



Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales

Tweeddale Primary School
Friday 28th September 2012



Dear Parents/Carers

Meet the teacher meetings - Thank you so much for the brilliant attendance at our Meet The Teacher meetings during the first two weeks of this term. Some classrooms were overflowing with parents and carers and it was great to see so many familiar and new faces. You will have met the teacher and teaching assistant, received some information about what your child can expect to learn this term and the staff's expectations of your child's commitment to learning this year. I managed to get to most meetings but I would like to stress again my sincere thanks for your support to raise our level of attendance and your support for the school last year.

Our focus on attendance continues and I will keep you updated on our progress towards our new target of 95.5%

May I also add that you can catch me at the gate in the mornings or ask for an appointment at the office if you need more time and privacy to talk.

Children's safety - Can I please remind parents that the practice of stopping at the speed hump and encouraging your child to step out of the car into the road is extremely dangerous. Parked cars will obstruct your view of traffic coming down Tweeddale Road and this could cause a very serious accident.

Please ensure that you can park to let your child walk safely into our school.

Year 6 Residential to Kingswood - Last week, some of our year 6 pupils spent 4 days at Kingswood and some had day trips to explore a topic on water, led by Mrs Matthey. The children and staff arrived back safely from the residential trip and I have already seen photos of staff and children having an amazing time. I know we will be hearing more shortly. Mrs Matthey led an action packed week to explore water in its many forms and the children enjoyed an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom. My thanks to all the year 6 staff for a fantastic week where children have been stimulated and challenged in so many ways. I hope you have heard about their exploits!

Best wishes Geraldine Wood, Headteacher



Join our Reading Workshop - Tuesday 2nd October 9-9:30 and 5:45-6:15

On **Tuesday 2nd October** we will be holding workshops to help parents and carers to read with their child at home. See more details on the flyer already sent home. If your child is in Years 3-6, please come along to one of these workshops which will be held in the school hall. If you have a child in Years 1 & 2 a separate workshop is to be arranged.

Houses for Tweeddale Primary School

We are launching our new system of Houses in school this week and we hope that being a member of a House will help the children to have even more pride in their achievements and to work together as a team. This will encourage a healthy element of competition, in which the whole school will be taking part - including the staff!

The House system will also introduce leadership amongst the children through the introduction of House Captains and the four captains will be elected by children in the same House.

During the next week, the children will be voting for the name of their House and these will be based on the 2012 British Olympic Gold Medal winners, so don't forget to ask your child who they are going to choose.



Class Attendance - w/c 17 September 2012

99.7%	Monkey Class	97.6%	Wombat Class	92.7%	Puffin Class
99.3%	Hedgehog Class	97.3%	Panda Class	91.4%	Kestrel Class
98.6%	Turtle Class	97.1%	Jaguar Class	89.3%	Polar Bear Class
98.1%	Cheetah Class	96.0%	Badger Class	88.3%	Eagle 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 9th October and Tuesday 23rd October.



A request from Foundation Stage...

If you have any unwanted comics, tea sets, toy food, dressing up clothes, action figures (Barbie etc), wellies or construction toys, would you please consider donating them to the Reception classes and Nursery? They would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you.



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 school office **by Friday 12th October 2012.**



Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 2nd October9:00-9:30 & 5:45-6:15 Reading workshop for parents of children in years 3-6
- Thursday 4th OctoberYear 5 trip to Morden Hall
- Friday 5th OctoberJeans for Genes day
- Monday 8th OctoberSchool photographer to take individual pupil photographs
- Wednesday 10th OctoberYear 4 trip to Hampton Court
- Thursday 25th OctoberHarvest Festival
- Friday 26th OctoberBreak up for half term (at normal time)
- Saturday 27th OctoberPlay Centre Open Day
- Monday 5th NovemberChildren return to school



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. You can also follow us on www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC



Contact the Centre on 020 8404 1640 or email tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org



Story & Music Time for children over 2 years old

Designed for children over 2 years old, the session begins with a story which then leads into a music session with singing, movement, action and props.

Thursday's 10:15am-11:00am at Tweeddale Children's Centre

