



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, and a particular welcome to the children and families who are joining us this year. It was lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms as they returned to school on Tuesday.

We have a number of teachers and other staff who have joined Tweeddale Primary School this year and I'd like to welcome them to our team.

The school year got off to a good start with school and centre staff members working together in a training session.

A number of events for this term have already been arranged, including a visit to Hampton Court Palace, Y6's residential visit to Kingswood and the end of term panto – it's going to be a busy year.

Michael Lovett  
Interim Headteacher

### **Staff News**

We welcome the following staff to Tweeddale Primary School this term:

Inclusion Manager - Miss Saffer

Teachers - Miss Mirasole in Year 1, Mrs Bashir in Year 2, Miss Goodwin in Year 4,

Miss Echlin-Smith and Miss Moulden in Year 5 and Ms Gilbert in Year 6

Early Years Practitioner - Danielle, who will be working in our Nursery

We also welcome Miss K back from maternity leave.

### **Improvements during the holidays**

During the summer holidays there have been a number of improvements made to the school environment. The front of the building has been repaired and painted, new lighting has been installed in all of the classrooms which will improve the learning environment for all our children. Lighting in the remainder of the school will also be replaced over the next couple of weeks. A new insulated roof above the gym is almost complete and solar panels have been installed to heat the swimming pool which will save the cost of running the boiler.

Alterations have also been made in the Children's Centre to improve the nursery environment and to enable us to accommodate 2 year olds later this term.

### **Parent View - Ofsted's on line survey**

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school.

Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of the school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. Ofsted will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect, and when.

By sharing your views, you'll be helping your child's school to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said.

The address for the Parent View website is [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk). There is also a link to this on our Tweeddale website (in the 'information & downloads' / 'links' section).

### **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. The dates this half term are Tuesday 10th September, 24th September, 8th October and 22nd October. There is no need to book.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 16th September .....9:05am Year 3 parents/carers "meet the teacher"  
2:45pm Year 4 parents/carers "meet the teacher"

Tuesday 17th September .....9:05am Year 1 parents/carers "meet the teacher"  
2:45pm Year 5 parents/carers "meet the teacher"

Wednesday 18th September .....9:05am Year 2 parents/carers "meet the teacher"  
2:45pm Year 6 parents/carers "meet the teacher"

Sunday 22nd September –  
Wednesday 25th September .....Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood

Friday 27th September .....8:45-10:30am Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall for  
parents/carers. Donations of cakes - homemade or shop bought (no  
nuts) - would be greatly appreciated, please bring them into the school  
office on Thursday 26th September)

Wednesday 2nd October .....Year 4 trip to Hampton Court

Thursday 17th October .....Year 5 trip to Morden Hall

Monday 21st October .....School photographer - individual photographs

Thursday 24th October .....Break up for half term

Friday 25th October .....INSET day - school and children's centre closed all day

w/c 28th October .....Half term break (1 week)




### **Term Dates 2013-2014**

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

Monday 2nd September 2013 - INSET Day	Friday 14th February 2014 - INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd September 2013 - Children return to school	w/c 17th February 2014 - Half term (1 week)
Friday 25th October 2013 - INSET Day	Friday 4th April 2014 - Last day of term
w/c 28th October 2013 - Half term (1 week)	Tuesday 22nd April 2014 - INSET Day
Friday 20th December 2013 - Last day of term	Wednesday 23rd April 2014 - Children return to school
Monday 6th January 2014 - INSET Day	w/c 26th May 2014 - Half term (1 week)
Tuesday 7th January 2014 - Children return to school	Tuesday 22nd July 2014 - Last day of term

**Please note that both the School and Children's Centre are closed on INSET Days**

## **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](http://www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk). You can also follow us on  [www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC](http://www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC)

Contact the Centre on 020 8404 1640 or email [tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org](mailto:tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org)

### **The U Courses**

The U courses offer fun interactive sessions on useful life skills. The courses we are running this term are:

Be a Life Saver - 16th September

*Covers what to do in the first few minutes of seven key emergencies*

Give and Take - 30th September

*Covers how to get into the right mind set to handle conflict safely and with a better chance of an amicable outcome*

Glass Half Full - 14th October

*Pick up a few simple tips and exercises that can help offset the effects of stress and help you maintain a more positive outlook*

From 10:00-11:30am - free crèche places available (crèche starts at 9:30am)

**Please contact Reception to be booked onto these courses**