



Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Summer 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will know that Ofsted paid us a visit a couple of weeks ago. Four inspectors were in school for two days. They observed lessons in all classes and interviewed children, staff and governors. They also spent time in the dining hall and in the playground, both for morning play and lunchtime. I can't give you the actual result of the inspection at this point because it has to stay confidential until the report is published, but I can tell you that we are expecting a very positive report.

Staffing for September

We have a few changes for September. Linda Jeffery, our school secretary, is retiring after 39 years at Tweeddale. Some of you will remember Mrs Jeffery from when you were at school. We are going to miss her a great deal.

Miss Rolfe, Puffin Class teacher, is also leaving at the end of term. We wish her the best of luck with her next challenge.

Mrs Jacobs, who has been working in Year 6 this year is also leaving for pastures new. I will let you have a new staff list as soon as it is finalised.

Thank you for sending in your Sainsbury & Tesco vouchers.

We collected 19,000 Sainsbury vouchers and 29,000 Tesco.

If your child wants milk in the Autumn term you must tell the office & pay on ParentPay by 19th July

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have just been told that the cost of school dinners will go up in September to £2.10 per day. Make sure that you pay the right amount on ParentPay so that you do not run up arrears.

SUMMER FAIR

We had such a good day on Saturday! The weather was kind to us and it was great to see so many of you there. We made a clear profit of £1,417.96, which is absolutely brilliant!

A huge "THANK YOU" to Melanie Foote, Jane Goodwin, Lisa Coombes, Sheryl Offen and the rest of the team and to all parents, staff, children and other volunteers who helped on the day and with the organising, setting up and clearing up.

Carshalton Carnival & St Helier Festival

Saturday 12th June

We had a great day on Saturday 12th June. Our Carnival float, once again, won 1st prize! Our dancers were very well received at the Festival. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

Well done to all the children and staff who took part in both events.
ROLL ON NEXT YEAR!

SATs

As you know, there was a ballot by teachers' unions to boycott Yr 6 SATs this year.

We took the decision to go ahead because the children were so well prepared for them. They had been working towards them all year and the boycott was called at very short notice.

Only two Sutton schools boycotted the SATs, the others went ahead with them for the same reasons that we did.

National Play Day—Wednesday 4th August

Those of you who were able to attend Play Day last summer will remember what a fabulous day we had! Play Day is a national event, held at the start of each summer holiday. For the second year running, we will be hosting Sutton's Play Day, along with Sutton Arena. There will be masses of play opportunities for adults and children of all ages, as well as workshops and places to eat. Come along and join in the fun. There will be posters up in school, children's centre, the arena and around the local area, which will give you full details, including start and finish times.



THIS IS A FREE EVENT!!

Letters

Please check your child's school bag regularly for any letters that have been sent home.



Parents drop-in sessions with the school nurse

The final parents drop-in session for this year will take place in the Round Room at 2pm on Thursday 15th July

The School Gates

I've had a number of complaints from parents and other pedestrians about some of you blocking the pavement at the beginning and end of the school day. Although it's great to meet your friends when you bring your children to school and pick them up, it's not a good idea to hang around for a long time. It can also be intimidating for some children and parents to have to walk through a large group of people in order to get through the school gate. I'm going to ask our local PCSOs to pop down from time to time to make sure that we are not causing a nuisance to other people trying to get past on the pavement. Can those of you with dogs also be aware that some children (and adults) are nervous around dogs, so please leave plenty of room on the pavement for other people to get by. Remember also that your language should be appropriate when you are around children. A number of people have raised concerns about the amount of swearing they hear right outside our school.

Is your child entitled to free milk & school dinners?

Entitlement to free milk & school dinners needs to be verified every year. You will have had your letter, giving you details of what confirmation you need to bring into the school office and when. Please don't be late renewing.



If your child is off school because they are unwell, please remember to phone the school office as soon as possible to give the reason for their absence.

ParentPay—school dinners

Before requesting a meal for your child, you must make sure that your ParentPay account is in credit. Unfortunately, some parents have run up debts on their accounts and we have been forced to stop their children having school dinners. This is not a step we want to take but we cannot allow you to run up debts because it is the school that has to cover the cost of unpaid meals, meaning less money to spend on resources for your children's education.



School Uniform

We've only got a couple of weeks left at school but children still need to be wearing the correct school uniform. Please remember that boys' shorts must be plain black or grey with no logos or brand names. Girls must wear sensible shoes—no flip-flops, strappy sandals etc.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th July—Meeting for parents/carers of new Reception children at 6:30pm;

Wednesday 7th July—Year 6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures;

Friday 9th July—Whole school art exhibition at 3:20pm;

Monday 12th July—Sports Day 9.00—9.45 for Reception; 9.45—12.00 for Years 1-3 at Sutton Arena;

Tuesday 13th July—10.30—Nursery Sports Day in the Children's Centre garden;

Thursday 15th July—school ends at 2:00pm for parent/carer reports appointments with teachers;

Monday 19th July—Sports day—9.00-12.00 for Years 4-6 at Sutton Arena;

Monday 19th July—End of year discos: 3.30-4.30 for Yrs 2 & 3; 4.45-5.45 for Yrs 4 & 5; 6.00-7.00 for Yr 6

Friday 23rd July—10.30—Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 23rd July—last day of school—finish at 2pm

Thursday 2nd September—children return to school (Wednesday 1st is an INSET day)

Finally, as we move towards the end of yet another school year, I want to thank you, as always, for your support and wish you all a wonderful summer holiday—fingers crossed the sun shines on us.