



Dear Parents and Carers

Absences During Term-Time

It has been brought to my attention that it is Sutton's policy that absences during term-time, other than for illness or medical appointments, will not be authorised. This means that not only family holidays, but other absences, e.g. attending weddings or visiting unwell relatives, during term-time cannot be authorised and will be liable for a penalty charge.

OpenCheck Competition

An art competition for pupils has been announced by our ICT service supplier and we would like as many pupils as possible to get involved. The competition has been created by Atomwide, our ICT service supplier, and the school has the opportunity to win either a £500 cash prize or WiFi equipment to the value of £2500. To enter, pupils have to design a poster using the OpenCheck school status information service as the theme. For details of how to enter, go to opencheck.atomwide.com/win. The competition closes on April 30th.

Tweeddale Success Stories

If you are, or know someone who is, a former Tweeddale pupil who has gone on to be successful in later life and would be happy to be mentioned on our website or in other school information, please contact the school office. We would be particularly interested in any former pupils who would be prepared to speak to current pupils about their successes.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Scheme

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers are being given out at stores and petrol stations and we would be very grateful if you would pass them on to us. The vouchers will be used for extra P.E. and other equipment for our pupils.

Bumblebees Nursery has been having great fun this term learning all about the circus



We have been juggling, spinning the plate, balancing, dressing as clowns, and sharing non-fiction books. We have made custard pies and played with the small world circus.

We have been learning all about rhyming with the clown Smarty Pants.

We will be finishing this theme next week with a visit from a circus skills group.



Queen Mary's Hospital for Children

I have received a letter from the hospital, thanking us for the donation of £240, raised at the Christmas services, and for the children's hard work and efforts.

Sixth form students from Greenshaw High School came to visit Year 5 for an **Enterprise Challenge** on Friday 17th January.

In groups, children had to design a product to sell to other children.

Children presented their product and students chose a winning team.

Our winning team will be competing in the finals at Greenshaw next week...

On Tuesday 14th January we took several children from Years 4 and 5 to The Avenue Primary School to take part in an **Able Writers Day** organised by Authors Abroad.

It was an excellent opportunity for the children to take part in some journalistic writing and see the challenges involved in creating a newspaper in a day.

Reminder: We break up for half term on Thursday 13th February at normal time (there is an INSET day on Friday 14th February)

Children return to school on Monday 24th February

Class Attendance - w/c 27 January 2014

98.7% Badger Class
 97.6% Cheetah Class
 97.1% Kestrel Class
 96.8% Turtle Class
 96.7% Polar Bear Class



95.7% Ladybird Class
 94.8% Panda Class
 94.1% Puffin Class
 93.9% Wombat Class
 93.7% Butterfly Class



93.2% Eagle Class
 92.9% Jaguar Class
 92.1% Hedgehog Class
 87.7% Monkey Class

Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have recently received a Headteacher Award:

Emily (Y1 Monkey) - 'Fantasy Land' Writing
 Shirel (Y1 Monkey) - 'Fantasy Land' Writing

Lacey (Y1 Monkey) - 'Fantasy Land' Writing

Holly May (Y2 Panda) - Ordering Numbers in HTU

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Danny-Lee (Y6 Kestrel) - World War 2 Incident Report

Ashleigh (Y6 Kestrel) - World War 2 Incident Report

Shirley-Anne (Y5 Cheetah) - Writing a 'Myth' style story

Saranjan (Y5 Cheetah) - Writing a 'Myth' style story

Darcy (Y4 Wombat) - A Postcard from Saudi Arabia

Nicole (Y4 Wombat) - A Postcard from Saudi Arabia

Rhian (Y4 Wombat) - A Postcard from Saudi Arabia

Kagethan (Y6 Kestrel) - World War 2 Evacuee's Diary

Olivia (Y5 Cheetah) - Aztec Research Project

Mackenzie (Y6 Kestrel) - World War 2 Evacuee's Diary

Marcela (Y6 Kestrel) - Information Letter about spiders

Nathan (Y6 Eagle) - Information Letter about spiders

Biranaviy (Y4 Polar Bear) - Research Project About India

Dates for your diary

Monday 10th-Thursday 13th February..... Starsnappers Photography Workshops
 Wednesday 12th February..... 2pm Parents drop-in with school nurse
 Thursday 13th February..... Children break up at normal time for half term
 Friday 14th February INSET Day - School and Children's Centre closed
 w/c Monday 17th February..... Half term
 Monday 24th February Children return to school
 Wednesday 26th February..... Badger Class trip to Honeywood Museum
 Thursday 27th February..... Fire Brigade to visit Years 2 and 5
 Friday 28th February Panda Class trip to Honeywood Museum
 w/c 3rd March..... Scholastic Book Fair in school hall after school
 Thursday 13th March..... Parent/Teacher meetings (school closes at normal time)
 Monday 17th March Parent/Teacher meetings (school closes at normal time)

*Future dates
are available
on our website
calendar*

Term Dates 2013-2014

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates and the Tweeddale INSET days for the rest of the 2013-2014 academic year:

Friday 4th April 2014	- Last day of term	w/c 26th May 2014	- Half term (1 week)
Tuesday 22nd April 2014	- INSET Day	Tuesday 22nd July 2014	- Last day of term
Wednesday 23rd April 2014	- Children return to school		

Please note that both the School and Children's Centre are closed on INSET Days
Sutton term dates for 2014-2015 (not including INSET days) are available on the Sutton website
www.sutton.gov.uk

Children's Centre Information

A full timetable of our activities and groups 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

Contact the Centre on 020 8404 1640 or email tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org

Family Fun Activity Group at Tweeddale Children's Centre **Saturday 8th February 9:30-11:30am**

This group is for Dads, Mums, Step Parents, Grandparents and carers with their children who are under 5. The group is aimed at under 5 years old but our doors are open to your child's siblings up to the age of 11 years old. We have fun indoor and outdoor activities, with no need to book, just drop in and join in the fun!

