Dear Parents and Carers

Well, winter appears to have come back again and the bitter wind is bringing back some snow! Please make sure that your child has a warm coat to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes and that they are wearing black, sturdy shoes.

**Book Week** - Last week, we had a Book Week that studied 'The Magic Mirror' by Anthony Browne. The whole school focused on the book, looking at the story, the characters and unusual illustrations. The children have read the book, made predictions about what the story could hold and created their own Anthony Browne style illustrations. Displays of the children's work will be in the corridors upstairs and down. Look out for your child's work at our Parent Consultation meetings this week and next. The week ended with the children dressing up as their favourite book character. The children looked absolutely amazing. So much thought and effort went into the costumes. Thank you all so much for your support with this event, which was such a success! I would also like to thank and congratulate Paula Evans, Literacy leader, for a fantastic week. She has worked so hard to ensure the children really enjoyed an opportunity to focus on reading and we will be feeding back the children's comments next week.

**The Tweeddales Vision Statement** - At our INSET Day before half-term, we looked at our vision statement, 'Working in Unity with the Community for Our Children's Future'. We discussed how our Vision Statement can be seen in what we learn, how we learn and how we can improve. In our assembly on Monday this week, we discussed the meaning and what this would look like in our school. We will be working hard to ensure that this is visible all around The Tweeddales and that you can see how the Vision Statement underpins everything we do. Look out for a display about our vision in the Reception Area at the beginning of next term.

**Voice in a Million** - On Tuesday this week, Miss Turton took our choir to sing alongside children from a range of schools across London, to sing at Wembley Arena. The children were incredibly excited and talking to parents they were also caught up in the anticipation of seeing their children sing in such a famous venue. I am very proud of our children taking part in such a fantastic opportunity and I thank all the staff, particularly Miss Turton, for organising the trip. I can't wait to hear all about it!

**Comic Relief Day March 15th** - Don't forget it's Comic Relief Day on Friday this week. We are becoming a school that loves to dress up and show how creative we can be! Please make sure your child is wearing sensible shoes and can move freely in their RED costume! We are asking children to donate £1.00 towards the charity.

**Attendance and Punctuality** - Our target this year is 95.5% and last week we achieved 95.7%!!!! For 2 weeks running a class has achieved 100% attendance! This is 'Outstanding' and I congratulate classes achieving this high standard. However, our punctuality is not as good. 42% of our children have been late for school this year!!!! This is not acceptable. Children miss valuable learning time and this is reflected in their progress. Teachers will be commenting on attendance and punctuality as part of the Parent/Teacher meetings this week and next.

**Class Attendance - w/c 4 March 2013**

- **100%** Jaguar Class
- **99.3%** Wombat Class
- **97.9%** Cheetah Class
- **97.7%** Badger Class
- **96.2%** Panda Class
- **96.1%** Kestrel Class
- **95.8%** Monkey Class
- **95.5%** Butterfly Class
- **95.3%** Polar Bear Class
- **95.0%** Hedgehog Class
- **94.7%** Puffin Class
- **94.3%** Eagle Class
- **93.3%** Ladybird Class
- **89.0%** Turtle Class

**Blue** - Mo Farah 1,378  
**Green** - Sir Chris Hoy 1,330  
**Red** - David Weir 1,095  
**Yellow** - Victoria Pendleton 1,159

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**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 date for this term is Tuesday 19th March.

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**Dates for your diary**

- **w/c Monday 11th March**................. Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall after school
- **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 (wear something red - £1 donation)
- **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

**Headteacher Awards**

*Well done* to the following children who have received Headteacher Awards during the last few weeks:

- Benji Nightingill  
- Alysha Bracknell  
- Sonique Mullings  
- Emma Galvin  
- Skye Gough  
- James Guy  
- Joanie Smith  
- Jessica Gilmore  
- Katie Buchan  
- Hayden Gilpin  
- Blayne Shanahan  
- Billy Roberts  
- Lyiah Ellison  
- Marcela Lopacinska  
- Ben Bullas  
- Harriet Stockton  
- Ohona Ahmed  
- Bradley Bartley  
- Chloe Culleton  
- Suchi Ahmed  
- Alex Cajucom  
- Owen Roberts  
- Ataul Bhuiyan

**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

**Coffee Morning Cake Competition & Cake Sale**

At Tweeddale Children’s Centre  
On Thursday 14th March 2013 from 11:30am until 1:00pm  
All welcome...

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*Geraldine Wood, Headteacher*