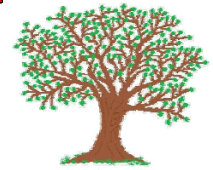


Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 17th January 2012



Dear Parents and Carers

A Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. This holiday is such a special time for families and friends and I hope you had plenty of opportunities to spend time with people who are special in your lives. I had a lovely break, full of fun and laughter with my family and friends. Thoroughly spoilt by my dad and in turn, enjoying my great nephew's frolics with Christmas presents. I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who sent me a card and a Christmas present. You have been a fantastic group of parents to get to know and your generosity is really appreciated.

Tweeddale Primary made a great start to the term with a Book Study across the whole school. Everyone read and enjoyed 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram and the whole curriculum was planned around this fabulous children's book. The key purpose of the Book Study was to encourage children's reading and writing and love of books. Our feedback from teachers and children was that the children enjoyed the book and activities that the staff designed around the story. We ended last week with an assembly dedicated to The Man on the Moon with some brilliant writing, singing and art work. Next time you come into school, look out for the displays.

At the end of last term, we had an assembly that celebrated the achievements of children and parents in achieving consistently high attendance. There was a draw with the names of all the children who achieved 100% attendance at the end of term. Mr Funnell won the prize for parents and Kellie O'Byrne won the prize for the children. **I congratulate all parents who achieved 100% attendance with their children.** There were 110 children who each received a certificate. Well done everyone! We have also introduced a cup for the class that achieved the highest percentage across the term. This was **Mrs Boorer's class - Turtles.**

We have made a very good start to our attendance this year with 10 classes achieving 95%+ for our first full week of term. In the peak time for colds and 'flu, this is very impressive. We saw 3 classes achieve 100% attendance in the first 2 days of term and it was punctuality that created the ranking of the classes. Last Monday, 20 children were late for school. Learning begins at 8.55am and your child is at a disadvantage if they are not in class at the beginning of the day. Make it a New Year's resolution!

We are busy creating a Tweeddale New Year Resolution that children are voting for within their classes. This is to model how we can identify something we wish to achieve this year and to make sure it is reviewed and kept alive throughout the year.

I congratulate the children - Charlie Nightingill and Kai Scotland - who have already achieved Headteacher's Awards this term. The children show great pride in receiving their certificates and the school recognises their achievement each week in assemblies.

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

Class Attendance - w/c 9 January 2012

99.3%	Turtle Class	96.5%	Wombat Class
99.0%	Panda Class	96.0%	Badger Class
99.0%	Polar Bear Class	95.2%	Jaguar Class
98.7%	Ladybird Class	93.3%	Butterfly Class
98.5%	Kestrel Class	92.2%	Puffin Class
97.9%	Hedgehog Class	92.2%	Cheetah Class
97.6%	Eagle Class	89.3%	Monkey Class



Science Club – REMINDER

Science club starts again on Friday 20th January. The club will run for 4 weeks and costs £24. If your child (in years 2-6) would like to take part, please return the completed form and money **by Wednesday 18th January.**

Einstein's Entertainers

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 this half term are Tuesday 24th January and Tuesday 7th February.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for three 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, please collect a letter containing more information and a nomination form from the school office.

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 school office **by Friday 27th January 2012.**



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18th January Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Friday 10th February Break up (at normal time) for half term
w/c 13th February Half Term
Monday 20th February INSET Day
Tuesday 21st February Children return to school

Term Dates 2012


Spring Term 2012

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. You can also follow us on  www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC

Juggling Finances – Workshop at Tweeddale Children's Centre - 20th January 10:00-12:00

Does it feel like you have less money in your pocket and more bills to pay? Are you worried about how to pay an unexpected bill? Give high street lenders and loan sharks a push and come to our CMS Credit Union Workshop. CMS offer savings and loans for people in Sutton. After a 30 minute workshop you can have a 10 minute one-to-one information session. Free crèche available. Spaces are limited so **please book early** with our administration team in reception – 020 8404 1640.