doors are open to your child's siblings up to the age of 11 years old. We have fun indoor and outdoor activities, with no need to book, just drop in and join in the fun!

