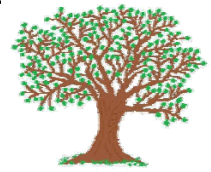


Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 18th October 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the end of my first half-term at Tweeddale Primary school where I have enjoyed a fulfilling and rewarding time as your new Headteacher. For the past two weeks, I have been spending time in each classroom, focusing on children's progress in writing. I have observed children committed to their learning, showing sustained concentration and participation and enjoying the experience of real learning. They have shown a competitive edge where the use of rich vocabulary is a challenge and a key to success and enjoyment is high on their agenda. Our children are capable of achieving high standards in writing and it is our aim to support and develop all children's writing to their full capacity. Parents and carers will discuss children's targets and areas for development at meetings with teachers after half-term.

We are on the verge of moving into our new building in the next two weeks. If all works are completed on time, the Play Centre, Children's Centre offices, Children with Disabilities Service, Early Intervention & Prevention Service and Portage will move in on 31st October and spend the week organising themselves to resume their services on Monday 7th November. **This means that the Play Centre will be closed from Monday 31st October and will re-open on Monday 7th November. Breakfast Club will be running as usual.**

There will be a launch of the new Tweeddale Centre on November 19th from 11.00am-3.00pm. Please come along to see the new building and meet all the services we aim to provide for children and families. Look out for further details in the next newsletter.

The attendance of our children at Tweeddale Primary continues to improve. However, children being taken out of school for holidays during term time is the main reason for low attendance and the main reason why children's attainment dips below expectation. Whilst I realise that holidays are cheaper during term time, your child's learning, lost during this period of absence, cannot ever be replaced. I congratulate Jaguar class for 100% attendance last week. A fantastic achievement!

Don't forget the Family Fun Night on Friday 21st October. There has been a lot of interest in this event and I am sure that families will enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the end of this half-term and have some fun together!

I am thrilled with the number of parents and carers who have booked a place at the Harvest Festival Assemblies this week. I don't think I have ever experienced such a brilliant response. I look forward to meeting many more parents at the assemblies this week. I am sure that the local community will enjoy the produce you have generously donated.

Lastly, may I wish you a restful and safe half-term. The children and staff have worked hard and I am sure they are looking forward to their own time. I would like to thank the staff for all their commitment to the children's learning and I look forward to more successes in the second half of this term.

Don't forget that Monday 31st October is an INSET day. Children are back to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

Attendance - w/c 10 October 2011

100%	Jaguar Class		95.3%	Ladybird Class
99.3%	Monkey Class		93.2%	Wombat Class
98.5%	Turtle Class		93.0%	Kestrel Class
96.8%	Polar Bear Class		91.7%	Puffin Class
96.3%	Butterfly Class		91.3%	Badger Class
96.3%	Eagle Class		88.6%	Hedgehog Class
95.7%	Cheetah Class		87.7%	Panda Class

Yellow Zig-Zag Lines

Please do not drop off your children or park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school during the restricted times displayed.

The lines are there for the safety of our children, and if you are caught, you will be fined.

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 next sessions will be held after half-term on Wednesday 2nd November, Wednesday 16th November, Tuesday 29th November and Tuesday 13th December.



Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 19th October 9:15 Middle Phase Harvest Assembly
10:30 Upper Phase Harvest Assembly
- Friday 21st October Jeans for Genes day
6pm PTFA Family Fun Night
School breaks up at normal time for half term
- w/c Monday 24th October Half term
- Monday 31st October INSET Day (School, Children's Centre & Play Centre closed)**
- Tuesday 1st November Children return to school at normal time
- Thursday 10th November School closes at 2pm for individual parent/teacher appointments
- Monday 14th November School closes at 2pm for individual parent/teacher appointments
- w/c 14th November Book Fayre after school - every day

Further dates can be found on our school website calendar

Free Grit - Be ready for snowy and icy conditions!

The London Borough of Sutton are providing residents with the opportunity to collect 10kg of free grit to use on footpaths, pavements or roads in front of their homes. It can be collected from B&Q Sutton, Woodcote Garden Centre & Nurseries and Kimpton Park Way Reuse and Recycle Centre. It can be collected on the weekend of 22 & 23 October. More details on display in reception and on the Sutton website www.sutton.gov.uk/gritting.



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](https://twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)



Family Support Group at The Circle Library

This group is an informal drop in session for parents/carers along with their children (under 5's only). There are interesting and fun activities for children and our friendly team are here to help you with any questions you may have with regards to family life, such as how to budget, how to cook healthy food, how to access the Citizen's Advice Bureau and can signpost you to many more support networks across the borough.

Every Wednesday 9:30am-11:00am at The Circle Library, Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, SM5 1JJ
Telephone: 020 8648 6608