



## REMINDER: School closes at 2pm on Friday 20th December

Tweeddale Newsletter - Wednesday 18th December 2013

Dear Parents and Carers

### Staff News

As parents of children in her class already know, Mrs Pettis, who has been a teacher at Tweeddale since 1990, is retiring at the end of this term. I would like to thank Mrs Pettis for everything she's done here and to wish her all the best in her retirement.

Ms Jennifer Johnson, our Office Senior Administrator, is leaving at the end of this term to join the Sutton School Attendance team and I'm sure her ability to be working on four or five different things at once will be just as welcome there. My thanks also to her, for all her work here over the past ten years.

From January, Mrs Boorer is reducing her hours to three days per week and Mrs Lisa Gleeson will be teaching Year 3 Turtle on the other days.

**Home/School Agreement** A draft of the updated Home/School Agreement, titled Home School Learning Partnership, is on our website in the 'information & downloads' / 'file download area'. Please take a look and let me have any comments by January 10<sup>th</sup>. It will then go to Governors to be finalised and you'll be sent copies to sign and return shortly after that.

**Dogs** A reminder that dogs and other animals are not allowed on the school site. This includes the playgrounds.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We'll see you on Tuesday 7th January.

Michael Lovett, Interim Headteacher



### Superheroes week in Nursery

The Nursery had a great week pretending to be superheroes.

We dressed up every day.

We shared stories about superheroes including Super Daisy who rescues the planet Earth from peas!!

We designed outfits and invented our special powers. We would like to thank our parents who helped dress us up.

Cat Girl saving the Earth from the evil peas!!!!



I'm Wonder Woman



### Middle Phase

Middle Phase had a very busy week last week. On Monday Miss Turton took the choir from years 2 and 3, to St Paul's Sheltered Housing to help decorate their communal area, plus they sang a few of their favourite songs. The children had a wonderful time.

On Tuesday the Choir went to St Helier Hospital and sang in two outpatient clinics, where the staff and the patients joined in with the singing.

I would like to thank all the parents that came to Middle Phase Nativity on Friday evening at St Peter's Church. I am sure you will agree that your children were brilliant, although this would not have possible without the support of the staff, so I would like to say a big thank you to them. In particular I would like to thank Miss Turton and Mrs Molloy for all their hard work with the Nativity during and after school.



On Friday 6th December a choir of 45 children from Years 2-6 went to Fairfield Halls in Croydon to participate in the annual Voice in a Million event. Thank you very much to the children and staff that attended the event. A fun evening was had by all!!!!



### Upper Phase

December already!!! It's been a very busy half term for the Upper Phase at Tweeddale Primary School.

In November we had "Parents' Evenings" which were very well attended and parents and carers had the opportunity to meet their children's class teachers and discuss pupils' progress and targets. I hope you found these meetings useful.

All the classes took part in our Christmas fair and the children had a great time enjoying all the games and delicious treats.

The children and staff have all worked very hard on our Christmas Nativity and we are very grateful for their time and effort. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at St Peter's Church. We hope you enjoyed the performance! There's nothing like children singing carols to get you in the Christmas spirit! We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014.



# REMINDER: Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2014

## Class Attendance - w/c 9 December 2013

97.9% Turtle Class  
 96.3% Polar Bear Class  
 96.0% Wombat Class  
 95.9% Cheetah Class  
 95.0% Kestrel Class



94.3% Monkey Class  
 94.3% Panda Class  
 94.0% Butterfly Class  
 93.0% Ladybird Class  
 92.3% Puffin Class



91.0% Badger Class  
 91.0% Jaguar Class  
 90.7% Hedgehog Class  
 87.1% Eagle Class

## Headteacher Awards



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

- Liam - Y5 Jaguar – History of Space Exploration Booklet
- Luke - Y6 Kestrel – Comparative Fractions Work
- Reece - Y4 Wombat – Wonderful Times Tables Work
- Ruby - Y3 Puffin – Delightful Division Work in Maths
- Ryan - Y3 Puffin - Delightful Division Work in Maths
- Lilly-Mae - Y3 Puffin - Delightful Division Work in Maths
- Colin - Y2 Panda – Wonderful Writing Using Finger Spaces
- Eliza - Y2 Badger – Character Report About Little Red Riding Hood
- Emily - Y1 Hedgehog – Description of the Monster That Ate Bernard
- Deya - Y1 Hedgehog – Description of the Monster That Ate Bernard
- Kiera - Y4 Polar Bear – ‘Worry Bag’ Story

**Thank you** for all your donations at the Christmas productions. £434 was collected. £200 will be donated to the church and £234 to Queen Mary's.

### Special Mention

## Jane Barbury



For loyalty to children and making learning fun.  
 Her hobbies are knitting food, dressing up and signing to songs rather than singing.  
 Special talents - parking her car and making people laugh.

### Cycle Roadcraft Training Course

Well done to the following Year 6 students, who have successfully completed the London Borough of Sutton Level 2 Cycle Roadcraft Training Course:

Jamie - Kestrel	Katie - Eagle
Michael - Eagle	Adar - Kestrel
Chloe - Kestrel	Morgan - Eagle
Anisha - Kestrel	Danny-Lee - Kestrel
Melita - Kestrel	

### Sutton Community Awards

Sutton Council is running a campaign to recognise people who have made a difference to their community. You can nominate anyone who lives, works, studies or volunteers in the borough for an award. You can make your nomination **online** at [www.sutton.gov.uk/communityawards](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/communityawards), by **email** [communityawards@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:communityawards@sutton.gov.uk), or by picking up a freepost nomination form at your local library, Civic Offices, or other council or partner building.

The closing date for nominations is Sunday 5 January 2014.

The categories for nominations are:

1. Given outstanding service to the borough by keeping Sutton safe
2. Made a difference to people's lives by going the extra mile
3. Brought the community together through community events, clubs or projects
4. Increased prosperity, employment or access to the borough through business initiatives
5. Brought credit to the borough through outstanding achievement - e.g. academic, sporting, artistic or cultural.

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### Dates for your diary

- Thursday 19th December.....Pantomime "Aladdin"
- Friday 20th December .....**School breaks up at 2pm**
- Monday 6th January .....INSET Day - School and Children's Centre closed
- Tuesday 7th January .....Children return to school at normal time
- Thursday 13th February .....Children break up for half term
- Friday 14th February .....INSET Day - School and Children's Centre closed



**Future dates are available on our website calendar**

**Red - David Weir**  
1,130

**Yellow - Victoria Pendleton**  
1,125

**Green - Sir Chris Hoy**  
1,015

**Blue - Mo Farah**  
850