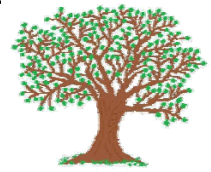


# Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School  
Tuesday 11th October 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

I am absolutely delighted with the fantastic achievements of children at Tweeddale last week. For the first time this term, all the classes achieved over 90% attendance from 90% in Cheetahs to 99.6% in Eagles. This gave us an overall attendance of 94.1%!!! I would like to congratulate all children, parents and carers for all your efforts. It is clearly working. Brilliant!!!

I have also noticed a big improvement in children's punctuality. I stand by the gate in the morning and I see children running to school and children who have been late in the past, walking into their classes for the beginning of the first lesson. I am very proud of everyone. Well done! A particular 'pat on the back' to Ladybird class who received no late marks at all last week.

Now that we are achieving higher standards in attendance and punctuality at the beginning of the day, may I remind parents that school finishes at 3.20pm. Please can you ensure that the children are collected promptly as staff are involved in extra-curricular activities and admin. tasks at the end of the school day. If parents and carers wish to collect their children later from school, there is the after school club each day. Please ask at the office for details.

I hope that parents and carers will be coming to the PTFA's Family Fun Night on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. This is a new event for Tweeddale Families and gives everyone an opportunity to celebrate the first half-term back at school this year and to enjoy some fun for the whole family.

I have been spending some time in classes during the last week, watching children show great concentration and commitment to their learning. We have a whole school focus on improving writing this year and children show great enthusiasm and excitement when they read their work to me in their classes or when they receive a Headteacher's Award.

Congratulations to these children - Danny Bosdet, Aqib Chaudhry, Donte Campbell, Courtney Cowan, David Cowan, Ryan Foote, Abigail Kimbati, Alex Matthews, Jessica Moat, Noor Sallah, Regan Sharpless, Shusangar Shivalingham and Billy Smith - for achieving a Headteacher's Award last week. Look out for our Upper School and Lower School Headteacher's Awards next week!

Best wishes  
Geraldine Wood

## Healthy Teeth

Children in year 3 have been learning about healthy teeth. Parents/carers of all our children can help support this at home by ensuring that their children have regular dental check-ups. If you need help to register with a dentist, please contact the school nurse via the school office.

## Attendance—w/c 3 October 2011

99.6% Eagle Class	94.1% Hedgehog Class
99.0% Monkey Class	94.1% Kestrel Class
97.3% Puffin Class	93.7% Ladybird Class
97.3% Turtle Class	92.9% Wombat Class
96.2% Polar Bear Class	92.0% Badger Class
96.0% Panda Class	91.7% Butterfly Class
94.8% Jaguar Class	90.0% Cheetah Class



## Secondary School Applications - Parents/Carers of Year 6 children

Although the closing date to receive applications is 31st October, the school admissions team are recommending that all applications for secondary school places are submitted by 21st October.

### **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 next sessions will be held after half-term on Wednesday 2nd November, Wednesday 16th November, Tuesday 29th November and Tuesday 13th December.

### **Lectures at SCOLA**

SCOLA have sent through a list of lectures that will be held at their Wallington or North Cheam centres. There are various lectures including "Reading and Spelling - How to help your child", "Child Food Allergy/Sensitivity" and "Fussy Eaters: Practical Advice". For more details, please see the SCOLA flyer on display in the school reception area or in the file downloads section of our website.



### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 13th October..... Year 5 trip to Morden Hall  
Friday 21st October ..... Jeans for Genes day  
6pm PTFA Family Fun Night  
School breaks up at normal time for half term  
w/c Monday 24th October..... Half term  
Monday 31st October ..... INSET Day (School, Children's Centre & Play Centre closed)  
Tuesday 1st November ..... Children return to school at normal time  
w/c 14th November..... Book Fayre after school - every day

*Further dates can be found on our school website calendar*

### **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)



### **Messy Play at Tweeddale Primary**

Get stuck in at Messy Play!  
Discover the joy of cornflour and the experience of jelly.  
Children will enjoy a range of fun things to make, do and experience, all of which are specifically targeted for under 5's.

**Every Monday 10:00-11:00 at Tweeddale Primary School**