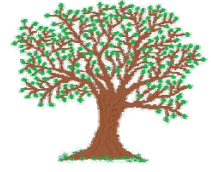




# Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School  
Friday 16th December 2011

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a truly amazing week for everyone at Tweeddale Primary School and we have celebrated the true meaning of Christmas in every phase of the school. Each event has taken the opportunity to look at how we celebrate Christmas and to ensure we have time for reflection, time to sing and time to laugh and enjoy the fun of Christmas time. It was delightful to see our children from the Children's Centre joining our nursery and I would like to congratulate all the children and staff for making everyone's Christmas this year so special and so memorable. A big 'Thank You' to everyone.

I would like to use this end of term Newsletter to show my appreciation, my thanks and my admiration for all the staff at Tweeddale Primary School. They have worked incredibly hard to enable some real learning and good progress to be made by our children and their commitment to our school is unsurpassed. It is humbling to see so many staff who give us so much of their time and enthusiasm. I salute you all!

The staff at our Children's Centre and Play Centre have now settled into their new and improved locations and have made them welcoming, homely and a true reflection of our mission to give our children the best possible start. Our Breakfast Club will be operating from the Play Centre next term and the children have had a taster day this week. The transition has been smooth and the children are clearly enjoying having access to many new resources. I thank them all for their dedication and for creating such a fantastic learning environment.

I would like to thank the PTFA who have worked so hard to raise funds for our school. We now have a substantial amount of money and next term we will be looking at how this can be spent to further support the children's enjoyment of learning. They have also made sure that they help support us through offering refreshments and this is a great asset to ensure we make the most of all our school events.

I have also been greatly supported by our governors who have been very enthusiastic and supportive throughout the term and ensure they are very much a part of our school. I thank them on behalf of everyone.

This has been a term of great achievements in so many aspects of the school. In the spring term, I will be sending home a questionnaire for parents and carers to find out what you think of the year so far, what has gone well and made an impact and what we can improve upon in 2012. I hope you will help us to make sure we keep driving the school forward and ensuring our children and families look upon The Tweeddales as a real hub of learning and support.

Lastly, I thank all parents and carers for all your support this term. I continue to feel welcomed, appreciated and valued as part of the very special and unique Tweeddale community. I wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and am looking forward to more successes and innovations next year.

I congratulate all our Headteacher's Awards winners this week - Philippa Addo, Dylan Ballard, Harlem Bouchez, Jake Brown, Lucia Edwards, Maisy Emburey, Darcy Fox, Jamie Huggett, Rahatul Islam, Loui Jackson, Mackenzie Jenkins, Katie Monckton and Hanna Murray.

Our school attendance has shown a week on week rise over the last term, but has now dipped below our target. I am sure that sickness has made an impact and hope that we will be back above our target at the beginning of next term.

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

**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 next half term are Tuesday 10th January, Tuesday 24th January and Tuesday 7th February.

**Attendance - w/c 5 December 2011**

98.8% Eagle Class	94.1% Kestrel Class	88.6% Polar Bear Class
98.3% Wombat Class	93.9% Cheetah Class	87.3% Ladybird Class
97.9% Hedgehog Class	93.3% Turtle Class	85.5% Monkey Class
97.6% Puffin Class	92.7% Badger Class	82.3% Butterfly Class
97.2% Panda Class	91.7% Jaguar Class	



**Dates for your diary**

Monday 19th December ..... Class parties

**Tuesday 20th December ..... 2:00pm 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**

**Term Dates 2012**

**Spring Term 2012**

Wednesday 4th January	INSET Day
Thursday 5th January	Return to school
Friday 10th February	Break up for half term
w/c 13th February	Half term
Monday 20th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 21st February	Return to school
Friday 30th March	Break up for Easter

**Summer Term 2012**

Monday 16th April	Return to school
Friday 1st June	Break up for half term
w/c 4th June	Half term
Monday 11th June	Return to school
Friday 29th June	INSET Day
Friday 20th July	Break up for summer



**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](http://www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)



**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.