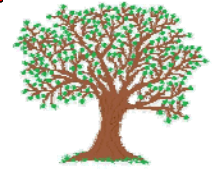




# Weekly Newsletter *The Tweeddales*

Tweeddale Primary School  
Tuesday 9th October 2012



Dear Parents/Carers

This week, the school photographer has been taking individual photographs of children across the school. This is a wonderful opportunity to keep a memento of a year in your child's life. It is becoming less and less possible to take photographs in school and this is an official, professional photograph. I hope you will take the opportunity to keep a record of 2012 at Tweeddale Primary school.

**Attendance and Punctuality** - We are already improving on a low start to attendance this year. Some parents and carers have taken their children on holidays at the beginning of this term and this has created a difficult start for children settling into a new class. The classes have continued their competitive spirit and are keen to win 'Annie Attendwell' and their certificate for the best attending class of the week.

We have introduced a system for parents and carers who are late collecting their children at the end of the day. At 3.30pm, children who have not been collected are taken to an office attached to my office and supervised by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Parents and Carers are asked to fill in a slip to explain their lateness. I will be contacting parents and carers who have been late 3 times or more.

This system will be introduced at the beginning of the day from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Parents and Carers will also be required to fill in a slip to explain their child's late arrival at school. Children need to be in the classroom at the beginning of the day to get the best learning opportunities and are not comfortable joining a lesson that has already started.

**Let's make sure that we are training our children to be punctual, attend school regularly and make the most of their learning opportunities. The children who attended school the most last year, made the MOST progress.**

**Visiting Speakers to our Assembly** - Parents and Carers may remember at our Meet the Teacher meetings that we talked about children hearing about how you worked towards the job you are doing now, the interests you have now or the skills you have now. It would be wonderful if you could come and talk to us and share your life skills. Please let me know if you would like to be part of our assemblies.

**Scooters and bikes** - Please can children and adults refrain from riding bikes and scooters on the school site. This is to ensure the safety of all children in our care. Thank you everyone.

**Jeans for Genes** - Thank you to everyone who donated money to the Jeans for Genes charity last Friday. We raised £192. We are still selling zip-pulls this week and will let you know how much money this has raised in a future newsletter.

**Headteacher's Awards** - Congratulations to everyone who achieved a Headteacher's Award. Some children in year 5 did their own research about the planets. I am so impressed with children who are inspired by the work they do at school and want to find out more. Fantastic!

Best wishes Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

## *Headteacher Awards*

The following children have received Headteacher Awards during the last few weeks:

Kiera Chandler	Benji Nightingill	Aaron Byrne	Esther Macklin	Holly Wright
Jamie Huggett	Marcela Lopacinska	Luke Stanley	Sonny Stirton	Philippa Addo
Sonique Mullings	Stephen Quiring	Holly Newton	Ryan Sharpless	Macey Leavy
Roman Bouchez	Yamin Abdul-Majeed	Zuriel Darko	Eliza Chowdhury	James Guy
Rakith Theebaban	Tallulah Bouchez	Kritick Navaneethan	Lacey Egan-Smith	Lacey Bedford
Natanyah Ndhlovu	Lily-Mae Gillam	James Lester	Oliver Tomlinson	Thanusa Ramkumar

**Well done to you all**

### 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 this half term are Tuesday 9th October and Tuesday 23rd October.

### Parent Governor Vacancies

Just a reminder that if you would like to become a parent governor, your nomination form (available from the school office) will need to be received by Friday 12th October. Thank you.



### Dates for your diary



Wednesday 10th October ..... Year 4 trip to Hampton Court  
Tuesday 23rd October ..... 3:30pm PTFA Annual General Meeting in the school hall  
Thursday 25th October ..... Harvest Festival  
Friday 26th October ..... Break up for half term (at normal time)  
Saturday 27th October ..... Play Centre Open Day  
w/c Monday 29th October ..... Half Term (for one week)  
Monday 5th November ..... Children return to school

### Term Dates 2012-2013


These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year along with the Tweeddale INSET days:

w/c 29th October 2012	- Half term (1 week)	Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day
Friday 21st December 2012	- Last day of term	Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school
Monday 7th January 2013	- Children return to school	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
Friday 15th February 2013	- INSET Day	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
w/c 18th February 2013	- Half Term (1 week)	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term
Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term		

### Class Attendance - w/c 1 October 2012

100%	Panda Class		97.5%	Jaguar Class		95.5%	Wombat Class
98.1%	Cheetah Class		96.4%	Kestrel Class		95.3%	Hedgehog Class
98.0%	Monkey Class		96.3%	Badger Class		93.8%	Butterfly Class
98.0%	Polar Bear Class		96.0%	Puffin Class		85.2%	Eagle Class
98.0%	Turtle Class		95.7%	Ladybird Class			

### 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)

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



### **Family Fun Activity Group at Tweeddale Children's Centre** **Saturday 13th October 9:30-11:30am**

For Dads, Mums, Step Parents, Grandparents and Carers with their children who are under 5. The group is aimed at children under 5 years old but our doors are open to your child's siblings up to the age of 11 years old.

We have fun indoor and outdoor activities, with **no need to book, just drop in and join in the fun!**