



Newsletter



Tweeddale Primary School
December 2009—2nd edition

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas performances. The children & staff worked really hard and appreciated having such supportive audiences. We organised extra performances this year to try to make sure that you were all able to see your children perform. If you have any comments about the organisation of the performances, please drop them into the suggestion box or visitors' book in the main reception.



Thank you so much for your generosity at our performances and for buying the photographs. We raised £430 which will be taken to Queen Mary's Hospital by two of our children tomorrow.

Don't forget that we're finishing on Friday 18th December at the earlier time of 2:00pm and **return to school at the normal time on Tuesday 5th January 2010.**

IMPORTANT: ParentPay

Dinner Money

I'm sure you are all aware by now of the changeover to ParentPay in January. As mentioned at the meeting with parents on 7th December, please make sure that if you are changing from packed lunch to school dinner on any particular day (or vice versa), that you remember to tell the school office 1st thing in the morning. If you do not notify the office they will not be aware that an additional school meal needs to be provided (or that a meal needs to be cancelled—which means the money will still be taken from your ParentPay account).



Milk Money

We have been advised of a change of plan with regard to paying for milk via ParentPay in January. For now, you will NOT need to pay for milk via ParentPay. Please continue to pay the school office by cash or cheque. If your child wants milk in the Spring Term, you must notify the office by 15th January.



Goodbye to Mr Nicholson

Mr Nicholson, who has been teaching music at Tweeddale since 2005, is leaving us tomorrow.

We're sorry to lose him and wish him all the best.



Christmas Fair

A big thank you to Sheryl, Mel, Sarah & team for organising a highly successful Christmas Fair. The fair made £1,300 which is really fantastic. It was lovely to see so many of you there. Thanks also to everyone who helped on the stalls—parents, staff & children. It was a real team effort.

The Father Christmas photographs have now been handed out with the exception of one. There is one photograph of a little boy with yellow face paint that we can't recognise! If this is your photo, please collect from the school office.



Target Setting Meetings

Thank you all for attending these meetings. Attendance was 97% which is excellent!
Can we do even better next time?

Warm coats

When the weather is cold, please make sure that you send your child to school with a warm coat. If they do not have a warm coat they will not be allowed to play outside.

No Smoking

Please remember you are not allowed to smoke anywhere on school premises. This includes the playground & if you're walking through the car park.



Attendance

We will be continuing to contact you if your child's attendance is causing concern.

Please remember, if you have a child in Year 2 or Year 6, that no holiday absences will be authorised until after the children have completed their end of key stage assessments (SATs).



Punctuality

A lot of children have been arriving just a few minutes late and entering school through the office.

Please make sure your children get to school on time and that they come in by the correct entrance.

Another little nag...

School uniform this time. Jumpers must be red or grey—no hoods, logos or patterns.

Boots must not be worn all day in school. Children must bring a change of shoes.

Parking

We have been asked again by local police to remind you not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school. They are there for our children's safety and, if you get caught you will be fined. Please also remember that the school car-park is for staff and official visitors only and must not be used to drop off or collect your children. You may park in Sutton Arena car-park. We have an arrangement with them and they are quite happy for you to use their car-park at the beginning and end of the day.



Dates for January

Monday 4th January—INSET day (school closed)

Tuesday 5th January—children return to school at normal time

Tuesday 5th January—parents drop-in session with the school nurse (2:30pm)

Tuesday 19th January —parents drop-in session with the school nurse (2:30pm)

Wednesday 20th January—Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum



Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you as always for your support during this year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2010.