

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

### Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd May.....	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 5th May .....	<b>POSTPONED</b> 9:10am Puffin Class assembly - this will now take place on Thursday 12th May with Turtle Class	
w/c Monday 9th May .....	Year 6 SATs week	
Thursday 12th May.....	9:10am Year 3 assembly to parents/carers	
Friday 13th May .....	Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations	
w/c Monday 16th May .....	Year 2 SATs week	
Monday 16th May.....	School Photographer - whole class photos	
Thursday 26th May.....	9:10am Year 5 assembly to parents/carers Year 4 trip to Box Hill	
Friday 27th May .....	School Photographer - whole school photo Break up for half-term holiday (one week) at normal time	

**Further dates are available on our website**

### Term Dates 2015-2016

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the 2015-2016 academic year and our INSET days.

w/c 30th May 2016	- Half term (one week)	Tuesday 7th June 2016	- Children return to school
Monday 6th June 2016	- INSET Day	Thursday 21st July 2016	- Break up for Summer

### 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	Friday 31st March 2017	- Break up for Easter
w/c 24th October 2016	- Half term holiday (one week)	Tuesday 18th April 2017	- Sutton return to school date
Wednesday 21st December 2016	- Break up for Christmas	w/c 29th May 2017	- Half term holiday (one week)
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	- Sutton return to school date	Friday 21st July 2017	- Break up for Summer
w/c 13th February 2017	- Half term holiday (one week)		

### Class attendance - w/c 18th April 2016

