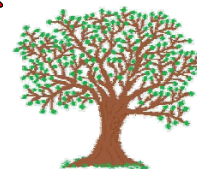




# Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddles



Tweeddale Primary School  
Tuesday 27th March 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

Well spring is finally here! The buds are appearing again on the trees, the crocus are pushing their heads above the grass and all is right with the world! I spent a delightful day yesterday, talking to the children at lunchtime, discussing their packed lunches and being amazed at your creativity in the choice of healthy packed lunches you provide. The children were enthusiastic about their food and clearly enjoy their 'picnic' experience. I thank you all for continuing to maintain your children's healthy lunches, which are so important.

**Respect for All** - In assembly yesterday, we talked about our respect for each other and respect for the school community. I was saddened to see some very unkind graffiti on the fences outside school. This was extremely distressing for the child it was aimed at and was not positive publicity about our values in our school. This is completely unacceptable behaviour and I am sure will be the last time this is seen outside our school.

The children took on board ways we can show respect for each other and I spent the whole day being greeted warmly by children and enjoying smiling faces and positive attitudes everywhere I went. Tweeddale school is a fantastic community with amazing children, parents and staff and I know this graffiti is not a true reflection of who we are.

**Funding for our children** - Parents and carers may not be aware that every child that is registered for Free School Meals brings an additional £600 to be spent on making sure your child gains the best possible support for their education. This can mean additional staff, teaching and learning resources, additional activities or any additional strategies that will ensure your child receives the best possible teaching in their primary school. If you are entitled to Free School Meals or think you may be, please enquire at the school office. This does not mean your child must eat a school dinner, but does mean additional funds for your child. Don't miss out!!!

**Easter Hat Parade** - It is the custom at Tweeddale to celebrate the Easter break with an **Easter Hat Parade**. I know that the children have been talking about this in class. Please come and join us in the playground at 1.15pm. All the school will parade their Easter Hat designs and then return to their classes to say goodbye and pick up all their belongings. Reception and Nursery children may be collected when the parade has finished. All other classes will be dismissed at 2.00pm.



**PTFA Easter Egg Raffle** - Each class will have a separate Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are 50p each. If your child would like to buy a ticket, they will need to bring 50p in to their class teacher. A draw will take place in each class on Friday. The owners of the first 3 tickets to be drawn in each class will win an Easter Egg.

**And finally** - I thank all parents and grandparents who have helped in our school this term. I thank you for your time and generosity. I thank all the staff who have worked so hard to ensure the children have made progress and enjoyed their second term this year. I am going to Lourdes with a group of children during Easter week and am looking forward to spending some time in France. I wish everyone a happy Easter. I hope you all enjoy some quality time with your family and friends. Don't eat too much chocolate!!!

Best wishes Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

### Class Attendance - w/c 19 March 2012

97.8% Jaguar Class  
97.3% Cheetah Class  
97.2% Kestrel Class  
96.8% Wombat Class  
96.7% Turtle Class



96.0% Butterfly Class  
95.5% Polar Bear Class  
95.4% Eagle Class  
94.3% Ladybird Class  
94.0% Panda Class



93.1% Monkey Class  
92.1% Puffin Class  
92.0% Hedgehog Class  
86.7% Badger 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.

The dates for next half term are Tuesday 17th April, Tuesday 1st May, Tuesday 15th May and Tuesday 29th May.

### Milk

If your child would like to have milk every morning when we return to school after Easter, please make sure that you pay on ParentPay **and** return the green slip to the school office **by Friday 30th March**.



### Dates for your diary

**Friday 30th March** ..... 1:15pm Hat Parade  
**Break up at 2pm for Easter holidays**

**Monday 16th April** ..... **Children return to school**

Thursday 26th April ..... 10:30am Kestrel Class Assembly

Monday 7th May ..... Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th May ..... 10:30am Polar Bear Class Assembly

Friday 11th May ..... Reception classes trip to Chessington Zoo

w/c 14th May ..... Year 6 SATs

Monday 21st May ..... Class Photos



### Term Dates 2012

#### Summer Term 2012

Monday 16th April	Return to school	Monday 11th June	Return to school
Friday 1st June	Break up for half term	Friday 29th June	INSET Day
w/c 4th June	Half term	Friday 20th July	Break up for summer

### 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 31st March 9:30-11:30am



For Dads, Mums, Step Parents, Grandparents 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. We have fun indoor & outdoor activities, with no need to book, just drop in and join in the fun!