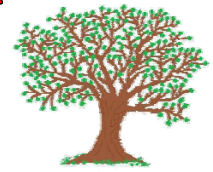


# Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School  
Wednesday 28th September 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

The term continues to progress with everyone becoming more settled into the daily and weekly routines of class and school life and the children rising to the challenges set by teachers and support staff. I am very impressed with the staff and children's ability to begin teaching and learning so promptly each morning with every minute of teaching time carefully planned and learning time well used. It is therefore so disappointing to see so many children arriving late for school and late for their first lesson of the day.

On Monday this week, over 30 children were late for school. On Tuesday this number had reduced to 19, and today has reduced to 14. It is the responsibility of parents, carers and children to ensure that children are in their classrooms in good time to start the day so that they are ready to learn, not racing to catch up.

I have also, however, seen a distinct improvement in some children's attendance and one class last week achieved 100% attendance. This is a fantastic achievement for Turtle class. I congratulate them and I know Annie Attendwell will enjoy her week in their classroom.

I have been delighted with the children's designs for a Tweeddale Headteacher's Award certificate. I have had a variety of designs from children across the age ranges and they have all shown enthusiasm and understanding of the elements of a certificate. I will be looking at all the designs at the end of this week and the winning design will be announced in Assembly next Monday.

I have had two tours around the new building now which is almost finished. I am sure everyone is very curious to see the building and grounds when it is finished and there will be dates announced very soon when the Children's Centre, Play Centre and a range of support services will move into their new accommodation. **Keep checking the newsletter and screen in Reception Area for dates and details.**

I congratulate the children in year 6 who spent a week researching about different aspects of water with Mrs Matthey last week. One of their learning activities took them to The Eco Centre where one of our governors, Mrs Beall, was working that day. She was so impressed with their behaviour that she wrote to congratulate them! I am very proud of all the children and their ability to enjoy their learning and remember that they are good ambassadors for our school. Brilliant!

I continue to meet more parents as I spend time in the playground at the beginning and end of the school days. Please don't hesitate to stop me if you would like to discuss anything regarding your child/children or if you would just like to say hello. I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents that attended the Meet the Teachers sessions over the last two weeks. If you didn't make the meeting this term, make a date in your diaries for the spring term.

Best wishes  
Geraldine Wood

## Attendance—w/c 19 September 2011

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|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 100%  | Turtle Class     | 94.3% | Puffin Class    |
| 98.9% | Polar Bear Class | 93.5% | Cheetah Class   |
| 98.6% | Ladybird Class   | 91.7% | Eagle Class     |
| 97%   | Jaguar Class     | 91.3% | Butterfly Class |
| 95.9% | Wombat Class     | 89.3% | Monkey Class    |
| 95.6% | Panda Class      | 89.3% | Badger Class    |
| 95.2% | Hedgehog Class   | 88.5% | Kestrel Class   |



## Could we please remind you that:

- For Health & Safety reasons, children are not allowed on the climbing frame before or after school.
- Children are only allowed soft balls in the playground. This includes before school.

### **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 next drop-in session will take place on Tuesday 11th October.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please complete the nomination form sent home last week and return to school **by Monday 3rd October**.



### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 5th October ..... Year 4 trip to Hampton Court

Monday 10th October ..... Photographer in school for individual photographs to be taken  
(no swimming)

Thursday 13th October ..... Year 5 trip to Morden Hall

Friday 21st October ..... School breaks up at normal time for half term

w/c Monday 24th October ..... Half term

Monday 31st October ..... INSET Day (School, Children's Centre & Play Centre closed)

Tuesday 1st November ..... Children return to school at normal time

*Further dates can be found on our school website calendar*

### **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)

#### **'Mini Movers' at Tweeddale Primary School**

Your child can enjoy singing, movement, actions and props to help bring music to life. From classical to pop, your child can learn songs and rhymes in a fun and rewarding way. This is specifically targeted at the under 5's.

**Every Tuesday from**  
**9:30am - 10:00am for children under 2**  
**10:15am - 10:45am for children over 2**  
**at Tweeddale Primary School**

Our Community Early Years Practitioner, Teresa, also works within the community.

If you would like to meet up with Teresa or have a chat to find out which groups and activities would be best for your child, please call her on

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