



Dear Parents and Carers

### Staffing

I was very remiss in not mentioning in the last newsletter that Mrs. McDermott has been appointed as Deputy Head – Inclusion. Her new role includes the SENCO and Safeguarding (Child Protection) roles and she's already had a busy start to the term. Congratulations to Mrs. McDermott for her promotion.

### Free School Meals

If you have a child just started school, a reminder that you must make a separate application for Free School Meals, even if you have an older child already entitled to them. Although Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school meal anyway, those children entitled to Free School Meals because of benefit entitlements are also allocated Pupil Premium funding in school. This is then used for the benefit of those children, for example Year 6 children entitled to Free School Meals / Pupil Premium have £150 of the cost of the residential visit paid for them.

### Reading With Your Child

Save The Children has produced a short film to support their 'Read On, Get On' campaign. David Walliams and Michael Morpurgo are supporting the campaign and the film can be seen at <http://readingwise.com/blog/the-cost-of-illiteracy>

### Medication

A reminder that it is the responsibility of parents & carers to supply the office with medication that needs (or may need) to be administered to your child at school, eg, asthma pumps.

### Meals

The introduction of Universal Free School Meals for Reception and Key Stage 1 children in our school has gone very well, particularly compared to some of the problems some other schools are having. We're fortunate in having a large kitchen and hall and the catering and lunch-time staff have managed it well.

There is a small number of parents who are swapping their children from school meals to packed lunches and back again and this is causing some problems in making sure we have the right number of meals. Please keep children on the same meal pattern for whole half-terms for the moment.

### Hannah Beharry

Our school is part of the 'Be The Best You Can Be' project and we've been part-funded by the Mayor's Fund For London. Hannah Beharry came in to speak to our pupils about her sports career and how to achieve. Our children really enjoyed her visit and more information about Hannah can be found at <http://www.damekellyholmestrust.org/athletes/hannah-beharry-2/>

Information about 'Be The Best You Can Be' is at [www.21stcenturylegacy.com](http://www.21stcenturylegacy.com)

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

There will be a "Coffee Afternoon" in the school hall on Wednesday 24th September at 2:45pm to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please come along and support this event where coffee, tea and cakes will be on sale. If you would like to donate some cakes to be sold, please ensure that they are nut-free and bring them to the office on the morning of Wednesday 24th September.

### Class News

The information about each classes' work is now on our website <http://www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk/classes.php>

### Morrison's Lets Grow Scheme



We are taking part in this year's scheme, which runs until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October. If you shop at Morrisons, please let us have the vouchers. For more information, go to <https://your.morrisons.com/Kids-and-Baby/LetsGrow/>



### Headteacher's Award

Nathaniel	Y4 Polar Bear	For An Excellent Imagined Portrait
Emily	Y2 Panda	For Her Spanish Holiday Homework
Jack	Y2 Panda	For Writing Interesting Sentences From Pictures
Manasa	Y1 Monkey	For A Lovely Re-telling of 'Funny Bones'
Harriet	Y4 Wombat	For A Well Observed Portrait

### Class Attendance - w/c 8th September 2014

98.9%	Puffin Class		98.3%	Eagle Class		95.5%	Hedgehog Class
98.7%	Panda Class		98.1%	Wombat Class		95.2%	Monkey Class
98.5%	Polar Bear Class		97.8%	Turtle Class		94.8%	Badger Class
98.3%	Cheetah Class		97.2%	Kestrel Class		90.0%	Jaguar Class

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd September.....	AM - Parents drop-in with the school nurse
Wednesday 24th September.....	2:45pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in the hall
Thursday 25th September.....	9:10am Kestrel class assembly to parents/carers
Tuesday 30th September.....	Puffin Class - Pizza Express trip
Thursday 2nd October.....	9:10am Cheetah class assembly to parents/carers
Tuesday 7th October.....	AM - Parents drop-in with the school nurse
.....	Turtle Class - Pizza Express trip
Thursday 9th October.....	9:00-11:00am Family Support worker parents drop-in
.....	9:10am Badger and Panda class assembly to parents/carers
Thursday 16th October.....	9:10am Wombat class assembly to parents/carers
.....	Year 1 trip to Deen City Farm
Saturday 18th October.....	Children's Centre Family Fun Day
Monday 20th October.....	School Photographer (individual photos)
Tuesday 21st October.....	AM - Parents drop-in with the school nurse
Wednesday 22nd October.....	Sports for School Event
Thursday 23rd October.....	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 22nd October.....	Sports for Schools sponsorship event
Friday 24th October.....	Break up at normal time for half-term (1 week)
Monday 3rd November.....	Children return to school

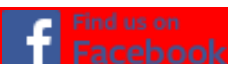
*Future dates are available on our website calendar*




### Term Dates 2014-2015

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the 2014-2015 academic year. **Please note that INSET days are now included in these dates (with the exception of one which is still to be decided).**

w/c 27th October 2014	- Half term (1 week)	Monday 13th April 2015	- INSET Day
Friday 19th December 2014	- Break up for Christmas	Tuesday 14th April 2015	- Children return to school
Monday 5th January 2015	- INSET Day	w/c 25th May 2015	- Half term (1 week)
Tuesday 6th January 2015	- Children return to school	Friday 17th July 2015	- Break up for Summer
w/c 16th February 2015	- Half term (1 week)	Monday 20th July 2015	- INSET Day
Friday 27th March 2015	- Break up for Easter		



### Children's Centre Information

A full timetable of our activities and groups 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](http://www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)

Contact the Centre on 020 8404 1640 or email [tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org](mailto:tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org)

### Busy Buddies

**On a Tuesday 9:30-10:30am (Please arrive on time)**

Designed for children over 2½ years old. A one hour themed session which starts with a story and then enables busy buddies to sample music, have a boogie and have fun with arts & crafts.