



Weekly Newsletter *The Tweeddales*



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 13th November 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent/Carers and teacher meetings

This week has already been very busy with our autumn term Parent/Carers and teacher meetings. The staff have worked very hard to ensure that each meeting gives you a clear overview of your child's progress, their attitudes towards their learning and their targets for improvement. There was a great buzz in the school with people waiting in corridors and lots of laughter between parents. The Book Fair was in the hall and this gave you an opportunity to buy those early Christmas presents or just to have a copy of that children's book that just won't wait for Santa!

To make the most of these meetings next term, we will provide refreshments in the hall, a crèche for your children not attending the meetings and an opportunity to claim lost property. We would like to create a real community feel to the meetings and ensure that you gain the most from time spent in school. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended these vital meetings and now have up-to-date information about their child's progress.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, the school and Children's centre will be focusing on Anti-Bullying. In our questionnaires last year, it was clear that parents and carers had concerns about bullying and the children in their questionnaires also showed they needed help to identify bullying and how they can get ongoing help and support from the staff. As you know, this week, the children will be watching a production entitled 'Hope' and having time to discuss their own ideas and needs back in the classroom. All our assemblies and PHSE will be focusing on Anti-Bullying and our aim is to update our policy and ensure that the whole school community can identify bullying and know what to do if they are being bullied or if a child complains of bullying.

There will be new questionnaires now and later on this year for children and parents and this will help us to make sure we are improving and reducing bullying across the school.

Children in Need

We are taking part in the BBC Children in Need appeal this Friday (16th November). See details in separate letter being sent home today.



Attendance

Last week our attendance fell dramatically to 93.8%. We have been suffering with Chicken Pox in school and this has had a huge impact. However, I am still receiving requests for holidays in term time, despite our policy now not authorising this absence. May I remind parents and carers that this is not in the best interests of your child's education. May I also congratulate parents and carers on improving punctuality at the beginning and end of the school day.

Best wishes Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

Class Attendance - w/c 5 November 2012

97.7% Eagle Class
97.3% Kestrel Class
95.5% Turtle Class
95.4% Cheetah Class
95.3% Puffin Class



95.0% Wombat Class
94.7% Polar Bear Class
94.3% Hedgehog Class
94.3% Panda Class
94.3% Ladybird Class




94.0% Badger Class
93.0% Jaguar Class
89.3% Monkey Class
88.7% Butterfly 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. Dates for this half term are Tuesday 4 December and Tuesday 18 December.



Dates for your diary


w/c Monday 12th November.....  Book Fair every day after school
Friday 16th NovemberBBC Children in Need Mufti Day
Monday 19th November9:00-9:30am Kingswood meeting for parents/carers of Year 5 children
2:45-3:15pm Kingswood meeting for parents/carers of Year 5 children
Friday 30th November4:00pm Choir singing at Rosehill
Wednesday 5th DecemberYear 3 trip to Butser Farm

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:

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

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



Family Fun Activity Group

On Saturday 17th November 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!



**Mini Movers
for children under 2
On Thursday's 9.30-10.00am**

Designed for children under 2 years old, your child can enjoy singing, movement, actions and props to help bring music to life.

**Story and Music Time
for children over 2
On Thursday's 10:15-11.00am**

Designed for children over 2 years old, the session begins with a story which then leads into a music session with singing, movement, action and props.