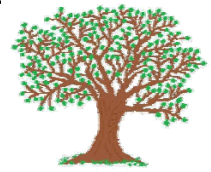


Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 4th October 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

Well I hope you are all enjoying our fabulously hot weather! All the staff have been telling me what a wonderful weekend they have had due to the sunshine and I am sure that the children have enjoyed an unexpected 'second summer'. We have made sure that the children have had access to water whenever they have needed it and that there is some shade in the playground.

I have been thrilled with the amount of children who have entered the 'Design a Headteacher's Award' competition that ended on Monday this week. There were entries from all classes and year groups, so many, that we decided to create a Lower School HT Award and an Upper School HT Award. Congratulations to Amy-May Holloway in Badger class for her winning entry for Lower Phase and Holly Murray in Kestrel class for her winning entry for Upper Phase. Both children showed they had really understood what makes a clear certificate and as one child said in assembly today "they showed they had worked hard and used colour well in their designs". Both girls received a WH Smith voucher and their designs will be printed to use as soon as possible. I will be displaying a selection of the designs outside my office and all children will receive a Headteacher's Award for their design.

This week I have seen a great improvement in punctuality. Children are showing a greater understanding of their responsibility to get to school on time and to be ready for learning at the beginning of the day. Children are showing a sense of urgency and I applaud them for showing an improvement in such a short space of time. Well done everyone!

There has also been an improvement in attendance with all but one class achieving over 90% attendance for last week.

Lastly, look out for information about a Family Fun Night on Friday 21st October 6.00-8.00pm. This is a new event for Tweeddale and I know it will be a fun event and incredibly good value for money. Come and hear David Higgs - Premises Manager and myself try out our skills as Bingo callers! I thank the PTFA for organising an event so quickly and for devoting their time to fund raising for our school.

Keep up the good work everyone!

Best wishes
Geraldine Wood

Jeans for Genes - Friday 21st October

On Friday 21st October, your children will be invited to wear their jeans to school for a donation of 50p-£1 to be given to the Jeans for Genes charity.

Please see separate letter being sent home for further information.

Attendance—w/c 26 September 2011

98.7%	Jaguar Class	94.9%	Butterfly Class
97.8%	Kestrel Class	94.8%	Badger Class
97.5%	Polar Bear Class	93.6%	Wombat Class
97.5%	Eagle Class	93.5%	Cheetah Class
96.9%	Turtle Class	93.0%	Puffin Class
95.5%	Hedgehog Class	90.7%	Monkey Class
95.0%	Ladybird Class	86.3%	Panda Class



From the office

If your child has a packed lunch, please make sure they remember to bring it with them in the mornings.



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 next drop-in session will take place on Tuesday 11th October.

School Photographer / Swimming



The school photographer will be here on Monday 10th October to take individual photos and photos of brothers & sisters together.

There will be no swimming on this day.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 5th October Year 4 trip to Hampton Court

Monday 10th October Photographer in school for individual photographs to be taken
(no swimming)

Thursday 13th October Year 5 trip to Morden Hall

Friday 21st October Jeans for Genes day

6pm PTFA Family Fun Night - more details to be sent home soon

School breaks up at normal time for half term

w/c Monday 24th October Half term

Monday 31st October..... INSET Day (School, Children's Centre & Play Centre closed)

Tuesday 1st November Children return to school at normal time

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



Family Support Group at The Circle Library

This group is an informal drop in session for parents/carers along with their children (under 5's only).

There are interesting and fun activities for children and our friendly team are here to help you with any questions you may have with regards to family life, such as how to budget, how to cook healthy food, how to access the Citizen's Advice Bureau and can signpost you to many more support networks across the borough.

Every Wednesday 9:30am-11:00am at The Circle Library, Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, SM5 1JJ

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