



Tweseldown News

Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer,

It is hard to believe that the Spring term has come to an end. January was such a long month and now here we are at the end of March with lighter mornings and evenings, daffodils springing up and the hope of less rain is definitely making everyone feel better.

Tweseldown have had an amazing term. The children have worked their socks off and made us all so proud of each and every one of them. As always, we love to celebrate other achievements too. We entered the interschool's poetry competition this term, and came second and third.

The range of opportunities that our pupils have had beyond the classroom is exceptional and something we pride ourselves on; from making pancakes, trips to Kensington Palace, the Watercress Line, local walks, the farm, Beyond the Gate. Thank you for all of your support with these experiences along with Marvellous Men, our story telling week, World Book Day and of course our Spring Fair. We really have had a fantastic celebration of a long, dark and wet Spring term ...it really has helped to make it fly by!

We are looking forward to the summer term with District Sports, swimming for year 2 and a host of sporting activities during our annual sports week culminating with sports day on Friday 28 June, please save the date and join us to cheer on your child and have a picnic together afterwards.

Whether you celebrate Easter or not, holidays from school is a time for families to be together and enjoy spending time with each other. The gift of time is the best gift you can give your child, they really do grow up so quickly. I can't believe both of my children are now at secondary school.

Whatever your plans are for the two weeks, please enjoy the well-deserved break and we all look forward to welcoming each and every one of you back on Monday 15 April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tottem



Important Information

Diary Dates

March 2024

Thursday 28th **1.30 Finish—Last Day of Term**

April 2024

Monday 15th **8.35am Back to School**

Wednesday 17th 9.00 Otter Class Assembly

Friday 19th PTFA Mufti Day—£1 Donation

Monday 22nd 7.00 PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 23rd PTFA Special Person Day Sale

Wednesday 24th Squirrel Meet the Teacher coffee morning

Friday 26th 13.00 Year R Fairy tale Workshop

May 2024

Monday 6th **Bank Holiday**

Mufti Monday!

Well done Oak house for reaching 1000 house points, please wear your own clothes on 15/4/24



Tesco colouring

Well done Hedgehog class for winning the Tesco Easter colouring competition.

Fleet and Church Crookham Gardening club

Thank you to the local Gardening club for the donation of some lovely books, we hope to see lots of plants in bloom as we come into Spring.

Memory Maker

Your child has brought home a Tweseldown Memory Maker in their book bag, have a look at some lovely activities to enjoy with your child. If your child wishes to take part they will be awarded a special badge once they have tricked off some memories.

Can you help?

We are looking to invest in some outdoor audio equipment, if you can offer any help or advice it would be very welcome, please contact the office.

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Year 2 Swimming

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Absence from school

Due to an increase in appointments taken during the school day please supply, in addition, to the orange absence form some evidence of your child's appointment. These maybe;

1. Screenshots (email, text message, photo of your child at the surgery, NHS app etc)
2. Letter of appointment
3. Dated prescription or medication

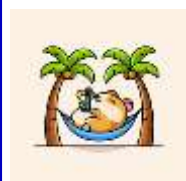
Please show this at the office or email into absence@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

We ask all children to complete an orange absence form and encourage transparency and honesty about why your child will miss time from school. We are working hard to achieve a high attendance rate and thank you for your support towards this.



Coco the Rabbit and Bert and Barry the Guinea Pigs

Coco has a weekend that has become available, 20th June, please email pets@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk if you are able to help.



All our pets are very well behaved and love going on holiday. If you would to look after our school pets in the summer holidays or for a weekend, please get in touch and add your name to the list.

SEND Assistant Job vacancy

Please have a look at the Hampshire job vacancy website for our latest opportunity.

<https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/112009/L3ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRYaWV2ZUZpbHRlcj10cnVI>

Squirrel Class

Mr Barrett will be teaching in Squirrel class on a Monday for the Spring term to ensure a smooth transition when Mrs Cockram takes her maternity leave. This is in addition to the Wednesday he currently covers.



