



Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
February 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we're already into the second month of 2010 so it's probably a bit late for me to wish you all a very happy new year!

We had a bit of a wobbly start to the new term with the snow and we're all keeping our fingers crossed that we don't get any more—although I think the children quite enjoyed it!

There are a lot of events and activities planned for the remainder of this term, some of which are listed on the back of this newsletter, so make sure that you check your children's book bags so you don't miss the letters.

I'm delighted to say that Parent Pay seems to be working very well but don't forget to keep the office informed if you change your child's dinner arrangements.

Year 2 & 6

Holiday during term time

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

New website

Please visit our new and improved website at www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk and add us to your favourites list.

Our new website will be regularly updated and you'll be able to print your own copies of many school letters that sometimes go missing in your children's bags!

The calendar will be very useful for parents to see what's happening at a glance.

Let us know what you think by leaving a message in our guest book.



Flora are running their 'Cooking with Schools' project again this year. Tokens will be printed on packs of Flora. All you need to do is log onto the Flora website www.cookingwithschools.com, find our school and register the number from your token. The more we can collect the more equipment we can get for the school. Please ask your friends, family & neighbours to help too!

Attendance—Well done!

After the disastrous week of the snow where attendance was very low, we have had a couple of weeks of really good attendance. We have even had days where a few classes have had 100% attendance which is truly excellent—it would be great if we could achieve this regularly!

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to last year's Poppy Appeal.

We raised £101.72.

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Parents drop-in sessions with the school nurse

As mentioned in the December newsletter, the school nurse will be holding drop-in sessions for parents. These will take place once a fortnight in school at 2:30pm. The next few dates are February 2nd & 23rd and March 9th & 23rd. If you have any issues you would like to discuss with the nurse please pop along to one of these sessions which are being held in the Round Room.

Winter weather

When the weather is cold, please make sure that you send your child to school with suitable outdoor clothing.

Unless it is raining heavily or the conditions are not safe, the children will still be playing outside.

If your child wears boots to walk to school, please ensure they bring their school shoes to change into once they arrive.



Punctuality

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

Not only does your own child miss some of their lesson time, but they are disturbing other children in the class by arriving late. I will be writing to you and asking you to come in to see me if your child continually arrives late.

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

Mobile phone numbers

Can you please ensure that the school office has your up-to-date mobile phone number. This is especially important when we are sending out 'group call' messages about school closures.



Head lice

Please make sure that you check your child's hair regularly (once a week) for head lice.

If you need advice on what to look for and how to treat them, there is some information on the NHS website www.nhs.uk. We also have some leaflets available in the main Reception area.

The school nurse would be happy to give advice if you would like to pop along to one of the Parents drop-in sessions held in school.

Dates to remember

Tuesday 2nd February—parents drop-in session with the school nurse (2:30pm)

Friday 5th February—Year 3 visit the Science Museum

Friday 5th February—Quantum Theatre “What if it rains” performance to KS1

w/c Monday 8th February—Cycle Roadcraft Training for 24 Year 6 pupils

Friday 12th February—Quantum Theatre “What if it rains” performance to KS2

Friday 12th February—school breaks up at normal time for half term (one week)

w/c Monday 15th February—half term

Monday 22nd February—return to school at 8:45am

Tuesday 23rd February— parents drop-in session with the school nurse (2:30pm)

Finally, just a bit of a nag about school uniform. Most children are wearing the correct school uniform everyday but I have seen some strange sweatshirts and hoodies recently. The children know that they are not allowed to wear them so please don't let them.