



Dear Parents and Carers

Scooters and Bikes - Please remind your children that, for everyone's safety, bikes are not to be brought onto the playground and that they must dismount from scooters.

Possible Strike Action - The NUT and NASUWT teachers' unions have called for strike action on Thursday 17th October. It may be necessary to close some classes or close the whole school on that day and we will update you when we have more information.

Year 6 Residential Visit - Well done to all the Year 6 children who took part in the visit to Kingswood – I've heard that their behaviour was particularly good compared to some of the other schools. Special thanks to Miss Gittings, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Chantrey and Mrs Downham, who were the adult leaders. Thanks also to Mrs Matthey, who organised and led the activities for the Year 6 pupils who did not go to Kingswood.

Michael Lovett, Interim Headteacher

News from Foundation Stage



We would like to say a big welcome to all the new children and their families who have joined us in Foundation stage. Everyone has now started school and settling in. We are having lots of fun making new friends and playing with different toys.



As the cold weather is on the way, please can you practise putting coats on with your child. Dressing 26 children takes a lot of time!!!!

News from Year 6

On Sunday 22nd September, 4 sleepy teachers and 29 very excitable Year 6 students travelled to Norfolk Kingswood Centre. After a gruelling 4 hour journey we finally arrived and settled into our dormitories. We all had to make our own beds which many boys found to be a very difficult task!



Once we were settled in, there were 3 days of fun and challenging activities ahead of us and everybody (teachers included!) were asked to push themselves and achieve more than they thought they ever could. Together we supported each other on the zip-wire, leap of faith, abseiling tower, rock climbing walls as well as many other activities. After an amazing trip away where we learnt to become great friends and a support system for each other, it was lovely to come home to a nice warm bath and to snuggle up in our own beds, and I'm sure all of the children would agree!



Some of the children in Year 6 chose not to go away to Kingswood on the residential trip. They stayed at school and Miss Gilbert and Mrs Matthey planned a programme of activities for the 3 days that were both educational and fun.

They found out how we get clean drinking water from our taps and learnt about mini-creatures that live both in water and on land. They had fun Team Building with PE challenges one afternoon, Design Technology challenges another afternoon and a Mini-Beast Hunt where they searched for creepy crawlies in our Tweeddale school garden.

On Tuesday they had a great day out at Bough Beech Reservoir and Treatment Works. They walked through a tunnel under the reservoir (scary), climbed the dam wall (very steep), saw the different processes that dirty water has to go through in order to be clean enough to drink (interesting) and had fun pond dipping to see what small creatures actually live in the water (fascinating)!



Attendance



As a reminder, we have sent home with your child the London Borough of Sutton's School Attendance advice and information leaflet and the Penalty Notices leaflet. We are still working very closely with the Borough Attendance Officer and will continue to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to parents and carers in line with the statutory guidance on unauthorised absences and persistent lateness.

Visualisers



Thanks to your generosity at the Summer Fayre, each class now has a visualiser and animation software. The visualiser is a webcam on a flexible stand, allowing teachers to show children's work on the classroom electronic whiteboard. Plans are underway for a Christmas Fayre and the money raised at that will also be used to buy additional equipment for our children.

Morrisons - "Let's Grow" vouchers

We are collecting Morrisons "Let's Grow" vouchers. If you have any of these at home, please bring them in to school. *Thank you.*



SmartWater Home Security Packs



We have teamed up with SmartWater to offer you this technology to protect your home at a special price of £25.00. For every pack purchased, a donation will go to the school. Leaflets with more information (including a discount code) are available in the school reception area. Information on SmartWater is available on their website www.smartwater.tv

Dates for your diary

Friday 4th October.....Disability Awareness Day - Assembly and Workshops

Tuesday 8th October2pm Parents drop-in with school nurse

Thursday 10th OctoberYear 5 trip to Morden Hall * **NEW DATE** *

Monday 21st October.....School photographer - individual photographs

Tuesday 22nd October.....Parents drop-in with school nurse

Wednesday 23rd October.....9:15am Middle Phase Harvest Festival

.....2:30pm Upper Phase Harvest Festival

Thursday 24th OctoberBreak up for half term

Friday 25th October.....INSET day - school and children's centre closed all day

w/c 28th OctoberHalf term break (1 week)

Monday 4th November.....Children return to school



Term Dates 2013-2014

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates and the Tweeddale INSET days for the rest of the 2013-2014 academic year:

Friday 20th December 2013 - Last day of term

Friday 4th April 2014 - Last day of term

Monday 6th January 2014 - INSET Day

Tuesday 22nd April 2014 - INSET Day

Tuesday 7th January 2014 - Children return to school

Wednesday 23rd April 2014 - Children return to school

Friday 14th February 2014 - INSET Day

w/c 26th May 2014 - Half term (1 week)


w/c 17th February 2014 - Half term (1 week)

Tuesday 22nd July 2014 - Last day of term

Please note that both the School and Children's Centre are closed on INSET Days

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. You can also follow us on

 www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC

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

Family Fun Activity Group

On Saturday 12th October 9.30-11.30am

For Dads, Mums, Step Parents, Grandparents and carers with their children who are under 5. The group is aimed at children under 5 years old but our doors are open to your child's siblings up to the age of 11 years old. We have fun indoor and outdoor activities, with no need to book, just drop in and join in the fun!

