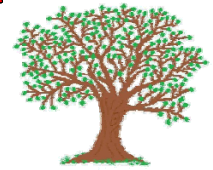


Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 29th November 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

This is a busy week for Tweeddale Primary. We are preparing for Christmas, decorating the corridors and getting ready for our Christmas Fair. I have judged the children's designs for our Christmas Fair programme and am delighted to announce that **Skye Gough has won the colouring competition in Bumblebees, Lucy Wilson, Badger class, has won the design for Reception-Year 2 category, and Kelvicia Venn, Eagle class, has won from Years 3-6 category.** There were 72 entries overall and I congratulate everyone that took part. The children clearly take this competition very seriously and it is lovely to see so many children taking part.

Thank you to everyone who brought in gifts for our Christmas Fair this week. Without your generosity, it would be difficult to keep the PTFA going and supplement our school resources. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December at 3:30pm.

I was very proud of our school choir again last week, who sang at Rosehill on Friday after school. They had quite a long wait whilst the organisers got the pitch ready for our choir and their behaviour was impeccable, playing games and singing to while away the time. At last, it was our turn and the choir sang beautifully. They looked very Christmassy in their Santa hats and were proudly singing all the carols by heart. They have been amazing in their commitment in the last 2 weeks and I applaud them all. Congratulations to Miss Turton once again!

You will have received a letter on Friday 25th November, informing you that the school will be closed on **Wednesday 30th November**, due to industrial action. This will involve Tweeddale Primary School and Tweeddale Play Centre. **The Day Nursery will be open as usual.**

I am delighted to announce that School Milk and School Meals will not be going up in cost in 2012. School Meals will remain at £2.10 per day and Milk will remain at £12.50 per term.

I congratulate all children for continuing to make good progress on raising our attendance this term. Last week, I told you how we were beating our annual target of 94% at 94.9%. Last week's attendance was even better and we achieved a fantastic 95.7%!

I would also like to congratulate the children who achieved a Headteacher's Award last week. They are Ohona Ahmed, Hannah Angchangco, Jessica Gilmour, Ethan Goodman, Rahatul Islam, Sonique Mullings, Joanie Smith and Harriet Stockton. These children are very proud of their work and smile from ear to ear when they receive their certificates in assembly. I hope the children display their certificates with pride at home. See you on Friday at the fair?

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher



Attendance - w/c 21 November 2011

99.3%	Turtle Class	95.0%	Polar Bear Class
98.3%	Eagle Class	94.5%	Panda Class
98.3%	Jaguar Class	94.4%	Cheetah Class
98.2%	Kestrel Class	94.1%	Puffin Class
97.3%	Badger Class	94.0%	Butterfly Class
96.8%	Hedgehog Class	93.5%	Monkey Class
96.3%	Ladybird Class	93.1%	Wombat Class



Christmas Fair - Friday 2nd December - after school

Thank you all for the tombola donations received at last Friday's Mufti Day. Could we also please ask you to bring cakes into school this Friday morning for the cake sale at the Christmas Fair. Cakes can be shop bought or home-made. Please just make sure they do **not** contain nuts. Thank you for your support & we look forward to seeing there...



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 this half term are Tuesday 29th November and Tuesday 13th December.



Dates for your diary

- Thursday 1st December..... Cheetah Class visit to Whitehall in Cheam
- Friday 2nd December..... After school - Christmas Fair
- Monday 5th December..... 9:30-11:00 Open Morning
6:00-7:30 Open Evening
- Wednesday 7th December..... Jaguar Class visit to Whitehall in Cheam
- Tuesday 13th December..... Upper Phase Performance - more details to come
- Wednesday 14th December..... Foundation Stage Christingle - more details to come
Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 15th December..... Middle Phase Carol Service & Nativity – more details to come
- Monday 19th December..... Class parties
- Tuesday 20th December..... 2pm School breaks up for Christmas
- Wednesday 4th January INSET Day (School, Children's Centre & Play Centre closed)
- Thursday 5th January Children return to school at normal time



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the INSET Day scheduled for Monday 16th April has been moved to Monday 20th February.

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



Baby Massage Courses

Baby massage courses will run at Tweeddale Children's Centre from January 2012.

If Tweeddale is your local Children's Centre, you will not have to pay for this 5 week course.

Please call reception on 020 8404 1640 for more information and to be added to the waiting list.