



# Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



**Tweeddale Primary School**  
**Tuesday 18th September 2012**

Dear Parents/Carers

### A great first week back at The Tweeddales!

Last week was our first full week back after the summer holidays. The children have settled back, seamlessly, into their new classes, with new staff and new surroundings. The staff have clearly worked hard to prepare the classrooms with a well organised and well resourced learning environment and the children have shown they are ready to achieve even more progress than last year!

### Year 6 trip to Kingswood

On Sunday morning at 9.30am, year 6 parents waved a fond farewell to 23 children in year 6, setting off on a 4 day residential school journey. The children were very excited and told me they were looking forward to an action packed trip. Mrs Chantrey said she was so excited and couldn't wait to get there! Miss Mehta phoned me on Sunday evening and reported that they had arrived safely and enjoyed an afternoon on the beach. The weather was sunny and it was expected to stay fine. I am sure we all wish them a fantastic stay, full of unforgettable experiences and new challenges conquered.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Last week, the school made a good start in our quest to improve on last year's target. The Attendance target is yet to be approved by the governors and then will be published in the newsletter. Two classes both achieved 100% attendance last week and it was the punctuality that decided first and second place. There has already been an improvement in parents collecting children at the end of the day and this will make a huge difference to children looking forward to time at home at the end of the school day.

### Tweeddales' School Uniform

In assembly, we discussed our school uniform and the need to wear it with pride, with respect for our school. I am very impressed with the children's standard of neatness, smartness and care for their uniform this term. We have discussed the need for children to tuck shirts into their trousers, skirts and shorts and to wear their sweatshirts and cardigans, not to tie them around their waists. Sweatshirts and cardigans should be red or grey and trousers, skirts and shorts should be black or grey. Children with shoulder length hair or longer need to tie their hair back so that they can see their work clearly. **Children must wear black shoes to and from school, not trainers. Trainers are to be worn at playtimes, P.E. and games only.**

The children were very clear about the importance of uniform and knew that it was an outward sign of belonging to The Tweeddales and allowed them to be ambassadors for our school. Please help us to make sure that your child is a credit to the school by wearing the correct uniform and being smart, neat and proud of our colours.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a coffee morning held in the school hall from 9am until 10:30am. Sue Wright, one of our Midday Supervisors, will be making some of her delicious cakes and serving coffee and there will be an opportunity for parents and carers to make a donation to the Macmillan Foundation that cares for cancer sufferers. I hope to see you there and I will let parents and carers know the amount raised for this very worthy cause.



Best wishes Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

### Class Attendance - w/c 10 September 2012

100%	Puffin Class	98.3%	Monkey Class	96.4%	Kestrel Class
100%	Badger Class	97.2%	Wombat Class	96.1%	Eagle Class
98.6%	Turtle Class	96.9%	Panda Class	94.3%	Cheetah Class
98.6%	Polar Bear Class	96.8%	Hedgehog Class	91.8%	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. There is no need to book. Dates for this half term are Tuesday 25th September, Tuesday 9th October and Tuesday 23rd October.



### Dates for your diary

Friday 28th September .....9-10:30am Macmillan coffee morning in school hall  
Friday 5th October .....Jeans for Genes day  
Monday 8th October .....School photographer to take individual pupil photographs  
Wednesday 10th October .....Year 4 trip to Hampton Court  
Thursday 25th October .....Harvest Festival  
Friday 26th October .....Break up for half term (at normal time)  
Saturday 27th October .....Play Centre Open Day  
Monday 5th November .....Children return to school




### Term Dates 2012-2013

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for 2012-2013 along with the Tweeddale INSET days.

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th September 2012	- INSET Days	Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term
Thursday 6th September 2012	- Children return to school	Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day
w/c 29th October 2012	- Half term (1 week)	Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school
Friday 21st December 2012	- Last day of term	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
Monday 7th January 2013	- Children return to school	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
Friday 15th February 2013	- INSET Day	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term
w/c 18th February 2013	- Half Term (1 week)		

## 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](http://www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk). You can also follow us on  [www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC](https://twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)



**Chatterbox** is a drop-in activity for children under 5 and their family, offering advice on how to support your child's speech and language development. Every 6 weeks a Speech & Language Therapist will attend the group enabling you to raise any concerns you may have about your child's language development.

**Monday 10-11am**  
**at Tweeddale Children's Centre**

### **Baby Stay and Play - at The Circle Library**

This is a fun stay and play group for children under 18 months old, where you can meet other mums, dads and carers and use our new baby toys and resources.

**Friday 2:00-3:00pm**  
**at The Circle Library, Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, SM5 1JJ**

