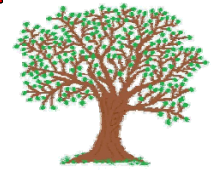


# Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School  
Tuesday 31st January 2012



Dear Parents and Carers

## New Year's Resolution - Keeping Active

This month, in assembly, we have been discussing a Tweeddale School New Year's Resolution. The school suggested 5 different ideas:

- Not talking when we should be working or listening
- Make a new best friend
- Be kinder to others
- Work harder
- Get more active

The classes voted for their favourite resolution and *Get More Active* was the most popular. In assembly, we have been talking about the meaning of 'active' and how being more active will help us to think and to learn. Scott demonstrated a Star Jump for us all and we discussed how we could be active independently, in our classes and as a whole school. All these ideas will be discussed with the staff and we embark on our resolution after half-term. **If you have any ideas about how we can become more active as a school, or you would like to get involved, please let me know. I'll be outside school in the mornings.** More news after half-term.

## Keeping Well

The school is a hotbed of germs and ailments this term! There is a particularly nasty 'flu virus and sickness and diarrhoea bug in the community. Please make sure that your children are keeping warm by wearing coats and fleeces and that they stay at home if they show signs of feeling sick.

## Keeping Safe

While outside in the mornings, I have noticed parents and children using the staff car park as a walk through to school and the nursery. This is a dangerous practice as there is no pavement in the car park. May I also remind parents and carers that the car park is only for staff use for parking. I have also noticed that parents and carers are using the disabled parking space which is only for disabled drivers. This is unfair and not in the spirit of Tweeddale. Please do not park in the staff car park as there is parking in the road or the Arena opposite. The most dangerous practice I have seen is parents stopping in the road and allowing children to step out of the car into the road, unaccompanied. Please park your car and encourage your child to step out of the car on the pavement side.

## Keeping up the High Standards

Congratulations to the classes that achieved our school target in Attendance last week - Jaguar, Eagle, Wombat, Puffin, Monkey, Panda, Butterfly and Hedgehog.



## Keeping your interests at heart

I am keeping a note of all your requests and ideas in a note book in the mornings. Please feel free to come and talk to me about any aspect of school that you think could be improved. You may even be quoted in next week's newsletter!

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

## Class Attendance - w/c 23 January 2012

97.0%	Jaguar Class		95.3%	Panda Class		92.6%	Kestrel Class
96.8%	Eagle Class		94.7%	Butterfly Class		92.1%	Polar Bear Class
96.4%	Wombat Class		94.1%	Hedgehog Class		90.4%	Cheetah Class
96.3%	Puffin Class		93.5%	Turtle Class		87.0%	Badger Class
95.7%	Monkey Class		93.0%	Ladybird 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.

There is one more session this half term on Tuesday 7th February.



**Dates for your diary**

- Friday 10th February ..... Break up (at normal time) for half term
- w/c 13th February..... Half Term
- Monday 20th February ..... INSET Day
- Tuesday 21st February ..... Children return to school
- Wednesday 22nd February ..... Year 2 - Windsor Castle

**Term Dates 2012**


**Spring Term 2012**

- Friday 10th February      Break up for half term
- w/c 13th February        Half term
- Monday 20th February    INSET Day
- Tuesday 21st February    Return to school
- Friday 30th March        Break up for Easter

**Summer Term 2012**

- Monday 16th April        Return to school
- Friday 1st June            Break up for half term
- w/c 4th June                Half term
- Monday 11th June        Return to school
- Friday 29th June         INSET Day
- Friday 20th July          Break up for summer

**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](http://www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)

**Family Fun Activity Group  
at Tweeddale Children’s Centre  
Saturday 11th February 9:30-11:30am**

For Dads, Mums, Step Parents, Grandparents and carers with their children who are under 5. The group is aimed at under 5 year olds but our doors are open to your child’s siblings up to the age of 11 years old.



We have fun indoor & outdoor activities, with no need to book, just drop in and join in the fun!

**Family Support Group  
at Tweeddale Children’s Centre  
Wednesday 9-11am**

Do you sometimes feel like you have the weight of the world on your shoulders?  
Do you have any questions regarding family life such as how to budget, how to cook healthy food, how to make your home child friendly?  
If you answer yes to any of these questions then this informal drop in session for parents/carers along with their children (under 5’s only) has been designed for you. There are interesting and fun activities for children and our friendly team are here to help you with any questions you may have.