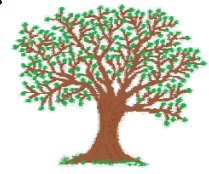


Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 13th September 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are in the second week of term and the children continue to show great delight and enthusiasm for being back at school. In assembly today, we have been looking at the word LEARNING and what our learning may look like. We talked about the importance of learning and how the children can expect to know, to understand or be able to do something new every day. I have been asking the children about what they have been learning as I walk around the school and pop into classrooms, with children eager to share their new knowledge. At playtime yesterday, a child shared her interest in current affairs and how she had undertaken her own research as a result of watching the news. A very impressive start to her new year at Tweeddale.

We have our first set of weekly results in the highly competitive attendance competition. There was a difference of **12.3%** between Jaguar class, who came first, and Kestrel class who came twelfth. I congratulate Jaguar class for their almost perfect attendance score for their first week back. Maximum attendance in school creates maximum learning opportunities.

I have met my first two sets of parents in year 3 and 4 at their 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. Both meetings were well attended with parents receiving vital information about the teachers' expectations and the learning focus for this term. I thank all parents and carers for their commitment to their children's learning this year.

I have met some more parents in the playground before and after school and I look forward to meeting you all as the term progresses.

May I please ask all parents and carers to inform the office if you have given another adult permission to collect your child. We may not release your child without your permission.

Lastly, please make sure that all nail varnish is removed before your child attends school. Children may not go swimming with nail varnish or removable tattoos as this affects the hygiene of the pool.

I thank you all for your friendliness and welcoming smiles as I walk around the school.

Best wishes, Geraldine Wood

Attendance—w/c 5 September 2011

98.9% Jaguar Class	93.1% Monkey Class
98.3% Panda Class	92.6% Turtle Class
95.4% Wombat Class	91.8% Puffin Class
95.2% Badger Class	91.2% Cheetah Class
94.2% Hedgehog Class	90.0% Eagle Class
94.2% Polar Bear Class	86.6% Kestrel Class



The school photographer will be in school to take individual photographs and photographs with brothers & sisters on Monday 10th October. More information will be sent home nearer the time.



From the office

A reminder that the door opens at 8:45am in the morning.
Registration is at 8:55am.
Your child must be in class by 8:55am.

If your child arrives late, they must come in through the school office to ensure they get their attendance mark.

If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first morning that they are away to let us know they are off and the reason why.



If you took home your child's medication eg asthma pump at the end of last term, please remember to return it to the office.



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 the rest of this half-term are Tuesday 27th September and Tuesday 11th October



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 14th September 9:00 Parents/carers of Year 3 children to meet class teachers

2:30 Parents/carers of Year 6 children to meet class teachers

Sunday 18th - Wednesday

21st September Kingswood Activity Centre - Year 6

Thursday 22nd September 9:00 Parents/carers of Reception children to meet class teachers

Monday 10th October Photographer in school for individual photographs to be taken

Friday 21st October 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

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



Family Support Group at The Circle Library

This group is an informal drop in session for parents/carers along with their children (under 5's only).

There are interesting and fun activities for children and our friendly team are here to help you with any questions you may have with regards to family life, such as how to budget, how to cook healthy food, how to access the Citizen's Advice Bureau and can signpost you to many more support networks across the borough.

**Every Wednesday 9:30am-11am at The Circle Library,
Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, SM5 1JJ
Telephone: 020 8648 6608**

Baby Massage Courses

Baby massage courses will run at Tweeddale Children's Centre from January 2012.

If Tweeddale is your local Children's Centre, you will not have to pay for this 5 week course.

Please call reception on 020 8404 1640 for more information and to be added to the waiting list.

