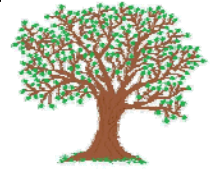




Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddales

Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 22nd January 2013



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to everyone! It doesn't seem a moment since we were breaking up for the Christmas holidays and looking forward to plenty of turkey, mince pies and Father Christmas coming to call!

The children have come back to school looking rested and refreshed and ready for a new term's learning. I am very impressed with their commitment to a new year and new ambitions to achieve. We have decided in assembly that we will continue with last year's New Year's Resolution to 'Get More Active!' The children talked about the clubs they belong to outside school and a renewed promise to make sure they make the most of school clubs and activities this term.

Congratulations Wombat Class - On Thursday 17th January, Wombat class performed their assembly on The Tudors to a packed hall of children from years 1-6. This was an experiment to see if all the children and Wombat parents and carers fitted into the hall and that Wombats had enough room to perform. This worked beautifully with the children's outstanding behaviour entering the hall and a fabulous class assembly to start off the New Year. Well done everyone. This practice will now continue with the school watching assemblies alongside the parents.

Welcome to new staff and governors

Miss Maple - Hedgehogs - This term, Miss Maple is teaching year 1 class, Hedgehogs, and will continue for the rest of this year. Miss Maple has worked in year 1 last year as a student and knows the school and the children well. We welcome her to The Tweeddales and thank her for the work she has already done this term.

Miss Issac - temporary Finance Assistant - We welcome Miss Isaac, our temporary Finance Assistant, who is helping Mrs Hempenius in the office part time. Miss Isaac has settled quickly into the school community and we hope she will enjoy working with us while we find a permanent replacement.

Mrs Sarah Francis and Miss Nikki Oakley - new Parent Governors - I would like to welcome Mrs Francis and Miss Oakley to our board of governors. They have both visited our school already this term, had a tour as governors, joined our class assembly and learnt more about our school and our ambitions. Mrs Francis and Miss Oakley have already attended a Full Governors meeting and have contributed vital suggestions and parents' views that are so important to our vision statement - Working Together in Unity for Our Children's Future'.

Attendance improvement - I am pleased to report that our attendance is back to our target of 95.5% this term. Last term, we were hit with the Norovirus and chicken pox which had a huge impact on our attendance. I am pleased to see that the children have recovered and they are back in school.

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood
Headteacher

Class Attendance - w/c 14 January 2013

98.3% Panda Class
98.0% Eagle Class
97.2% Jaguar Class
96.6% Badger Class
96.4% Monkey Class



95.7% Hedgehog Class
94.7% Turtle Class
94.7% Wombat Class
94.5% Polar Bear Class
94.5% Kestrel Class



94.3% Puffin Class
92.7% Cheetah Class
91.4% Butterfly Class
88.3% Ladybird 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 this term are Tuesday 29th January, Tuesday 12th February, Tuesday 5th March and Tuesday 19th March.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 24th January9:00am Badger Class Assembly to parents/carers
Thursday 31st January9:00am Kestrel Class Assembly to parents/carers
Thursday 14th FebruaryChildren break up at normal time for half term (1 week)
Friday 15th FebruaryINSET day - School and Children's Centre closed
w/c 18th FebruaryHalf term
Monday 25th February.....Children return to school at normal time

Term Dates 2012-2013

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year along with the Tweeddale INSET days:

Friday 15th February 2013	- INSET Day	Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school
w/c 18th February 2013	- Half Term (1 week)	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term

Headteacher Awards

The following children have received Headteacher Awards during the last few weeks:

Michael Humphries	Merve Ozkaynak	Karar Al-Altia	Alysha Bracknell	Holly Wright
Jessica Moat	Jamie Huggett	Sol Headley	Arturs Ivanovs	Alyssia Arthurs
Ethan Bunce	Ben Bullas	Katie Buchan	Melissa Ozkaynak	Charlie Davis Jenkins
Kieran Lowing	Kayleigh Day	Sonny Stirton	Hannah Brilliant	Esther Macklin
Alhassan Al-Atia	Aleisha Grace Quiros	Melita Bryan	Ben Hooton	Reece Murphy-Maynard

Well done to you all




Packed Lunches - Important Reminder

Tweeddale is a **NUT FREE ZONE**.

Please do not send your child into school with any items containing nuts. There are children in the school who are allergic to nuts and contact with them could be fatal. Any item of food containing nuts will be instantly disposed of. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

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



Baby Massage

Our next baby massage course starts at the end of January 2013. Please enquire at reception to sign up for this course.