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Newsletter

Tweeddale Primary School
December 2009



Dear Parents and Carers
Christmas is just around the corner and now that the decorations are going up, it is starting to feel very festive in school. Here is a reminder of what's going on in school this Christmas:



Friday 4th December	Christmas Fair at 3:30pm
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas Dinner for Reception and Years 1, 2 & 3
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Dinner for Years 4, 5 & 6
Friday 11th December	Foundation Stage Performances at 10:30am & 2:30pm*
Monday 14th December	Middle Phase Dress Rehearsal at 9:30am
	Upper Phase Dress Rehearsal at 2:15pm
Tuesday 15th December	Middle Phase Performances at 2:15pm & 6:30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Upper Phase Performances at 2:15pm & 6:30pm
Thursday 17th December	Class parties (except Bumblebees)
Friday 18th December	Bumblebees class party
	2:00pm School finishes for Christmas (Nursery details in Foundation Stage newsletter)

* Check the class noticeboards for which performance your child is in

After School Clubs

We will be running more after school clubs in January. Look out for the letter from Miss Ardley where you will see there are a few new ones! Make sure you send your reply slip to Miss Ardley by Friday 11th December as places are limited.

Helping others at Christmas Time

The Vine Project is a charity that is helping families with low incomes in Sutton. Sutton Council would like to help the charity this Christmas time by asking people to donate toys (in a good, clean condition) to the charity. The toys need to be delivered to the council offices in Denmark Road, Carshalton between the 1st and 18th December.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought a book at the recent book fair. The school made £437.12. Each class will receive new books with their share of the commission.



CONGRATULATIONS...

... to Lewis Warwick.
Lewis came joint third in a Christmas Stocking Design competition run by Tom Brake MP.
Well done Lewis!



Children In Need Bring & Buy Sale

The Bring & Buy sale held at the Children's Centre on Friday 20th November raised £184.24 for the Children's Centre and £102.82 for Children in Need.
The day was a great success!

Dinner & Milk Money-ParentPay

There will be a meeting in school at 9:15am on Monday 7th December to talk about the new ParentPay system which will be in place when we return to school in January. We will try and answer any questions you may have.





Parents drop-in sessions with the school nurse

From Tuesday 5th January the school nurse will be holding drop-in sessions for parents. These will take place once a fortnight in school at 2:30pm. The first few dates for 2010 are January 5th & 19th, February 2nd & 23rd, March 9th & 23rd. If you have any issues you would like to discuss with the nurse please pop along to one of these sessions.

Alive 'n' Kicking

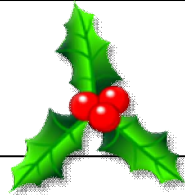
This is a new family weight management programme starting at "The Hub" in Bishopsford Road w/c 11th January 2010. The programme is 12 weeks long and needs parents to attend as well. Our school nurse is happy to meet with anyone who has concerns about their child's weight or would like more information on this. Contact her at the school nursing office on 020 8770 8363 or on her mobile 07776 487202

Year 6 Drop-in sessions

As part of the preparation for transfer to high school the school nurse visits school at lunchtimes on Thursdays so that children can come & discuss a wide range of health or wellbeing issues with her. Children can attend individually or in small groups.

Attendance

Many of you will have received letters about your children's attendance and some of you have been in for meetings. It is so important for your children to be in school on time every day. The Borough School Attendance Service is taking a hard line on persistent absence and some of you have already been fined. Don't let it be you!



Parking

You know I hate to nag but... local police have again asked me 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 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.



Just a reminder about school uniform: Only plain grey or red sweatshirts may be worn. No tops with hoods or brand names. Children wearing boots to school must bring another pair of shoes to change into and not wear their boots all day.

Bumblebees Holiday Club

There will be a holiday club in Bumblebees on the 21st, 22nd & 23rd December. Sessions from 9:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-5:00pm. The cost for each session is £10. For more information speak to Caroline, Sally or Amanda.



Dates for early January

Monday 4th January—INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 5th January—children return to school

I look forward to seeing you in school at one of our Christmas events, starting with the Christmas Fair this Friday.