



Weekly Newsletter



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 7th September 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer, in spite of the weather. Obviously, now that we're back at school, the sun is shining.

The children have all made a good start to the new school year, in their new classes and everyone is already working hard.

From this week, we are changing the way we send letters home. From now on we are aiming to send letters home just once a week. Every Tuesday you will receive a front page (like this one) containing general information with other letters relevant to your child's class or year group attached. This way, you only need to remember to look in your child's book bag once a week! This system works well in other schools and we're hoping it will work for us. Obviously, urgent letters may still have to be sent out on other days.

New Staff

A very warm welcome to two new teachers; Miss Shereen Khan (year 3) and Miss Rachael Turton (year 2). An updated staffing list is attached.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Just a reminder that school dinners now cost £2.10 per day. Please ensure there is enough money in your ParentPay account and that you tell the school office if your child is changing between school dinners and packed lunches (or vice versa). Thank you. All the schools in Sutton have been experiencing problems with ParentPay this term. We are trying to get them sorted out but, please be patient if we don't have all your information up-to-date.



IMPORTANT:

If your child is entitled to free school meals and milk, please register this with the school office - even if your child brings a packed lunch and doesn't have milk. If your entitlement has been registered with the office, your child can receive a free meal at any of the special events held throughout the year eg Christmas dinner.

Attendance

GOOD NEWS!

10 children Achieved 100% attendance last year and were rewarded with certificates and prizes at the end of the year. Can your child achieve 100% this year?

School Uniform

It's lovely to see all the children looking smart in their school uniform. Let's keep that up for the rest of the year, with everyone wearing the correct uniform. Uniform lists can be picked up from the office, where some items can also be bought. Remember:
Only plain grey or red sweatshirts may be worn.
No tops with hoods or brand names.
Sensible shoes to be worn.

Meet your child's new teacher

We have arranged dates for parents/carers to come in and meet their child's new class teacher and find out what they will be doing this year - see dates/times on the back of this page. The meetings will be held in the classrooms. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. If you and your child are new to the school, this is a really good opportunity to meet school staff and other parents.

School clubs

Information regarding PE related after school clubs will be sent out later this week. Please see attached information regarding a lunchtime Spanish club for years 2-5 starting on Friday 10 September and an after school Science club for years 2-6 starting on Friday 17 September.

Parents drop-in sessions with the school nurse

These sessions take place in the Round Room at 2pm on alternate Thursdays. If there is anything you would like to discuss with the school nurse, please pop along to one of the sessions. There is no need to book.

Dates for this half term are Thursday 9 September, Thursday 23 September, Thursday 7 October & Thursday 21 October



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Working together for a safer London

Sutton Police Station—Open Day

The Metropolitan Police are organising an Open Day at Sutton Police Station on Sunday 12th September from 11am until 4pm (last entry 3:30pm). Admission is FREE. Take a tour of the custody suite, a look at police vehicles past & present, meet the safer neighbourhood teams, view Sutton from the CCTV screens, meet the dog section and much more... See the flyer on the noticeboard in Reception.

Holidays during term time

Please note that no holidays during term time will be authorised for children in year 6 from the beginning of the Autumn term until after the SATs have taken place, in May. See extract from our Attendance policy attached.



If your child is off school because they are unwell, please remember to phone the school office as soon as possible to give the reason for their absence.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a huge amount of lost property from the end of the summer term. If your child lost anything at the end of last term, please come and look through the lost property. Anything not claimed by Friday 10 September will be disposed of.

Remember we only keep lost property for two weeks

Parking

Please do not park your car on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates. They are there for the safety of our children.

Please also remember that the school car park is for staff and official visitors only.

You must not use the car park to drop off or collect your children.

Sutton Arena are happy for you to use their car park at the beginning and end of the day.

Dates for your diary for the next few weeks

Monday 13th September—9am Year 2 parent/carers to meet new class teachers

Tuesday 14th September—9am Year 1 parent/carers to meet new class teachers

Tuesday 14th September— 3pm Year 5 parent/carers to meet new class teachers

Wednesday 15th September— 9am Year 3 parent/carers to meet new class teachers

Wednesday 15th September—3pm Year 6 parent/carers to meet new class teachers

Thursday 16th September— 3pm Year 4 parent/carers to meet new class teachers

19th-22nd September—Year 6 Residential Visit to Kingswood Activity Centre

An updated dates list for this academic year is attached.

This information is also available in the calendar section on our website

www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk

Finally it only remains for me to say that, as always, I am looking forward to working with you during this school year, building on our great result with Ofsted for another successful year at Tweeddale.