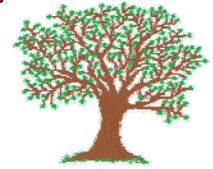




Weekly Newsletter *The Tweeddales*

Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 6th November 2012



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that everyone had a brilliant half-term. The weather was very unsettled across the country and we have seen more flooding this week. This was a week of different celebrations. We saw Hallowe'en on 31st October and Guy Fawkes Night last night. My grand-nephew had his first taste of fireworks and we all thought carefully about the size of the firework and the amount of noise he could enjoy without being too frightened. Of course, we needn't have worried. His favourite were the rockets and the massive patterns they made in the sky. His only request was the colour was to be red! Some families celebrated Eid in the week before half-term and I hope everyone enjoyed their special days.

This week, I look forward to seeing you at Parents and Carers' meetings with teachers. I am sending a separate letter today to explain the National Union of Teachers' action and how this will alter the teachers' presentation of information in some classes.

In the week before half-term, children's attendance dropped to below 94%. This is our lowest this year. Some parents and carers are still requesting holidays during term time. May I remind everyone that holidays in term time will not be authorised and that families who have ignored the holiday being unauthorised, are now facing Fixed Term Penalties of £60 per parent. I congratulate Polar Bear class who have been top attendees for 2 weeks running!!!

Headteacher Awards

The following children have received Headteacher Awards during the last few weeks:

Humaira Chowdhury	Leon Welikala	Ziggy Johnson	Jessica Gilmour	Kiyonush Irani
Louis Cook	Ataul Bhuiyan	Andell Amaquandoh	Millie Hicks	Sonique Mullings
Harriet Stockton	Well done to you all			

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



This week, we will be helping to raise money for the millions of people who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. If your child would like to buy a poppy, please send them into school with some money to enable them to buy a poppy when the

collection comes round to their class room.

If you would like to read more about how the money raised is used, please have a look at the website www.poppy.org.uk

Nestle Box Tops tokens

If you buy any Nestle cereals, can you please cut out the "box tops" tokens from the top of the packaging and bring them into school. We can then exchange these for books for the children.

Jeans for Genes - update on money raised

Thank you to everyone who bought a Jeans for Genes zip-pull. By buying one of these zip-pulls, your child has helped to raise an additional £387 for this charity.

"Sunshine Yoga for Kids" Club for children in Years 2-6

There are still places available at the Sunshine Yoga for Kids after school club on a Tuesday from 3:30pm until 4:15pm. The club runs until 4th December and is held in the school hall. More information on this club and the cost is available from the school office.

Class Attendance - w/c 22 October 2012

98.7%	Polar Bear Class
97.5%	Jaguar Class
97.3%	Panda Class
97.1%	Cheetah Class
95.7%	Puffin Class



95.0%	Wombat Class
94.8%	Badger Class
94.0%	Monkey Class
91.3%	Hedgehog Class
90.9%	Kestrel Class



90.5%	Eagle Class
87.7%	Turtle Class
84.3%	Butterfly Class
83.3%	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. Dates for next half term are Tuesday 6 November, Tuesday 20 November, Tuesday 4 December and Tuesday 18 December.

Reading Workshop

On Friday 19th October many parents from Foundation Stage and Key stage 1 attended a workshop to help them support their child's reading development. Mrs McDermott and Terrie Jerrom explained about the importance of our daily phonics lessons, which are vital in supporting both reading and writing. Parents learnt how to blend and segment words. Some of the terminology such as CVC words and phoneme were explained and parents were all keen for ideas to further support their children both at school and at home. Mrs Roadnight explained about reading and gave many ideas how to encourage children to enjoy reading especially boys. The important role of the bedtime story was discussed at length and we hope many children and their parents are now concluding the day with a quiet story together.



Dates for your diary


Thursday 8th November3:30-7:00pm Pupil Progress meetings
Monday 12th November2:15-5:00pm Pupil Progress meetings **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**
w/c Monday 12th November.....  Book Fair every day after school

Term Dates 2012-2013

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year along with the Tweeddale INSET days:

Friday 21st December 2012	- Last day of term	Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day
Monday 7th January 2013	- Children return to school	Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school
Friday 15th February 2013	- INSET Day	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
w/c 18th February 2013	- Half Term (1 week)	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term

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

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

Family Support Group

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 fun activities for children and our friendly team are here to help you.

Wednesday's 9:00-11:00am at Tweeddale Children's Centre