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

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**Dates for your diary**

Thursday 24th January ....................9:00am Badger Class Assembly to parents/carers
Thursday 31st January .....................9:00am Kestrel Class Assembly to parents/carers
Thursday 14th February ....................Children break up at normal time for half term (1 week)
Friday 15th February ......................INSET day - School and Children’s Centre closed
w/c 18th February ........................Halfterm
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
w/c 18th February 2013 - Half Term (1 week)
Thursday 28th March 2013 - Last day of term
Monday 15th April 2013 - INSET Day

**Headteacher Awards**

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

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

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.

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Geraldine Wood, Headteacher