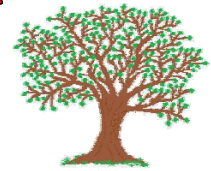




Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 8th May 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

PTFA Elections

Last week, Tweeddale Primary school saw the election of a new Chair of The Parent Teacher and Friends Association. I would like to congratulate and welcome Sarah Drinkwater as the new chair, welcome back Karen Judd as Secretary and Jenny Ballard as vice-chair. Many Tweeddale Primary school staff supported the PTFA meeting and have signed up to be committee members and Friends of the PTFA, ensuring that parents and carers have plenty of support in preparation for all our fund raising events over the next year. I would like to thank all the parents, carers and staff for their generosity in giving up their own time in their busy lives and their commitment to raising funds to ensure our children have additional resources to contribute towards their learning.

Summer Fair 30th June 2012

We are planning an amazing Summer Fair this year, with lots of stalls that will make you laugh, want to buy, want to join in and tickle your taste buds!!! The children will be helping with some stalls and creating new games to play. There will be an opportunity to marvel at a Fire Engine, look into a police vehicle close up and show your creativity! You may even get your chance to gunge a member of staff!!!! It's going to be great fun, so put the date in your diary!!!!

How can you help?

We are all keen to make this year's Summer Fair a great success. Have you thought about getting involved, helping, but didn't know how to get started? Well here's your chance. If you would like to join the PTFA committee, or help to get the Fair ready, or help to clear away, please come to the school office and talk to one of our admin. staff. If you already know Sarah Drinkwater, Jenny Ballard or Karen Judd, stop them in the playground. Come and talk to me at the gate in the morning or after school.

What are we raising funds for?

This year, we are concentrating on making a better play environment for the children. The School Council have designed a brilliant Quiet Area and the PTFA have already purchased most of the equipment to be installed this term. We will continue to create some stimulating and exciting learning and play environments and there will be plans displayed in the Reception Area later this term.

I do hope that you will become a part of making Tweeddale school a really wonderful learning and playing environment for our children and I look forward to working alongside you all.

Attendance Update

Last week, I gave everyone a copy of the new attendance policy. I hope that you will have a chance to read it and make any comments or ask any questions. The school attendance target has been achieved and exceeded over many months, but we are now starting to dip below our target and we are currently at 93.3%. This is our lowest for a long time. Please think carefully before taking that holiday during term time or making that appointment that could be scheduled after school hours. In the meantime, thank you to everyone for all your support and hard work to ensure your child comes to school every day on time.

Best wishes

Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

Class Attendance - w/c 30 April 2012

97.7% Panda Class
96.8% Eagle Class
96.7% Butterfly Class
96.4% Turtle Class
96.1% Jaguar Class



96.0% Ladybird Class
95.9% Hedgehog Class
95.7% Polar Bear Class
95.2% Monkey Class
92.8% Kestrel Class



92.7% Cheetah Class
92.6% Wombat Class
91.7% Puffin Class
87.3% Badger 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 the remainder of this half term are Tuesday 15th May and Tuesday 29th May.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 10th May..... 10:30am Polar Bear Class Assembly **POSTPONED**

Friday 11th May..... Reception classes trip to Chessington Zoo

w/c 14th May Year 6 SATs

Friday 18th May..... Year 1 visit St Peter's Church

Monday 21st May Class Photos

Thursday 31st May..... Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Friday 1st June..... Break up for half term at normal time

Monday 11th June..... Return to school at normal time

Friday 29th June..... INSET Day - School and Children's Centre closed

Saturday 30th June Tweeddale Summer Fair

Friday 20th July Break up for Summer holidays

class photos



Term Dates 2012-2013

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for 2012-2013. **Please note there are still 5 INSET days to be scheduled.** The dates of these will be advised at the end of June 2012.

Tuesday 4th September 2012 - Start of Autumn Term

Thursday 28th March 2013 - Last day of term

w/c 29th October 2012 - Half term (1 week)

Monday 15th April 2013 - Start of Summer Term

Friday 21st December 2012 - Last day of term

w/c 27th May 2013 - Half term (1 week)

Monday 7th January 2013 - Start of Spring Term

Wednesday 24th July 2013 - Last day of term

w/c 18th February 2013 - Half Term (1 week)

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



Considering returning to work, volunteering or getting onto a training course?

We have "Your Future" advice books available free for all families, a Job Vacancy list from Job Centre Plus on display and our Job Centre Plus Linked Advisor can help you.

Please enquire at the Children's Centre Reception