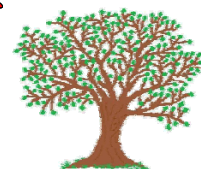




# Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddales



**Tweeddale Primary School**  
**Tuesday 22nd May 2012**

Dear Parents and Carers

It looks like summer may be just around the corner! We are beginning to plan our summer term events with a view to some sunshine and working and playing outside. The sails, bought by the PTFA, are being put up in the playground to shield the children from the sunshine and I remind you to send your children with water bottles to keep them hydrated.

**Developing our Playground** - Work has begun to create a new Quiet Area at the top of our playground. The School Council consulted their classes and have agreed a design that creates a quieter area for children to sit and chat, to read, play quieter games and to enjoy relaxing at playtime. The container that is housed against the wall is being transformed into a bus by some clever painting and a bus stop erected to give the bus more authenticity. We are aiming to have the Quiet Area completed by the Summer Fair so that you can see how your hard work and fund raising is creating improved playtimes for our children. I thank the PTFA, Mrs McDermott and Mrs Mitchell for their help in designing the playground.

**Attendance and Punctuality** - Last week, 3 classes achieved 100% attendance, but only 2 classes came first. This was because there were 2 late marks in Kestrels. The competition to come first each week is very fierce and punctuality is more important than ever. Three classes came below our target of 94%, giving us an overall 95.5% attendance across the school. This is a very good result again this week. Well done everyone!

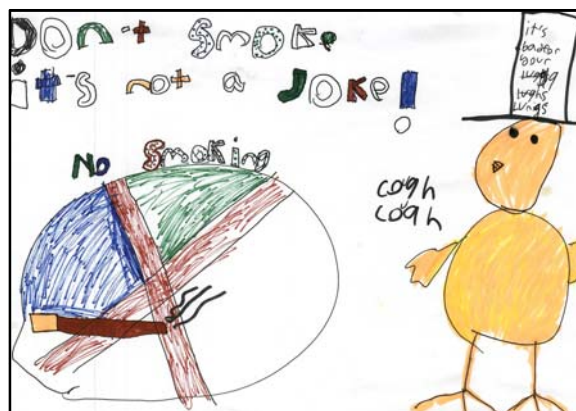
**Children's Progress this term** - The staff have been working very hard to track the progress of children during the spring term and are just about to review their progress this term.

**The key factor that is a barrier to learning is poor attendance and punctuality. I applaud all parents and carers who ensure their children have the best possible learning opportunities by making sure their children are in school, on time each day.**

**Don't forget our Jubilee picnic and Fancy Dress next week!**

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher



Dylan Clark in Puffin Class has designed this poster to remind us not to smoke. This will be published and displayed all around the school site to remind us about our no-smoking policy. Congratulations Dylan on supporting our healthy schools message.

## Reception Classes - Chessington World of Adventures Zoo

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Reception visited Chessington World of Adventures Zoo. Despite fears about the weather it was lovely and the children had a brilliant time. For most of the children it was their first time of seeing many of the animals. They had the opportunity to see penguins, sealions and gorillas being fed. Butterfly class were particularly surprised when a gorilla ran to the window they were standing by and banged on it, which made them all jump. Soul Lavey was selected to meet a Binturong and found that it gave off a scent similar to freshly made popcorn! Ladybird class had the opportunity to meet and handle the animals in the children's zoo. They were particularly amused when one of the goats tried to eat Mrs Quaille's rucksack. The children then had time to explore other areas of the zoo including the Sealife Centre. The children were extremely well behaved and the teachers were really proud of them. A fantastic day was had by all!

### Class Attendance - w/c 14 May 2012

100% Puffin Class  
100% Eagle Class  
100% Kestrel Class  
97.5% Wombat Class  
97.4% Jaguar Class



96.8% Turtle Class  
96.7% Butterfly Class  
95.9% Monkey Class  
95.7% Ladybird Class  
95.6% Hedgehog Class



94.2% Cheetah Class  
92.0% Panda Class  
91.7% Badger Class  
88.9% Polar Bear 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.

There is one more session this half term which will take place on Tuesday 29th May.

### Tesco Vouchers

Tesco's have now stopped issuing their vouchers for "free kit" for schools. Could we please ask you to bring in any vouchers you may have at home and place them in the box near the school office.

*Thank you*



### Dates for your diary

Thursday 24th May ..... 10:30am Polar Bear class assembly

Thursday 31st May &

Friday 1st June..... Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Friday 1st June..... Break up for half term at normal time

Monday 11th June..... Return to school at normal time

Friday 15th June ..... Choir to Fairfield Halls

Thursday 21st June..... 10:30am Jaguar class assembly

**Friday 29th June..... INSET Day - School and Children's Centre closed**

Saturday 30th June ..... Tweeddale Summer Fair

Friday 20th July ..... Break up for Summer holidays



31st May &  
Friday 1st June

### Term Dates 2012-2013

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for 2012-2013. **Please note there are still 5 INSET days to be scheduled.** The dates of these will be advised at the end of June 2012.

Tuesday 4th September 2012 - Start of Autumn Term

Thursday 28th March 2013 - Last day of term

w/c 29th October 2012 - Half term (1 week)

Monday 15th April 2013 - Start of Summer Term

Friday 21st December 2012 - Last day of term


w/c 27th May 2013 - Half term (1 week)

Monday 7th January 2013 - Start of Spring Term

Wednesday 24th July 2013 - Last day of term

w/c 18th February 2013 - Half Term (1 week)

### 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](http://www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk). You can also follow us on  [www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC](http://www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)

### Family Fun Activity Group at Tweeddale Children's Centre - Saturday 26th May 9:30-11:30am



This is a stay and play activity group for Dads, Mums, Grandparents, Step Families 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. No need to book, just drop in and join in the fun!

