



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. Christmas already seems a long time ago, but we have another busy term to look forward to.

Although we haven't been affected by snow so far, please check the forecasts. In the event of snow, we will keep the school open if at all possible so please assume that we are open unless you are informed otherwise. Information on Sutton Council's new Winter information service is below.

We are moving toward sending newsletters and other information by e-mail, although paper copies will continue to be available from the office. Newsletters are also posted on our website www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk and will be e-mailed to all parents who have provided their email address to the school office. Please also ensure the office has your up-to-date mobile phone number, as we use these to text parents in the event of an unplanned closure or other emergency.

Michael Lovett, Interim Headteacher

School Admissions

The London Borough of Sutton is consulting on admission arrangements for entry to Sutton community schools in the academic year 2015/16. Details of these and how to respond can be found at <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=13339>

The consultation period will end on 28 February 2014. All responses will be considered and final admission arrangements will be determined by 15 April 2014, and published on www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions by 1 May 2014.

The Sutton website page also links to other admission authority schools in Sutton who are currently consulting on their admission arrangements. This currently includes Glenthorne High School, Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington County Grammar School.

Winter Information Centre

The Council has launched a new Winter Information Centre for residents. This provides a one stop shop for advice, support and information to help families and other residents manage through winter, particularly when the weather is more severe.

The site includes access for parents to the schools Open Check system to allow residents easy access to information on school openings and closures. The Council's Winter Information Centre can be accessed at <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11718>



Headteacher Awards

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

Patryk	Y2 Panda	Partitioning in Maths
Peter	Y1 Monkey	'Wild Things' Adjectives
Shifra	Y5 Jaguar	Model Aztec House
Tilly	Y1 Hedgehog	Using Different Value Coins in Maths
Halle	Y1 Hedgehog	Using Different Value Coins in Maths
Jordyn	Y1 Monkey	'Wild Things' Writing
Feras	Y1 Monkey	'Wild Things' Writing
Anointing	Y1 Monkey	'Wild Things' Writing



Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors.

Being a governor is an interesting and rewarding role. The governing body itself is made up from various groups including parents & staff and is responsible for a wide range of important matters, which directly affect the education and the well being of the pupils. To be a good governor you do not need any special qualifications except to have a child on the school roll at the time of the election. You just need to be willing to take an active part in the meetings, to get involved and gain greater knowledge of the school and help make sound decisions. There is an evening meeting of all governors once a term and in addition you will need to attend the meeting of one of our committees. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, letters containing more information and a nomination form are available to collect from the school office or to download from our website. It is important that parents are represented on the governing body.

I hope you will consider nominating yourself.

Completed nomination forms need to be returned to the Headteacher **by Friday 31 January 2014.**

Class Attendance - w/c 6 January 2014

99.6% Turtle Class
 97.4% Cheetah Class
 96.9% Wombat Class
 95.8% Butterfly Class
 95.1% Hedgehog Class



95.0% Puffin Class
 95.0% Polar Bear Class
 94.8% Panda Class
 94.6% Ladybird Class
 92.9% Eagle Class



92.5% Badger Class
 92.1% Monkey Class
 90.6% Kestrel Class
 85.3% Jaguar 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. The dates for this half term are Tuesday 28th January and Wednesday 12th February.

Parents drop-in sessions with the family support worker

Every Thursday morning between 9am and 11am, Maria Cunningham, the family support worker is in school offering a listening ear to parents/carers who may be struggling with their children and need support and guidance. Leaflets are available from reception.

Cold weather



The children still go outside at break-times during the cold weather, so please make sure that they wear their coats to school (and a hat, scarf and gloves if it's really cold).



Dates for your diary

Thursday 13th FebruaryChildren break up for half term
 Friday 14th FebruaryINSET Day - School and Children's Centre closed
 w/c Monday 17th FebruaryHalf term
 Monday 24th February.....Children return to school
 Thursday 27th FebruaryFire Brigade visit to Years 2 and 5

Future dates are available on our website calendar


Term Dates 2013-2014

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates and the Tweeddale INSET days for the rest of the 2013-2014 academic year:

Friday 4th April 2014 - Last day of term w/c 26th May 2014 - Half term (1 week)
 Tuesday 22nd April 2014 - INSET Day Tuesday 22nd July 2014 - Last day of term
 Wednesday 23rd April 2014 - Children return to school

Please note that both the School and Children's Centre are closed on INSET Days
Sutton term dates for 2014-2015 (not including INSET days) are available on the Sutton website
www.sutton.gov.uk

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

Gingerbread Works

On a Thursday from 1pm until 3pm
Free crèche places available

Are you a single parent looking for work, in need of help with your job search or wanting to increase your chances of getting "that job" with an NVQ Level 2? If your answer is YES then come along!

Please see our Reception team or call 020 8404 1640 to book your crèche place