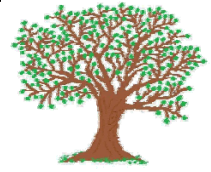


Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Wednesday 9th November 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

Wow! What an exciting two weeks this has been! Tweeddale Primary School ended the first half-term with a very successful Family Fun Night and began the second half-term by moving Children's Centre and Play Centre into the brand new Tweeddale Centre.

On Friday 21st October, the PTFA organised a Family Fun Night that invited Parents, Carers and Children to take part in quizzes, Bingo and Horse Racing. All the games were enjoyed by everyone with no gambling taking place, but plenty of fun and laughter. We were treated to a hearty meal and a raffle for the bargain price of £2.50. There were over 90 adults and children in our school hall and the evening was a runaway success! I congratulate all the members of the PTFA for a fabulous first event of the school year and for raising £227 for our children. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. Look out for our next fund raiser -the Christmas Fair!

On Monday 31st October, the Play Centre, Children's Centre, Early Intervention and Prevention Services, Portage and Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Teams moved into the Tweeddale Centre. On Monday, all the heavy furniture was delivered and removal teams worked hard to ensure that all our furniture was in place by the end of the day. On Tuesday, staff began to move in and the tireless and dedicated work of Tweeddale Centre staff began. By Friday 4th November, the Play Centre was ready for our children, offices had been created and the Children's Centre was re-organised with walls knocked down and existing walls painted and refreshed.

On Friday afternoon, we had a short celebration with tea and cake to mark a great achievement in the history of Tweeddale. I am very proud of all the staff and all they have achieved in just one week. We still have a way to go to put the finishing touches to our new building and make sure that the outside is as impressive as the inside, but we are a unique provision with many services and support for children and families all under one roof.

On Saturday 19th November, there will be an official opening of the Tweeddale Centre. David Callaghan, our local councillor, will be cutting the ribbon and Barney the dinosaur will be here to entertain our children. There will be a range of services representing all the provisions we aim to offer children and families and organised tours of the Tweeddale Centre. Our school choir will be singing in their first public recital and there will be refreshments for all.

This is the beginning of very exciting times for Tweeddale and I can't wait to hear how our children have enjoyed their new Play Centre. Come and see our new building and I know you will be as excited as we are!

Einstein's Entertainers - Science Club for Years 2-6

There are still some places available for this after school club which starts on Friday 11th November. If your child (in years 2-6) would like a place, please return the form and money as soon as possible.

Punctuality

On Monday, 30 children were late for school. It is so important that your child arrives at school on time. I hope to see an improvement in punctuality this week.

Attendance - w/c 31 October 2011

99.1%	Kestrel Class	94.8%	Puffin Class
97.8%	Jaguar Class	94.8%	Eagle Class
97.8%	Hedgehog Class	94.1%	Polar Bear Class
97.5%	Butterfly Class	93.3%	Ladybird Class
96.2%	Badger Class	92.4%	Cheetah Class
95.3%	Panda Class	92.2%	Monkey Class
94.9%	Turtle Class	88.8%	Wombat Class



Morrisons Vouchers

Morrisons have now stopped giving out their "Let's Grow" vouchers. Please bring any vouchers you have at home in to school as soon as possible.

Turn over for news & dates from
the PTFA

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 dates for this half term are Wednesday 16th November, Tuesday 29th November and Tuesday 13th December.


News & dates for your diary from the PTFA

Rosie Ayres in Bumblebees was the lucky winner of the Aladdin pantomime tickets. Thank you to everyone who attended the family fun night on 21st October which raised £227 for the school.

The dates of PTFA events are highlighted in blue in our 'Dates for your diary' section.



Dates for your diary

- Thursday 10th November..... **School closes at 2pm** for individual parent/teacher appointments
- Friday 11th November..... 3:45pm PTFA AGM at school - all welcome
- Monday 14th November..... **School closes at 2pm** for individual parent/teacher appointments
- w/c 14th November Book Fayre after school - every day
- Saturday 19th November 11am-3pm Tweeddale Centre official opening & free family activity day
- Friday 25th November..... PTFA Mufti Day—please donate a tin, packet or bottle for the Christmas Fair tombola
- Friday 2nd December..... After school - Christmas Fair 
- Tuesday 20th December 2pm School breaks up for Christmas
- Wednesday 4th January INSET Day (School, Children's Centre & Play Centre closed)
- Thursday 5th January Children return to school at normal time

Update from Sutton Catering

You may remember before half term, that as a precaution, our school kitchen stopped serving chicken one lunchtime. Sutton Catering have now received the test results from independent agencies on samples of both the raw and cooked chicken. Both concluded that the meat was safe for human consumption. Once again, we apologise for any concern this caused.

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



Tweeddale Centre's FREE Family Activity Day

Saturday 19th November from 11am until 3pm

Come and celebrate the official opening of the Tweeddale Centre. Barney will be making personal appearances at various intervals throughout the day!

We will also have lots of fun activities to do... Soft Play Room, Art & Craft Activities, Face Painting and Circus Skills. Refreshments and official tours of the building will also be available.