



Dear Parents and Carers

NUT Strike – 26th March

The NUT has announced a national strike across England and Wales on 26th March 2014. Although the school will stay open, or partially open, if possible, please be aware there may be no school for your children that day. You will be updated as soon as I have further details.

Scarlet Fever

There have been a small number of confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in a pre-school within Sutton. Advice is available from your GP Surgery or NHS Direct <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Scarlet-fever/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Solar Panels

You may have noticed that we have had solar panels fitted to the South-facing roof. We were able to do this thanks to a loan which we'll be repaying from the savings on our electricity bill and it's part of the Governors' commitment to reduce the carbon footprint of our school.

Tweeddale Play Centre



As you may know, Tweeddale Play Centre offers a sessional drop in for children who are not booked in but would like to come and play. We are happy to say sessional places are now

available every day, both after school and during holidays, as we have help from our new bank staff, Tommy and Jordan.

After school sessional times are as follows:

Monday - Friday 3:45pm-5:30pm, at a cost of £1.50 if you receive £545 in child tax credits or more per year, or £2 if you do not.

Holiday sessional times are as follows:

Morning - 9:30am-12:30pm at a cost of £1.50 if you receive the above benefits and £3 if not.
 Afternoon - 2:00pm-5:30pm at a cost of £2 if you receive the above benefits and £3.50 if not.

We would like to remind you that during the school holidays we offer wrap around care including breakfast club and all day holiday club. If this is something you are interested in, please see a member of our reception team for details.

We have some fantastic facilities on offer, such as a large outdoor area complete with climbing frames, sandpits and a zip wire, plus a craft room packed with everything you can dream of from sequins to buttons. We also have a large hall for all types of games, a fun filled soft play area and a chill out sensory room!

Why not come and look around?



Early Arrivals

A number of children are arriving unaccompanied well before the start of school and a few of these are arriving before the gates open, which makes them very vulnerable.

If there is a school activity taking place before the usual start time, parents will be notified in writing in a letter and/or an e-mail.

Unaccompanied pupils should not be on the playground before 8:40am.

Footwear

An interesting variety of Technicolor trainers and bling boots has begun to appear.

Children attending our school are expected to wear plain black shoes during lesson times, although they may bring trainers for break-times. Trainer-style shoes are just about acceptable, although if they have three stripes, a 'check' mark, or similar, they're trainers and not shoes. Similarly, diamante covered DMs are not appropriate footwear for school.

I look forward to your support on this.

Parent View

A reminder about Ofsted's Parent View. If you would like to let Ofsted know your views about Tweeddale Primary School, go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

E-Communication

To reduce the amount of paper we use, newsletters, class letters and other communication will be sent by e-mail in the near future, although paper copies will be available from the School Office. Please make sure we have your current e-mail address so that messages reach you.

If you don't currently have an e-mail account, free accounts are available from Hotmail, G-Mail and others and most of these have apps for smartphones. Please note that if you only have a FaceBook e-mail account, FaceBook is closing this facility.

Similarly, emergency messages, such as school closure, will be sent by text. Please make sure you notify the school office of any changes to your mobile phone number.



Learn the Underwear Rule and talk PANTS

As part of her talk to our pupils, Gill Packer spoke about the NSPCC's Underwear Rule campaign. This encourages parents and carers to have simple conversations with their children to help keep them safe from abuse. Please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/conversations to find out more.

Miss Paula Evans

Many of you will remember Miss Evans, who taught at Tweeddale until last Summer. I am happy to let you know that she has recently had a baby and mother and child are doing well.

Class Attendance - w/c 3rd March 2014

96.9%	Turtle Class		95.5%	Puffin Class		94.1%	Ladybird Class
96.0%	Panda Class		95.4%	Wombat Class		93.5%	Butterfly Class
95.8%	Cheetah Class		94.9%	Jaguar Class		92.8%	Hedgehog Class
95.7%	Badger Class		94.9%	Eagle Class		92.3%	Monkey Class
95.7%	Kestrel Class		94.6%	Polar Bear Class			

Well done to the following children who have recently received a Headteacher Award:

Ayan – Y2 Badger – Homework Project about Florence Nightingale
 Kally – Y4 Wombat – Science Work on Solids
 Ezekiel - Y4 Wombat – Science Work on Solids
 Billie - Y4 Wombat – Science Work on Solids
 IzzeY - Y4 Wombat – Science Work on Solids
 Juan – Y5 Jaguar – English Language Work
 Abenayan – Y4 Wombat – Science Work on Solids
 Sarah - Y4 Wombat – Science Work on Solids
 Kelsey - Y4 Wombat – Science Work on Solids
 Alhassan – Y4 Wombat – Writing With Embedded Clauses
 Sumbel – Y4 Polar Bear – Home Study Work About Islam
 Ryan – Y3 Puffin – Writing About The Features Of A Fable
 Lilly-Mae – Y3 Puffin - Writing About The Features Of A Fable
 Mia – Y3 Puffin - Writing About The Features Of A Fable
 Alhassan – Y4 Wombat - Project About Islam
 Liyah – Y3 Puffin – R.E. Work About Images of Jesus
 Holly – Y3 Puffin – R.E. Work About Images of Jesus
 Stephen– Y3 Puffin – R.E. Work About Images of Jesus
 Demi – Y3 Puffin – R.E. Work About Images of Jesus
 Kai – Y3 Puffins – Writing Interesting Sentences About A Zoo
 Callum – Y1 Monkeys – Tissue Paper Sunflower Picture
 Hayden – Y6 Eagle – Eleven Times Table Into The Thousands
 Abigail – Y6 Eagle – Writing In The Style of a 1960s Song Lyric
 Vanessa – Y6 Eagle – Writing In The Style of a 1960s Song Lyric
 Mikolaj – Y6 Eagle – Writing In The Style of a 1960s Song Lyric
 Ben – Y6 Eagle – Writing In The Style of a 1960s Song Lyric
 Pirashana – Y6 Eagle – Writing In The Style of a 1960s Song Lyric
 Merve – Y6 Eagle – Writing In The Style of a 1960s Song Lyric
 Karar – Y6 Eagle – Writing In The Style of a 1960s Song Lyric
 Donik – Y6 Eagle – Writing In The Style of a 1960s Song Lyric
 Ezekiel – Y4 Wombats – Speedy Mathematics
 Alhassan – Y4 Wombats – Speedy Mathematics
 Darcy – Y4 Wombats – Speedy Mathematics
 Skye B – Y1 Monkeys – Writing A Get Well Card




Dates for your diary

Monday 17th March	Parent/Teacher meetings (school closes at normal time)
Wednesday 19th March.....	9:05am Turtle Class assembly
Tuesday 25th March	2:00pm Parents drop-in with school nurse
Thursday 27th March.....	Eco Science workshops
Friday 28th March	Year 3 visit to St Peter's (Easter experience)
Tuesday 1st April.....	2:00pm Parents drop-in with school nurse
Friday 4th April.....	2:00pm School breaks up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April.....	INSET Day (School & Children's Centre are closed)
Wednesday 23rd April.....	Children return to school

*Future dates
are available
on our website
calendar*

Children's Centre Information

A full timetable of our activities and groups 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

Tweeddale Children's Centre

If you have a child who attends any of the many activities on offer at our Children's Centre and would like to become more involved in the running of the centre, please contact Emma Sayer. We are particularly looking for parents to join the centre's Advisory Board. The board meets once a term and helps guide the work of the centre. A crèche is provided during meetings for parents with pre-school children.