



Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 18th December 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last 2 weeks of term, we have enjoyed 3 fantastic Christmas productions from all 3 phases. The Upper Phase thrilled us with their version of 'Mr Humbug Sees the Light' and our Foundation Stage children made us smile, and in some cases cry, with their Christingle service at St Peter's church. Middle Phase children wowed us all with their classic Christmas Nativity and glorious singing of some traditional and some new Christmas carols.

The children have certainly helped us to remember the true meaning of Christmas and the staff have surpassed themselves in their commitment to support the festivities this term. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication. Next time you drop into school, have a look at the Visitors' Book. The comments are amazing!

Farewell and Good Wishes - At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Mrs Howe, who teaches in Hedgehog class in year 1. Mrs Howe has taught at Tweeddale Infant and Primary schools for over 20 years and has made a huge contribution to the school. Mrs Howe will be retiring and is looking forward to spending more time with her family. I am sure you will all wish her well and join me in thanking her for all she has done for over 600 children!

Next term, Miss Maple will be teaching Hedgehog class and will continue until the end of the year. Miss Maple has already taught year 1 while she was training to be a teacher last year and is well known to the school. We welcome her to our school and hope she will enjoy working with us.

Mrs Dobbe, our Finance Officer is also leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Dobbe has worked with Mrs Hempenius, our School Business Manager, to manage our school and Children's Centre budgets to ensure that we spend our money wisely. I would also like to thank Mrs Dobbe for all her hard work and wish her well in her next role.

And Finally... I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This has been a very busy term for all of us and I thank governors, staff, parents and children for all their help, hard work and support to ensure our children enjoy coming to school, receive a good education and make good progress.

Have a good rest everyone and I look forward to seeing you all in 2013!!!!

Best wishes Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

The Choir's visit to St Paul's Sheltered Accommodation

On Friday 7th December the choir went to St Paul's. First we decorated two Christmas trees. We sang 6 carols and we had a break in between and had mince pies, biscuits, sweets and orange juice. Soon we went back to school with Miss Pincho, Mrs Sollis and Miss Turton.

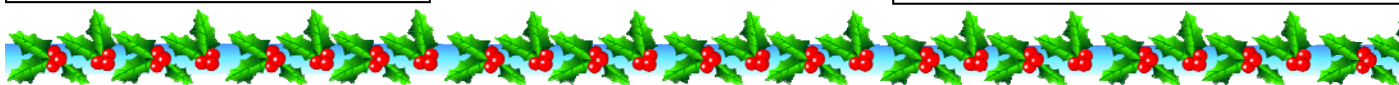
Harriet - Year 2



More photos are in the gallery on our website

On Friday 7th December at St Paul's, the choir went to decorate the trees and sing carols. It was fun because we got some food and drink and the kind old people waited for us to sing some carols. We sang six carols and we went with Miss Turton, Miss Pincho and Mrs Sollis. The kind people gave us sweets on our way back. Me and Holly took a biscuit for Holly and a mince pie for me.

Jessica - Year 2



Class Attendance - w/c 10 December 2012

98.0% Wombat Class
97.3% Kestrel Class
95.2% Eagle Class
93.7% Jaguar Class
89.3% Puffin Class



89.2% Cheetah Class
88.3% Panda Class
86.7% Polar Bear Class
86.0% Hedgehog Class
85.2% Turtle Class



82.3% Ladybird Class
78.6% Butterfly Class
78.0% Monkey Class
75.3% Badger 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 last drop-in session for this term is today.

REMINDER: Children return to school at normal time on Monday 7th January 2013

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19th December Whole School Christmas Dinner
 Thursday 20th December Pantomime & Class Parties
 Friday 21st December..... 2:00pm Break up for Christmas
 Monday 7th January Children return to school at normal time



Term Dates 2012-2013

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year along with the Tweeddale INSET days:

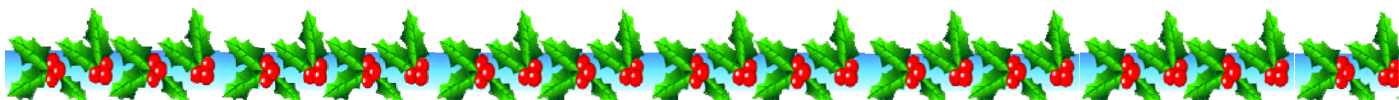
Friday 21st December 2012	- Last day of term	Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day
Monday 7th January 2013	- Children return to school	Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school
Friday 15th February 2013	- INSET Day	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
w/c 18th February 2013	- Half Term (1 week)	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term

Nursery Trip to the Theatre




On Tuesday 11th December the Nursery classes went to The Charles Cryer Theatre to see the production of "All I Want for Christmas". We travelled by minibus driven by Terrie and Jane, a source of much excitement! We loved the show all about four toys in a nursery on Christmas Eve. We all had our favourite toy, the break dancing teddy, the floppy ragdoll, the beautiful ballerina or the marching soldier. They sang lots of songs we already know and we joined in with enthusiasm. We were very excited when Father Christmas made an appearance and we joined the cast at the end of the show for a photo. The theatre staff told our teachers that we were the best behaved school this season. Our teachers were very pleased with us.

Bumblebees Nursery



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

Contact the Centre on 020 8404 1640 or email tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org



Baby Massage

Our next baby massage course starts in January 2013. Please enquire at reception to sign up for this course.