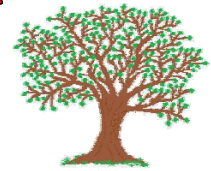




# Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddales



**Tweeddale Primary School**  
**Thursday 8th March 2012**

Dear Parents and Carers

### PTFA Events

Easter is nearly upon us and we are beginning to think about our celebrations for this important time of year. The PTFA have been busy planning an exciting Easter Raffle for all the children. More news in next week's newsletter.

Last term, we had a very successful Family Fun Night and this was so well attended and enjoyed that the PTFA are planning a similar event on **23<sup>rd</sup> March**. **This will be a Race Night where adults can enjoy choosing a horse and watching it gallop past the finishing post - from the comfort of the school hall!**

**The tickets are £3.00 for an adult and £2.50 for children. There will be a meal and refreshments provided and a special racing game for the children. I hope to see lots of you there!**

The PTFA are very keen to help the school with raising funds for improving the school's resources and there will be news soon of how they will be spending money raised over the last year or so. **Watch this space!**

### Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance just gets better and better! Last week, 13 out of 14 classes met or exceeded the school target of 94%. Turtle class were 0.2% away from the target so we nearly had every class achieving the target. Keep up the good work. This is a massive improvement. Well done everyone! There is still a need for some children to improve their punctuality. Children starting the day after the class has already begun find it difficult to catch up and they miss vital teaching at the beginning of the day. Give your child the best learning opportunities by getting to school on time.

### Safety on the road

Some parents and carers are dropping their children at the speed hump outside school. This is very dangerous as there is no pavement on one side and the open road on the other. Please park your car so that you can say goodbye to your child, safely taking your time.

### Teaching and Learning

I have had the privilege of spending time in classes this week and talking to children about their learning. The children work incredibly hard in their literacy lessons and the teachers create exciting, stimulating activities to encourage real progress in their writing. I congratulate the teachers and the children on their high expectations of themselves and the learning environment they create.

**Congratulations to children who have achieved Headteacher's Awards recently - Georgia Pyne, Donte Campbell, Regan Sharpless, David Driscoll, Conor Martin, Danny Bosdet, Wesley Luigi, Lucy Wilson, Mathursan Kanagaseelan, Ellie Hill and Humaira Chowdhury.**

### Healthy Newsletters

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, pupils in Year 5 have been creating their own newsletters about healthy living. Two examples of these are attached to this newsletter.

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

### Class Attendance - w/c 27 February 2012

98.3% Jaguar Class  
98.0% Hedgehog Class  
97.3% Badger Class  
96.6% Monkey Class  
96.2% Puffin Class



96.0% Kestrel Class  
96.0% Butterfly Class  
95.5% Polar Bear Class  
95.5% Cheetah Class  
95.3% Panda Class



94.6% Eagle Class  
94.3% Wombat Class  
94.1% Ladybird Class  
93.8% Turtle 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 session will take place on Tuesday 20th March.



### Sainsbury's - Active Kids Vouchers

We are once again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.

If you have any of these vouchers at home, please bring them in to school so that we can exchange them for equipment for the children. Thank you.

### KidsACT!

An opportunity for children aged 5-12 to participate in a week of fun drama based activities, working with professional actors, singers and dancers. This will take place at Robin Hood Junior School from Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th April from 10am to 4pm. Cost £80 per student. Booking forms & more details are available to download from our website or to collect from the school office.

A request from the office  
Do you have any old, spare school trousers or tracksuit bottoms for boys (aged 3-6) or socks and tights for girls? If you have any of these items that can be used as spares, could you please send them into the school office. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary

- 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 **NOW MOVED TO 27th**
- MARCH**
- 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)
- Thursday 22nd March .....10:30am Wombat Class assembly
- Tuesday 27th March.....2:50-3:10pm Monkey & Hedgehog Class assembly
- Friday 30th March**.....1:15pm Hat Parade
- 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 Support Group at Tweeddale Children's Centre - Wednesday's 9:00-11:00am**

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 interesting and fun activities for children and our friendly team are here to help you with any questions you may have.