

Dear Parents and Carers

We've already reached the half-way point of the Autumn term. As always, school has been very busy and your children have been working hard.

A reminder that mobile phones may not be used once you're inside the school building, so if you're half-way through a call, please finish it outside. I've also had a complaint that a very small number of parents are using strong language while there are children about.

School is closed on Friday for a training day for staff and one of the things we'll be doing is developing our 'Fronter' Learning Platform site. This is like our web site, but will only be available to pupils and parents, via a user name and password. Once it's running, information about spellings and homework will be on the site and other information will be added as the site develops. Eventually, children will be able to send work in via Fronter, so 'the dog ate my homework' won't work any more.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term holiday.

Michael Lovett, Interim Headteacher

News from Foundation Stage

The children in Foundation are continuing to settle well into their new classes and make new friends.

We have been table painting making swirly patterns and printing them.



We love playing in the water tray.



We would welcome donations of toys that your children have grown out of eg, dolls, plastic food, tea-sets, cars, dressing up clothes etc for our outside area.

Please send donations into Nursery - *thank you.*

News from Middle Phase

Year 1 have been working hard this half term on their English and Maths. We have been practicing our numbers up to 30 - reading and ordering them.

We have also been learning how to add and subtract using a number line. We have enjoyed lots of practical activities in our classroom and have been having lots of fun.



In English we were learning about instructions and we got to make a Cheese and Mushroom Pizza. It was good fun!!



News from Upper Phase



Upper Phase has been very busy lately.

Year 4 went to Hampton Court on Wednesday 2nd October and they really enjoyed looking around the palace and chatting to 'Henry VIII'.

The weather was lovely and we all enjoyed a delightful picnic in the palace gardens.

Year 5 are going to Morden Hall Park this week and are doing river investigations.

Let's hope the weather stays dry for them!

Year 6 had a great time on their residential trip to Kingswood and also to Bough Beech.



Reminder for Year 6 Parents:

The deadline for Secondary School applications is 31st October. Please make sure that your online application is completed ASAP if you haven't done it already!

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Class Attendance - w/c 14th October 2013

98.3% Kestrel Class
97.9% Panda Class
97.1% Butterfly Class
97.1% Turtle Class
96.7% Ladybird Class



96.7% Wombat Class
96.6% Cheetah Class
95.5% Eagle Class
94.6% Jaguar Class
94.6% Puffin Class



94.2% Badger Class
90.5% Polar Bear Class
87.9% Hedgehog Class
87.5% Monkey Class

Team Points

Red - David Weir

345

Blue - Mo Farah

295

Green - Sir Chris Hoy

255

Yellow - Victoria Pendleton

240

Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have recently received a Headteacher Award:

Harley – Y1 Monkey – Persistently Good Maths Work
Sumbel – Y4 Polar Bears – Writing at Home About Henry VIII
Yara – Y5 Jaguar – Writing a Diary in the Style of Roald Dahl
Jack – Y5 Jaguar – Writing a Diary in the Style of Roald Dahl
Saranna – Y5 Jaguar – Writing a Diary in the Style of Roald Dahl
Danny-Lee – Y6 Kestrel – Maths Shopping Poster
Bailey – Y6 Eagle – Exciting Writing
Kai – Y6 Kestrel – Exciting Writing
Harlem-Lee – Y6 Kestrel – Exciting Writing
Karla – Y6 Kestrel – Exciting Writing
Jack – Y4 Wombat – Retelling an Anansi story

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for parent governors.

Being a governor is an interesting and rewarding role. The governing body itself is made up from various groups including parents & staff and is responsible for a wide range of important matters, which directly affect the education and the well being of the pupils. To be a good governor you do not need any special qualifications except to have a child on the school roll at the time of the election. You just need to be willing to take an active part in the meetings, to get involved and gain greater knowledge of the school and help make sound decisions. There is an evening meeting of all governors once a term and in addition you will need to attend the meeting of one of our committees.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please collect a letter containing more information and a nomination form from the school office.

It is important that parents are represented on the governing body. I hope you will consider nominating yourself. Completed nomination forms need to be returned to the Headteacher **by Friday 8th November 2013**.

Mid-day Supervisors - Bank Staff Required

Are you interested in joining our 'Bank' staff of mid-day supervisors?

Have you experience of working with children and the ability to relate well to them?

Hours of work will be between 12:00 & 1:30 as and when required.

If you are interested, please pick up an application pack from the school office.

Completed application forms need to be returned to the office by noon on Friday 8th November.

