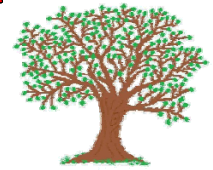


# Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School  
Tuesday 7th February 2012



Dear Parents and Carers

## Be More Active

Last week I wrote about our New Year's Resolution to 'Be More Active'. We have begun our quest by starting Monday morning assemblies with a whole school activity, exercising to really upbeat music. The children follow different beats and have to concentrate as they change actions and rhythm. They are extremely focused and can stop on a beat! Very impressive. This helps them to remain alert and to help with thinking and reasoning. They really enjoy the activity and the staff join in too! **More news after half-term.**

## Snow at Tweeddale

We began this week with a winter wonderland. The school site was very snowy and Mr Higgs and his family did an amazing job digging paths around the school for everyone's safety. I thank them for giving up their precious weekend for us. We welcomed the children inside school early to ensure their safety and to protect them from icy temperatures. The children stayed inside school yesterday or had a limited time outside on areas where the snow had thawed. Thankfully the snow has gone and we can use all the school site at playtime and PE time now.

## Keeping your interests at heart

A parent requested that a flower planter be moved from the gate by the entrance to the school nursery. This was creating problems with her 3 baby buggy and made it nearly impossible to get the buggy through the gateway. Mr Higgs moved the planter the very next day and I hope this has eased the problem.

**Please catch me at the gate if you would like to chat or you have a concern or a suggestion for school improvement.**

## Keeping Healthy

Year 5 interviewed me about our Healthy School yesterday and will be creating their own newsletter about Healthy Living. I was proud to say I am still exercising and fighting fit - as well as eating a healthy diet!

I am sure that everyone will be looking forward to half-term and spending time with friends and family. I hope everyone enjoys the holiday and I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment this half-term. On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, The Tweeddales will be joining together for our INSET day and I will report back on plans we will be implementing as a result of that day.

## Attendance and Punctuality

On Friday, there will be a whole school assembly to congratulate our 100% attenders and our greatest improvers. I congratulate our top 3 classes from last week, who achieved 95.7% or more. Our school target will be tracked across the year and will be displayed for everyone to see in Reception. More news after half-term.

I also congratulate children who received Headteacher's Awards. They will receive their certificates in assembly this week. Danny Bosdet, Harrison Rochester, Ethan Bunce, Liam Umpelby, Shusangar Shivalingham and Jack Vallins. These awards are for doing a good deed, writing about life in Victorian times and achieving impressive levels in algebra.

I wish everyone a great half-term and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Best wishes - Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

## Class Attendance - w/c 30 January 2012

98.3% Jaguar Class  
97.9% Hedgehog Class  
95.7% Wombat Class  
95.3% Ladybird Class  
94.8% Turtle Class



94.3% Polar Bear Class  
93.6% Eagle Class  
93.0% Monkey Class  
92.7% Badger Class  
91.9% Kestrel Class



91.4% Puffin Class  
89.6% Cheetah Class  
89.3% Butterfly Class  
89.0% Panda 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.

The next sessions will take place on Tuesday 21st February, Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 20th March



### 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

Tuesday 28th February .....2:50-3:10pm Puffin Class assembly

Friday 2nd March .....Year 1 - Transport Museum

Tuesday 6th March.....2:50-3:10pm Year 2 assembly

w/c 12th March .....Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall every day after school

Tuesday 13th March.....2:50-3:10pm Hedgehog Class assembly

Thursday 15th March .....School closes at 2pm - individual parent/teacher meetings (2:15pm-5:00pm)

Monday 19th March.....School closes at 2pm - individual parent/teacher meetings (2:15pm-7:00pm)

Tuesday 27th March.....2:50-3:10pm Monkey Class assembly

Friday 30th March .....Break up at 2pm for Easter holidays


Monday 16th April .....Children return to school

### Term Dates 2012

#### **Summer Term 2012**

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