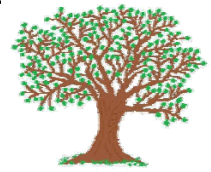


# Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School  
Tuesday 15th November 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

Last week the school settled down after the excitement of the move into the Tweeddale Centre. Year 4 immediately wanted to find out what our neighbours thought about their new home and went to interview key people in the Play Centre, Children's Centre and offices. They are busy writing their newspaper articles, including quotes and we will be publishing their work in future newsletters. I congratulate the children on such a brilliant way of welcoming new staff and practising their writing skills. I can't wait to read their articles.

We have appointed a third Admin. Assistant to join our great team. Claire Godfrey was thrilled to accept the post and she will hopefully start in the office before the end of this term. We welcome Mrs Godfrey to our school and hope she will be very happy working with us.

This week, children achieving Headteacher's Awards will receive the first certificates that have been designed by our children. I have been very impressed with some thought provoking Fables from **Louis Cook and Humaira Chowdhury** and sensational subtraction from **Billy Smith**.

Our attendance has risen to 94% which is a fantastic achievement. I am very proud of all the children and parents for their efforts to improve. I am particularly impressed with children who have changed their attitude towards school and become more regular attenders. Well done! Children are also succeeding at improving punctuality with one year 5 child in particular now achieving punctuality at the beginning of each day.

You are all invited to attend our school **Open Morning and Evening on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. This is an opportunity to look around our school and see us at work. Year 6 Tour Guides will take you around the school and answer any questions. This is also an opportunity for new parents and carers to look at our school to make their choice of primary school for September 2012.

**Open Morning will be from 9.30-10.30 with a headteacher talk at 10.40am. Open Evening will be from 6.00-7.00pm with a headteacher's talk at 7.10pm.** Please come along, we would love to see you and you can see how children learn in subjects across the curriculum.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to speak to teachers about their children's progress this term. We are working hard to improve children's writing skills this year and all the children have targets to help them improve the content and the organisation of their writing.

Don't forget about the official opening of The Tweeddale Centre on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11.00-3.00pm. There are flyers all over the school to give you more details about the day.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Best wishes  
Geraldine Wood



**Friday 18 November**

This Friday is the BBC's 'Children in Need' appeal to "show your spots and help raise lots". Children are invited to come to school wearing something spotty for a donation of £1 which goes directly to the Children in Need charity. Look out for a separate letter being sent home with more details.

## Attendance - w/c 7 November 2011

97.9%	Monkey Class	95.2%	Panda Class
97.0%	Jaguar Class	94.1%	Wombat Class
97.0%	Turtle Class	93.7%	Kestrel Class
96.3%	Eagle Class	92.7%	Ladybird Class
96.2%	Puffin Class	91.3%	Butterfly Class
96.1%	Polar Bear Class	89.7%	Badger Class
95.7%	Hedgehog Class	87.0%	Cheetah 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.

The dates for this half term are Wednesday 16th November, Tuesday 29th November and Tuesday 13th December.



### **Dates for your diary**

- w/c 14th November ..... Book Fayre after school - every day
- Saturday 19th November ..... 11am-3pm Tweeddale Centre official opening & free family activity day
- Friday 25th November..... PTFA Mufti Day—please donate a tin, packet or bottle for the Christmas Fair tombola
- Monday 28th November ..... Year 3 trip to Butser Farm
- Thursday 1st December ..... Cheetah Class visit to Whitehall in Cheam
- Friday 2nd December..... After school - Christmas Fair
- Monday 5th December ..... 9:30-11:00 Open Morning  
6:00-7:30 Open Evening
- Wednesday 7th December..... Jaguar Class visit to Whitehall in Cheam
- Tuesday 13th December..... Upper Phase Performance - more details to come
- Wednesday 14th December..... Foundation Stage Christingle - more details to come  
Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 15th December..... Middle Phase Carol Service & Nativity – more details to come
- Monday 19th December ..... Class parties
- Tuesday 20th December ..... 2pm School breaks up for Christmas
- Wednesday 4th January ..... INSET Day (School, Children's Centre & Play Centre closed)
- Thursday 5th January ..... 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](http://www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk). You can also follow us on [www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC](https://www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)



### **Tweeddale Centre's FREE Family Activity Day Saturday 19th November from 11am until 3pm**

Come and celebrate the official opening of the Tweeddale Centre. Barney will be making personal appearances at various intervals throughout the day!

We will also have lots of fun activities to do... Soft Play Room, Art & Craft Activities, Face Painting and Circus Skills. Refreshments and official tours of the building will also be available.