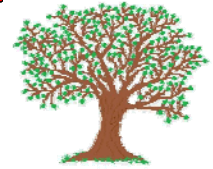




# Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddales

Tweeddale Primary School  
Tuesday 27th November 2012



Dear Parents and Carers

### Ofsted Inspection at the Children's Centre

This has been a very exciting and rewarding week for The Tweeddales. Last week, Ofsted came to inspect our Children's Centre on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. There were 2 inspectors and they met with our Children Centre staff, parents and governors and Sutton Local Education Authority. They also met with many agencies that provide support for our children and families, including our colleagues from Portage, Early Intervention and Prevention Services and Learning and Language Difficulties, who are part of the co-location team. We have not yet received the official report so I cannot reveal our Ofsted grade, but we are very happy with the inspectors' comments and feedback. I am so proud of our Children's Centre team and thank everyone for their hard work and contribution to the inspection. I will give you more information once the inspection report has been finalised.

### Prospective Parents Open Day

Yesterday, we opened our doors to invite new parents to come and see us all teaching and learning. Our Year 6 children proudly became Tour Guides, and showed new parents all aspects of our school answering questions and giving their perspective of their Tweeddale experience. I would like to thank the staff and children for creating a working school experience in the evening so that working parents had an opportunity to see our school in action.

### Parking on the school site and Road Safety

May I remind parents and carers that the car park is for staff and parents with disabled children **only**. Last week, the car park was grid locked with parents' cars double parked and blocking in staff cars who need to be able to drive in and out of the car park during the day. Parents will be asked to remove their cars and the car park will be locked so that access remains clear.



Whilst talking to parents at the beginning of the day, I have seen many parents stopping at the speed hump and opening their car doors to allow children to step out into the road and oncoming cars. **This is incredibly dangerous**. Please park your cars, away from the zig-zag lines and ensure your child is stepping onto the pavement.

Best wishes Geraldine Wood  
Headteacher

The children are very enthusiastic about the new House system. Here is an overview of the Housepoints earned so far this term...

Blue - Mo Farah 1,002	Green - Sir Chris Hoy 996	Yellow - Victoria Pendleton 906	Red - David Weir 799
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### Class Attendance - w/c 19 November 2012

99.0% Eagle Class		96.7% Badger Class		90.3% Ladybird Class
98.6% Cheetah Class		96.2% Jaguar Class		89.3% Puffin Class
98.0% Polar Bear Class		94.3% Monkey Class		88.6% Turtle Class
97.7% Kestrel Class		94.0% Hedgehog Class		82.0% Butterfly Class
96.7% Panda Class		93.7% Wombat 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. Dates for this half term are Tuesday 4 December and Tuesday 18 December.

### Lost Property

There has been a lot of lost property handed in over the last few weeks. If your child has lost anything, please come and look in the lost property 'bins' near the office. Lost property is only kept for 3 weeks and then disposed of. Please make sure that you write your child's name in their clothing so that any lost items can be returned to them.

Thank you.

### Upper Phase Christmas Performance

Please note that only 2 tickets are available per family not per pupil as stated in the letter sent home. If you do want extra tickets, your name will go on a waiting list for day time or dress rehearsal tickets. Please could we also remind you to start bringing in your child's costume and the £1 donation to help buy props etc.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 30th November	PTFA Mufti Day - donations of small gifts, sweets, tins and packets 4:00pm Choir singing at Rosehill
Wednesday 5th December	Year 3 trip to Butser Farm
Friday 7th December	3:30pm School Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11th December	Nursery trip to Charles Cryer Theatre to see "All I want for Christmas"
Wednesday 12th December	2:00pm Upper Phase "Mr Humbug sees the light" performance - school hall 6:30pm Upper Phase "Mr Humbug sees the light" performance - school hall
Friday 14th December	2:00pm Nursery, Reception & Children's Centre Christingle at St Peter's Church
Monday 17th December	6:30pm Middle Phase Carol Service at St Peter's Church
Wednesday 19th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Friday 21st December	2:00pm Break up for Christmas
Monday 7th January	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 21st December 2012	- Last day of term	Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day
Monday 7th January 2013	- Children return to school	Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school
Friday 15th February 2013	- INSET Day	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
w/c 18th February 2013	- Half Term (1 week)	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term

### 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)

Contact the Centre on 020 8404 1640 or email [tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org](mailto:tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org)

### Story time at The Circle Library

Come along and enjoy half an hour of story telling in the comfortable surroundings of the children's section of the library.

Tuesday's 1:30-2:00pm