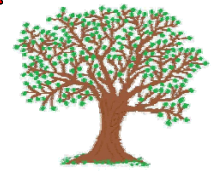


# Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School  
Tuesday 22nd November 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

Well, what an amazing week we had last week! Tweeddale Primary school is going from strength to strength and I am very proud of children and families in our community. Firstly, our attendance is reaching even greater heights. Your commitment to children's learning and attending school every day has achieved an average attendance last week of 94.9%. Our target this year is 94%, so you have already exceeded the target. I believe we can achieve an even higher average in future weeks. Well done everyone!

Last week Parents and Carers attended the second Parents Consultation Evening. I spoke to parents as they made their way out of school at the end of the evening and many commented how happy they were with the teacher's comments and how pleased they were with the school. I will be asking the school community for their comments about elements of the school at the end of this term in a questionnaire. Look out for further details. All parents and carers will have discussed targets for children this year and I hope you will support your child in the achievement of these targets this year.

I was very proud of the Tweeddale Upper Phase school choir who sang at the official opening of the Tweeddale Centre on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Turton encouraged children to join the choir this term and they have been rehearsing very hard to learn 3 songs in time for our very special day. **Over 500 adults and children** came to participate in the opening, enjoying face painting, Arts and Crafts, opportunities to play in the Day Nursery, meet Barney the dinosaur and talk to a range of agencies about support currently provided at the Tweeddale Centre. David Callaghan, our local councillor for St Helier cut the ribbon and Radio St Helier created the background music. We raised over £90 in our raffle and this money will be ploughed back into helping our children and families. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us on Saturday.

You may have heard on the news about a **possible strike day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. Some unions are currently deciding if they are calling their members out on strike or continuing to negotiate to avoid a strike. I am not clear whether Tweeddale Primary school will be closed on that day, but will inform parents and carers as soon as possible.

**Please note that the INSET set for April 16<sup>th</sup> is now changed to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.** This is to create an opportunity for the school community to plan the new School Development Plan in time to inform next year's school budget.

The PTFA have asked me to remind Parents and Carers that there is a **Mufti day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Children may come to school in their own sensible clothes and in return, to bring a tin, a packet or bottle for the Tombola stall at our Christmas Fair.

Lastly, may I say a congratulations to children who achieved Headteacher's Awards this week. Children have been proud to share their learning with me and they show great joy in their achievements: Georgia Baker, Donte Campbell, Humaira Chowdhury, Louis Cook, Lucia Edwards, Kimberley Gilmour, Oliver Guy, Phoenix Hanton, Ellie Hill, Jamie Huggett, Ziggy Johnson, Jessica Jones, Conor Martin, Chase Mitchell-Rainey, Merlin Mitchell-Rainey, Katie Monckton, Keeleigh Pyne, Vanessa Roberts, Ellie Sales, Lacie Smith, Owen Watchorn and Holly Wright.

Best wishes  
Geraldine Wood

## Attendance - w/c 14 November 2011

99.6%	Jaguar Class	95.0%	Eagle Class
98.6%	Wombat Class	94.8%	Turtle Class
96.6%	Puffin Class	94.6%	Butterfly Class
96.3%	Badger Class	93.7%	Panda Class
96.1%	Hedgehog Class	92.3%	Ladybird Class
96.1%	Polar Bear Class	91.7%	Monkey Class
95.2%	Kestrel Class	91.3%	Cheetah Class



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated money to Children in Need and Jeans for Genes.

We raised £311.50 for Children in Need and £247.84 for Jeans for Genes.

### 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 half term are Tuesday 29th November and Tuesday 13th December.



### Dates for your diary

- Friday 25th November..... PTFA Mufti Day—please donate a tin, packet or bottle for the Christmas Fair tombola
- Monday 28th November..... Year 3 trip to Butser Farm
- Thursday 1st December..... Cheetah Class visit to Whitehall in Cheam
- Friday 2nd December..... After school - Christmas Fair
- Monday 5th December..... 9:30-11:00 Open Morning  
6:00-7:30 Open Evening**
- Wednesday 7th December..... Jaguar Class visit to Whitehall in Cheam
- Tuesday 13th December..... Upper Phase Performance - more details to come
- Wednesday 14th December..... Foundation Stage Christingle - more details to come  
Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 15th December..... Middle Phase Carol Service & Nativity – more details to come
- Monday 19th December..... Class parties
- Tuesday 20th December..... 2pm School breaks up for Christmas
- Wednesday 4th January ..... INSET Day (School, Children's Centre & Play Centre closed)
- Thursday 5th January ..... Children return to school at normal time



### 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](https://www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)



#### **Your Future Workshop - Friday 2nd December 9:30-11:30am at Tweeddale Children's Centre**

Are you interested in working, training or volunteering, but feel there are barriers in your way?  
Is the cost of childcare preventing you from working?  
Did you know that you can claim benefits whilst you are working?  
Would you like to develop your skills through volunteering?  
Would you like to know about additional support available to help you overcome these & other barriers?

**Please enquire at the Tweeddale Centre reception to sign up for this workshop**