Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to the children and families joining Tweeddale Primary School this term. We have two new members of staff joining our team Mrs Gray and Mrs Curtis who will be teaching in Key Stage 1 and 2. Mrs Moat will is now a teacher is now teaching Year 5. I am proud of the strong team of teachers and learning support assistants at Tweeddale, which along with our partnership with parents, will ensure that all children will thrive this year.

### Price Increase

Just a reminder that Breakfast and Late Club fees have increased to £3.50 and dinners are £2.30 per day.

### Dinner Menu

Please look on our website for the Autumn Dinner Menu. If you would like your child to try a dinner please tell the school office.

### School Uniform

Thanks also to you for sending the children in looking so smart in their school uniforms. Please can I remind you that black shoes are part of the uniform and that trainers may only be worn at playtime.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Please bring your child to school promptly for the start of the day at 8.45am. All lessons start at 9.00am and it is very disruptive for the class and upsetting for children when they miss the first part of the lesson. If your child is going to be absent from school. Please contact the school office on 020 8644 5665 to let us know the reason.

### Reading

Please remember that all children should read as much as possible, please write in their reading diary or log as appropriate for their age.

### Parking

Please park considerately outside school. Do not park on the zigzag lines outside school as this blocks emergency access and may result in a fine. We have had already many complaints about dangerous parking outside of the school.
Data Collection

Please can you make sure that any Data Collections sheets can be checked and returned to school please.

Owl Visit

On Thursday 20th September the children will experience life as a predator when we are visited by the "Night Owls" bird of prey display team. There will be a flying display, a question and answer session as well as an opportunity for all children to be photographed with a magnificent barn owl!

Word of the Week

Foundation Stage and Year 1 - Kind
Years 2-6 - Charity

EAL Coffee Morning for new Nursery and Reception Parents

At Tweeddale Primary School we aim to make parents and carers feel comfortable about coming into school to discuss any concerns that they have about their child's individual needs or, indeed, their own individual needs as parents.

Tea & Coffee mornings are a great way for parents/carers to meet on an informal basis to chat and meet new people in a friendly environment.

The aim of coffee mornings is to make the school a friendlier place for parents/carers and get them together to socialise and feel included. We would like you to invite you to join us for a welcome to our school coffee morning on Wednesday 19th September between 9.15 am – 10.15 am

Children are most welcome to attend with their parents/carers.

Bike Found

A member of the public has asks us to let you know that he found an adult’s Raleigh bike dumped in Rose Hill woods.
He would like to locate the owner, as it has obviously been used a lot, but cared for with a recent repair. If you know of a person whose bike has been misplaced please enquire at the office.

Medication

Please can you make sure that your child's Asthma Pumps are back in school.
**Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 18th September…………….Year 3 Meet the Teacher 9.15am
   2.40pm Year 4  Parent Assembly
   Carshalton Boys Open Evening 5-8pm
   Carshalton Girls Open Evening 5.30-8.30pm

Wednesday 19th September……….. 2.40pm Year 5  Parent Assembly
   Glenthorne Open Evening 6-9.00pm

Thursday 20th September………….. Owl Visit and Photo

Friday 21st September……………….2.40pm Year 6 Parent Assembly

Thursday 27th September…………...Greenshaw High School Open Evening 5.30-8pm
   Harris Academy Morden Open Evening 5.30-8pm

Thursday 18th October ....................Harvest Festival
   Years 1,2 & 3 at 9.30am, Years 4,5,& 6 at 10.30am

Friday 19th October .....................Break up for half term holiday (one week)

Monday 29th October ....................Children return to school

Monday 19th November...............Individual School Photos

Friday 14th December ...................Christmas Jumper Day

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**Headteacher Awards**

Riley       Monkey                  For ordering numerals 1-110.
Hira        Cheetah                 For completing all her maths work correctly.

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**Homework**

As a school, we have decided that we will no longer send out formal Maths or English homework on a weekly basis (except in Y6). Instead of English homework, the children will receive weekly spellings which they will need to learn as they will then be tested on these the following week. These words will be taken from the National Curriculum word lists and will also include topic words. In terms of Maths, the children will practise their tables at home by way of an app called 'PiXL Times Table App'. This app can either be accessed using a web browser or can be downloaded to a smartphone. Each child will be given a username and password which will allow them to login so they can complete the games and activities. The progress they are making with their tables can be tracked by their teacher via their individual login and thus they can be supported if required. Spelling and multiplication tables are extremely important for your children to master so please ensure they practise these at home at least 3 times per week if not every day for a short period. Thank you for your support.