Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs. Sharp

Mrs. Sharp, who has been the school cook at Tweeddale for many years, is taking her well-earned retirement. Despite the changes in the school and in the catering systems, Mrs. Sharp and her team have kept the food coming to the school and the children’s centre and she leaves with everyone’s best wishes.

Merton Active Plus

Merton Council is running a range of activities during the half-term holiday.
For more information, go to http://booking.merton.gov.uk/active-plus/

Our Eco-School

If you look up on the school roof when you are in the playground you will see that the roof is covered with solar panels. During the day these panels create electricity for the school to use. This saves the school money and is also beneficial to the environment as we save some use of fossil fuels. When the school is not open at the weekend or during the summer for example we are still generating a lot of electricity but we aren’t here to use it. The school sells this electricity back to the power companies, for which the school gets some money. Over the last year, due to our solar panels, the electricity bill was £4,000 less than before and also the electricity company sent us a cheque for over £3,000.

If you also look on the small roof near the swimming pool you will see some other solar panels (tubes). These are thermal panels. They don’t give us electricity but they give us heat for the swimming pool water. This means that the heating boiler for the swimming pool is not needed as much, so this saves us more energy and money.

There are other ways that the school is trying to save energy and money.

We recently had new lights fitted around the school that use less energy and some of them are controlled by sensors so can’t be left on all day or at night time by mistake.

A very big way that everyone can help is by looking after their own classroom, making sure that windows are closed and lights and computers are turned off when they are not needed. This saves on heating and electricity costs.

You can all do things to help yourselves at home as well. Turning the heating down now that it is starting to get warmer, turning lights off and fitting more energy efficient bulbs, can all help save energy and money.

Mr. Higgs and Miss Thirtle will be ensuring that each class eco team is on the case and making sure we are all doing our bit for the environment.

You may have also noticed 60 small saplings have been planted along the outside fence in the front playground. These have been donated by The Woodland Trust working with Defra as part of their scheme to enhance local areas. The children will be responsible for looking after the trees and learning about their growth, Year 1 have already been out to water them.
Footwear
Although the great majority of parents make sure their children have the correct shoes for school, a few are sending their children in wearing trainers and without the correct shoes. Please make sure that your children are following our uniform policy.

Start of School
A reminder that parents and carers may not come in to the ground floor classrooms at the start of the day. If you need to pass on information, or make an appointment with your child’s teacher, please go to the school office.

Swimming Costumes
If for religious or other reasons children need to wear a swimming costume that covers their arms, legs or both, this must be part of a one-piece swimming costume. Wearing a t-shirt or leggings under a swimming costume is not acceptable.

Words of the Week
The Words of the Week for next week are: Forlorn (Years 2-6)
Sad (Foundation Stage and Year 1)

Headteacher’s Awards
Sian Butterfly A Piece Of Wonderful Writing
Yamin Wombat An excellent picture of Bigfoot for his Learning Log
Lucy Wombat A very informative leaflet about mountain formation
Theodora Wombat An excellent Misty Mountain model
Jack Puffin A huge improvement in his Maths and Handwriting
Bradley Puffin Using a good variety of sentence types
Harley Puffin Using a good variety of sentence types
Kyle Puffin Using a good variety of sentence types
Afuamarie Puffin Amazing understanding of tenths in maths
Callum Puffin Greatly improved maths presentation
Summer Puffin A wonderful explanation of complex sentences
Bianca Wombat Using quadrant coordinates effectively
Yamin Wombat Using quadrant coordinates effectively
Deya Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Michael Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Bradley Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Afuamarie Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Caroline Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Emily Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Harmony Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Zuzanna Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Amalia Puffin Excellent Letter Writing About Volcanoes
Term Dates 2016-2017

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the 2016-2017 academic year. Please note that five INSET days are still to be planned.

- Monday 5th September 2016: Sutton return to school date
- Tuesday 7th June 2016: Children return to school
- Monday 6th June 2016: INSET Day
- Tuesday 18th April 2017: Sutton return to school date
- Thursday 21st July 2016: Break up for Summer
- Wednesday 21st December 2016: Break up for Christmas
- Friday 31st March 2017: Break up for Easter
- Thursday 18th April 2017: Sutton return to school date
- Wednesday 21st December 2016: Break up for Christmas
- Friday 21st July 2016: Break up for Summer