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year R News

What a fantastic week we have had in Year R! We have enjoyed continuing our learning about Spring by going on our woodland walk. During this walk we pointed out the first signs of Spring such as blossom and flower buds. Can you spot any other signs of spring on your walk to and from school? A BIG thank you to all the grown-ups that helped us on this walk.

We have begun to get in the Easter spirit by creating Easter crafts such as cotton wool rabbits and making chicks using forks and paint. We hid mini Easter eggs and used positional language to describe where we found them. We even made chocolate nests! We enjoyed more Spring writing and enjoyed adding Numberblocks together. We have continued our Drawing Club sessions this week focusing on 'The Odd Egg' by Emily Gravett. We looked at creating new eggs and thinking about what we would find inside them. We came up with some wonderful codes to make our drawings come alive!

In Maths, we have begun to look at odd and even numbers. To do this we used numicon to work out which pieces were flat (even) and which pieces were odd (bumpy). We split numbers up into their odd and even piles.



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News

Wow! What a fantastic trip we had to Ropley Station this week. Even with some rain, it did not dampen the children's spirits! We all enjoyed looking around the station, riding the miniature railway, walking across the bridge from Harry Potter and handling objects from the station and the Victorian time period. Back in school, the children wrote recounts about their trip using time words to help them organise their sentences.

In maths, we have been recapping our learning on finding halves and quarters. We have been doing this physically with counters in the classroom and then applying this to the bar model. It would be great to continue practicing these skills over the holidays. Could you find half of you Easter eggs or raisins or socks? Any item can be used!

We started the week by making an Easter treat! The children have been learning about mathematical 'nets' and used all their practise to fold and make their own box which they then decorated with a beautiful Easter design. We then made Easter nest cakes to go inside their box. All if the children looked really proud leaving the classroom with their professionally packaged cake!

Thank you for all if your support this half term and all if the Year One team would like to wish you a lovely Easter Holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the Summer term!



What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News

In English this week we have written a Spring acrostic poem focussing on what we see during this season and using powerful adjectives. We had fun illustrating them and writing them out in neat.

We evaluated our boxes and thought about what we enjoyed doing and what we would improve if we were to do it again. The boxes look fantastic, the children have clearly worked carefully on them. Thank you to those parents who came in to help, your help was invaluable.

We had a virtual road safety workshop over Teams, what can your child tell you about keeping safe near roads?

It was lovely to see all of the great Spring hats that the children designed and well done to everyone who entered the design an Easter egg competition. Your designs were all fantastic!

Have a lovely, relaxing Easter break.



Beyond the Gate - Forest School



For the final week of Spring Term, the children went on a flora scavenger hunt around the site - looking for specific species of plants growing and identifying them from pictures and information given.



They even found plants which were not on the sheet – such as Greater Stitchwort and Forget-me-Knots. Mrs Dear was impressed with how well they could describe the differences between Dock Leaves and Lords'n'Ladies. And they learnt the difference between a buttercup flower and a Lesser Celandine flower.



This plant identification supports their KS1 national curriculum science objective where they are expected to be able to name and identify different types of flowers and plants and Mrs Dear will extend this learning in the summer term.

Some children then enjoyed foraging the plants that were plentiful (remembering the rule “1 for you and 10 for nature”). They then weaved them onto a cardboard egg template to create a nature decorated festive egg!



Other children chose to use tools to create an Easter nest. They had the opportunity to use the bow saw to saw a block of wood and then the stumpy hammers to hammer nails into a circle, before weaving twigs and foraged materials around them.

Plenty of free play was also enjoyed by all, with the children continuing to enjoy the readily available loose parts and equipment to spark their imaginative play!

We also had fun throwing our wildflower seed bombs – which we made last week – around areas of the site! Lets hope they germinate and we get some lovely wildflowers growing in the summer.





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Location - Tweseldown Infant School
Date - April 6th

Timings :

9-9:30 drop off
9:30-10am free time
10-11am skills session
11-11:45am snack & EGG HUNT
11:45-1pm Matches
1-1:15pm Star player and Prizes
1:15-1:30pm pick up





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