Interviews will take place during w/c 11th November.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 24th October9:15am Upper Phase Harvest Festival
Break up for half term
 Friday 25th October.....**INSET day - school and children's centre closed all day**
 w/c 28th OctoberHalf term break (1 week)
 Monday 4th NovemberChildren return to school
 Tuesday 5th November.....2pm Parents drop-in with school nurse
 w/c 11th NovemberScholastic Book Fair in school hall after school
 w/c 18th November.....Friendship week
 Thursday 21st November.....**2:15pm School closes** for parent/teacher meetings
2:30-5:30pm Parent/teacher meetings
 Monday 25th November.....3:30-7:00pm Parent/teacher meetings
 Friday 29th Novemberc.3:30pm Christmas Fair

Term Dates 2013-2014

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates and the Tweeddale INSET days for the rest of the 2013-2014 academic year:

Friday 20th December 2013 - Last day of term	Friday 4th April 2014 - Last day of term
Monday 6th January 2014 - INSET Day	Tuesday 22nd April 2014 - INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January 2014 - Children return to school	Wednesday 23rd April 2014 - Children return to school
Friday 14th February 2014 - INSET Day	w/c 26th May 2014 - Half term (1 week)
w/c 17th February 2014 - Half term (1 week)	Tuesday 22nd July 2014 - Last day of term

Please note that both the School and Children's Centre are closed on INSET Days



Car Park

A reminder that the school car park is for staff and official visitors only.
For the safety of our children, the gates may be locked shut at the start and end of the school day.

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. The dates for next half term are Tuesday 5th & 19th November and 3rd & 17th December. There is no need to book.

Parents drop-in sessions with the family support worker

Every Thursday morning between 9am and 11am, Maria Cunningham, the family support worker is in school offering a listening ear to parents/carers who may be struggling with their children and need support and guidance.

Leaflets are available from reception.

School Lunch



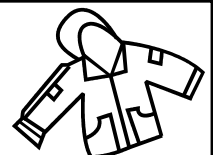
When we return to school after half term, there will be a new school lunch menu.

The menu is available to view on our website in 'information & downloads' (file download area).

If your child would like to have a school lunch, please speak to the office.

Cold weather

When the weather starts to get colder, please make sure that your child brings a coat into school. The children will still be going outside at playtime and lunchtime.



Children's Centre Information

A full timetable of our activities and groups 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

Every Monday 10am-2pm



Citizens Advice Bureau appointments are available to parents and carers who live in the London Borough of Sutton and may need advice regarding subjects such as Welfare Benefits, Employment, including employment rights, Housing and Debt. Please call the Children's Centre reception on 020 8404 1640 to book an appointment.

Open House at the Children's Centre

Are you not sure what a Children's Centre is? Do you have any questions regarding family life such as how to budget, how to cook healthy food, how to make your home child friendly? Do you sometimes feel like you have the weight of the world on your shoulders? If you answer yes to any of these questions then this informal drop in session for parents/carers along with their children (under 5s only) has been designed for you. There are fun activities for children, you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and our friendly team are here to help you.



Tuesday 29th October 9:30-11:00am

The Children's Centre half term activity programme is available on our website

School Nursing in Sutton – Parents Survey

What do you want from the School Nursing Service? – Sutton Council would like to know to improve the service...

Sutton Council is currently developing the School Nursing Service and would like to hear from parents/carers about the services you want for your child/ren. To capture the views from parents/carers we are hosting an online questionnaire for parents/carers with the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw to win one of 5 x £20 Amazon Vouchers. Please tell us your views through a short online survey which you can access at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QGYG3L8>

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey which will close on Friday 25th October. The information you provide will be used to improve the support offered from School Nurses to all parents and pupils.



Do you want to make a difference to older people? Are you friendly, can commit to 3½ hours once a week or fortnight? Average expenses to cover food, contribution to electricity/gas approximately £30 a day. If you are interested in hosting a group, please telephone 020 8770 4089 or email homeshare@ageuksutton.org.uk.

We also want to employ helpers to assist with practical tasks and socialisation. We offer flexibility and a generous salary to fit around your lifestyle. To learn more, telephone 020 8770 4091 or visit www.ageuksutton.org.uk. Finally, Age UK Sutton are looking for volunteer drivers to take people to local activities. If you think this is something you could help with and fit around your availability, then telephone 020 8770 4089 or email centralservices@ageuksutton.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Macmillan coffee morning**. We raised £142.35.

Flu vaccination for Children - for information, go to www.gov.uk and type 'flu vaccination' in the query box.

Morrisons - "Let's Grow" vouchers

Morrisons will stop handing these vouchers out on 27th October. Please bring any vouchers you may have into school after half term. Thank you.



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