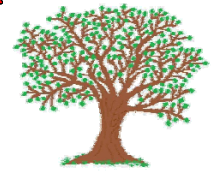




Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Wednesday 21st March 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent, Carer/Teacher meetings - Questionnaires

This week has been busy with your discussions with teachers about your children's progress since last term. It was lovely to meet some more parents and to hear that you had been given useful information and were encouraged by how hard children have been working. I thank you for completing questionnaires while you were waiting for your appointment and I hope you will return questionnaires that were taken home. If you have not yet taken this opportunity to tell us what you think about our school, we will be sending home questionnaires again at the beginning of next week.

I have talked to the children about Parent, Carer/Teacher meetings and they are very clear about their purpose and enjoy hearing about the discussions you have had. The children are also completing questionnaires with their teachers and teaching assistants and I will report back on the analysis at the beginning of next term.

Attendance and Punctuality

After a dip in attendance last week, we are back on form with 11 classes hitting or exceeding our target! Fantastic achievement! Punctuality is also improving and children are gaining more learning time because they are in class at the beginning of the day. Well done everyone. At the Main Governors meeting last week, the governors asked me to pass on their congratulations to the school and to you. A brilliant improvement!!!!

World War 2 Artefacts

Brandon Reynolds has donated some wonderful World War 2 artefacts for our school to examine and extend the children's knowledge of their history topic. I would like to thank him and his family for this very generous donation as it gives us a real insight into how people protected themselves from harmful gases expected during the last world war.

PTFA Race Night cancelled 23rd March

Unfortunately, due to lack of take up of tickets for this fun event, the PTFA and I have decided to cancel Race Night on 23rd March. It is disappointing as this is an opportunity for us to get together socially before the end of term. I hope we can remedy this during the summer term and I thank the PTFA for their work on the event.



NUT Strike Day Wednesday 28th March

The National Union of Teachers have announced a strike day to protest about changes to pensions on Wednesday 28th March. A letter will be sent home to all parents on Thursday 22nd March with more details. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause parents and carers.

Road safety outside school

May I please remind parents about parking their cars and ensuring children are safely stepping out of the car onto the pavement. I have seen parents stopping on the speed bump and children stepping out onto the road which is extremely dangerous. Please give yourselves time to park, say goodbye and ensure your child has a safe start to the day.

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher



Reminder: School Council Cake & Book Sale

Don't forget the School Council Cake & Book Sale after school **TODAY**.

This will take place outside the Year 2 class rooms.



98.7% Turtle Class
97.4% Jaguar Class
97.0% Badger Class
96.9% Puffin Class
96.4% Kestrel Class



Class Attendance - w/c 12 March 2012

96.2% Polar Bear Class
95.4% Wombat Class
95.2% Monkey Class
95.0% Cheetah Class
94.6% Eagle Class



94.0% Ladybird Class
92.3% Butterfly Class
91.0% Panda Class
88.3% Hedgehog 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.

The dates for next half term are Tuesday 17th April, Tuesday 1st May, Tuesday 15th May and Tuesday 29th May.

Milk

If your child would like to have milk every morning when we return to school after Easter, please make sure that you pay on ParentPay **and** return the green slip to the school office **by Friday 30th March**.



Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 21st March School council cake & book sale after school (outside year 2)
- Thursday 22nd March 10:30am Wombat Class assembly
- Friday 23rd March 6:00-8:00pm PTFA Family Race Night has been **cancelled** - see front of newsletter
- Tuesday 27th March 2:50-3:10pm Monkey & Hedgehog Class assembly
- Friday 30th March** 1:15pm Hat Parade
- Break up at 2pm for Easter holidays**
- Monday 16th April** **Children return to school**




Term Dates 2012

Summer Term 2012

Monday 16th April	Return to school	Monday 11th June	Return to school
Friday 1st June	Break up for half term	Friday 29th June	INSET Day
w/c 4th June	Half term	Friday 20th July	Break up for summer

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

Family Fun Activity Group at Tweeddale Children's Centre Saturday 31st March 9:30-11:30am



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