



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to the children and families joining Tweeddale Primary School this term. September 1<sup>st</sup> saw our conversion to academy status and we are now part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust <http://www.greenshawlearningtrust.org.uk/>

Apart from those who are new to our school, you will have received a message from John Gallop, Chair of Governors. Over the next few weeks, information on our website and in documents will be updated to reflect the fact that it's now the Trust, rather than Sutton council, that has an overview of our school.

The new school year got off to an interesting start when the kitchen serving hatch jammed closed on the first day, but the catering and lunchtime staff worked round it and the children were fed.

Thanks to Mr. Higgs and the premises team for their work over the summer holiday so that the children came back to a bright, shiny school. Thanks also to you for sending the children in looking so smart in their school uniforms – I'm very proud to be their Headteacher.

We already have lots of events, including taking part in the BBC Children in Need day, planned for this term. As always, it's going to be busy.

**Mr. John Dodwell**

Those of you who had older children at our school will remember that John Dodwell was a governor here for many years. John was also active in local life and politics and served as Mayor of Sutton in 2003-2004. During his time as Mayor, he officially reopened our school library after it was refurbished.

Sadly, after a period of illness, John died on Monday of last week. Our thoughts are with Anne, his wife, and his family.

**PTA**

I'm happy to let you know that the number of parents on the PTA Committee has doubled (to 4). All parents of children at our school are automatically members of our PTA, but we need active members to organise events such as the Christmas Fair to raise money for additional resources for our children.

Please speak with Mrs. McDermott or Miss Barbury if you would like to become more involved in our PTA.

**Mobile Phone Numbers and E-Mail Addresses**

If you change your mobile phone number, please let us know. We've already had a couple of incidents where we were unable to contact parents and in the event of an emergency closure of the school, it will be a text message informing you.

Similarly, newsletters and other information will normally be sent to the e-mail address we hold and if we don't have an address, you won't receive the information. Google, Outlook and many others offer free e-mail which can be picked up on your smart phone.

**New Secondary School Meeting**

Sutton Council is inviting residents to attend an information evening to hear about plans for a new borough secondary school.

The event is at 7pm on Thursday 15 September 2016 in the Aitken Hall at St Andrew's Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam, Sutton SM2 7HF.

To find out more, visit [www.sutton.gov.uk/newsecondaryschool](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/newsecondaryschool) or email [newschool@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:newschool@sutton.gov.uk).

## Swimming

Swimming lessons continue and the timetable is below.

Please note:

Parents are not allowed at the pool-side during lessons. No jewellery or nail varnish may be worn for swimming lessons; please remove it on the swimming day, before children come to school. Children are excluded from swimming for 2 weeks after they have had diarrhoea.

Please remember, swimming hats must be worn by all children who are swimming; these can be purchased from your child's class or the school office.

Monday			1.10 – 2.10 Badger	2.10 – 3.10 Panda
Tuesday			1.20 – 2.20 Year 6 (Boys)	2.20 – 3.20 Year 6 (Girls)
Wednesday			1.20 - 2.20 Year 4 (Boys)	2.20 - 3.20 Year 4 (Girls)
Thursday	9.10 – 10.10 Monkey	10.30 – 11.30 Hedgehog	1.20-2-20 Year 5 (Boys)	2.20-3.20 Year 5 (Girls)
Friday	9.10-10.10 Ladybird	10.30-11.30 Butterfly	1.20-2.20 Year 3 (Boys)	2.20-3.20 Year 3 (Girls)

## Marketplace Sutton - Consultation Event

**Crafternoon in the alleyways  
Saturday 10th September  
11am-4pm**

Alley Artwork Painting Workshop and interactive community art event. Come along and join in the fun of an interactive and artistic afternoon in Sutton! Also featuring a lantern making workshop and lighting ceremony, pop-up book exchange and live music. Details can be found at

[www.opportunitysutton.org](http://www.opportunitysutton.org)

If you are unable to make the event but still wish to have your say in the consultations about Market Place Sutton, download a feedback form at <http://www.opportunitysutton.org/wp-content/uploads/Stories-of-Sutton-Feedback-sheet-and-Leaflet-Council-Colours.pdf>.

Complete it and return it by post or via email to [opportunitysutton@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:opportunitysutton@sutton.gov.uk)

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13th September ..... Year 3 trip to National Gallery  
 Wednesday 14th September ..... 9:00am Year 1 parents 'meet the teacher'  
 2:50pm Year 6 parents 'meet the teacher'  
 Thursday 15th September ..... 9:00am Year 3 parents 'meet the teacher'  
 2:50pm Year 4 parents 'meet the teacher'  
 Friday 16th September ..... Year 5 trip to British Museum  
 9:00am Year 2 parents 'meet the teacher'  
 Tuesday 20th September ..... Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum  
 Wednesday 19th October ..... Harvest Festival  
 Friday 21st October ..... Break up for half term holiday (one week)  
 Monday 31st October ..... INSET Day - school closed  
 Tuesday 1st November ..... Children return to school

## Term Dates 2016-2017

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the 2016-2017 academic year. Please note that four of the INSET days have now been confirmed. One further day is still to be planned.

Monday 5th September 2016	- INSET Day - school closed	Wednesday 4th January 2017	- Children return to school
Tuesday 6th September 2016	- Children return to school	w/c 13th February 2017	- Half term holiday (one week)
w/c 24th October 2016	- Half term holiday (one week)	Friday 31st March 2017	- Break up for Easter
Monday 31st October 2016	- INSET Day - school closed	Tuesday 18th April 2017	- INSET Day - school closed
Tuesday 1st November 2016	- Children return to school	Wednesday 19th April 2017	- Children return to school
Wednesday 21st December 2016	- Break up for Christmas	w/c 29th May 2017	- Half term holiday (one week)
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	- INSET Day - school closed	Friday 21st July 2017	- Break up for Summer