



Tweseldown News

Thursday 14th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back for the Autumn term, we are especially pleased to meet all of our new reception children and grown ups. It has been a sea of smiling faces and they have quickly settled into school life.

We'd like to thank the PTFA for the 'new parent welcome packs' and hope you all enjoyed a cup of tea and a moment of peace.

We have an exciting term ahead filled with lots of wonderful events ending in some special Christmas performances.



Kind Regards,

Mrs Tottem

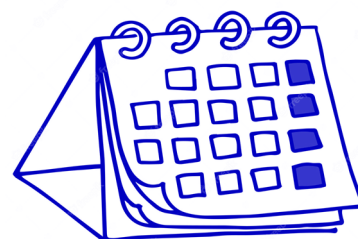
Our value for the month of September is *Democracy*.

During our assemblies this week we have been thinking about truthfulness and being honest. We also celebrated Roald Dahl day and listened to a few pages of Mrs Hilton's favourite Roald Dahl book– Matilda.

Diary Dates

September

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| Monday 18th— | 7.30pm—PTFA AGM |
| Thursday 21st - | 9.00am—Year 1 Welcome meeting |
| Friday 22nd - | 9.00am—Year 2 Welcome meeting |
| Monday 25th - | 9.00am—10.00am Coffee and Conversation |
| Wednesday 27th - | 2.45pm—PTFA Secondhand uniform sale |
| Friday 29th - | 9.00am—Year R Welcome meeting |



INSET days 2023-2024

Our INSET days for school have been agreed for this academic year. These are;

2nd January 2024

19th February 2024

1st July 2024



Important Information

Attendance at school

If your child is unable to attend school on the day please leave a message on **01252 628843** or email us **absence@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk**

If you know prior to the event that your child will be unable to attend, we have orange absence request forms which can be found in the office or on our website.



Birthday treats

We ensure your child has a very special day if they come to school on their birthday and ask you to not bring sweets or other treats in to share with others.

Coffee and Conversation

Please join Mrs Tottem at 9am on 25th September to discuss ideas about school, what we do brilliantly and suggestions on how we could improve.



Coco our school rabbit

If you are able to look after our rabbit at weekends or over the half term holidays please email **pets@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk**.

Looking for a Baker

If you are a baker and could come in to talk to our Reception children about your job please contact the office.



Prostate Screening

Lions Club of Fleet are offering Prostate Screening at the Key on Elvetham Heath on the 28th October. Please follow the link for more information.

<https://www.fleetlions.org.uk/community/prostatescreening.html>



Lions Club of Fleet
Serving our community since 1974



Tweseldown on Facebook

We have two Facebook pages, one shares all the amazing things we are doing.

<https://www.facebook.com/Tweseldowninfantschool>

Our second page is just for parents, it has reminders and is open for you to ask questions about what is happening.



Important Information

Year 1 Welcome Meeting

Please join us at 9am in the school hall to hear about what your child will learn in year 1, how we teach them and the support you can provide as a parent.

Road safety

Please take extra care crossing the road—our lollipop lady will be back soon!



Parent Governor vacancy

If you are interested in the role, want to find out what goes on behind the scenes and get involved in the heart of the school come into the office next week and get the parent governor election paperwork.

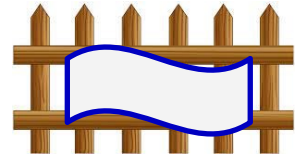


Book bags

Please can children only bring to school a book bag, PE kit in a drawstring bag and a carrier bag with their Beyond the Gate clothes in.

Advertising

If you have a business you would like to advertise on our school fence please call the office for more information.



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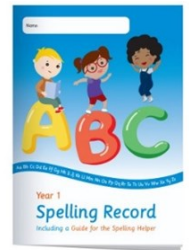
Homework for year 1&2

Homework comes home in this red or blue folder each Friday. It needs to be returned by the following Thursday.



This is the reading record. This needs to come to and from school each day. Reading books can be changed Monday and Thursday.

This is the spelling record. This will come home every Friday with new spellings. Please use a page in the book to practise if you wish or you can use note paper, chalk boards, white boards to learn spellings at home. We will not check 'evidence' that children have practised so please do not feel you have to do it in the book. These need to be in school on Thursday for their spelling test. The spelling test will be at the back of the book for you to see how your child has performed in the test. Please do not worry if they did not do as well as expected. We will continue to support them with this learning in school.



Read below to find out what your child has been doing this week and ask them/talk to them about what they have been up to.

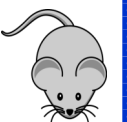
What have we been doing this week?

Year R News

It has been great to welcome all of the new Year R children into their classrooms this week. Everybody has looked super smart in their school uniform and shiny shoes. We have started off our topic 'Marvellous Me' with the children getting creative and making faces, drawing pictures of their houses, practising writing their names, counting and playing I-spy.

They have also been working very hard learning all the new routines and getting used to school life. A big thank you to all the adults who have joined us for lunchtime to help the children to learn the ropes.

Just a reminder to please send your child in with their book bag and named water bottle each day. We look forward to many more weeks of learning and fun!



September 2023

Friday 29th—Welcome Meeting for parents

What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News



The children in Year 1 are now settling into their new routines. This week we have introduced our phonics learning and started our new Guided Reading. In our English learning, we have been thinking about different places in our school. We went on a walk around the building and wrote down the names of the different places. We have also been practising matching our lower case and upper-case letters so that we can put capital letters at the start of our sentences about school. Could you talk about different places in your home such as 'We have a kitchen' and at home, we have a lounge' to help practise our full sentences?



During maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards and representing our numbers in different ways. We have been drawing these, using counters, matching to number cards and number blocks. We then have compared numbers deciding which is the biggest and which is the smallest. We have been working very hard!



The children have been sharing their home work about special places and we have talked about these during a circle time in class. Lots of the special places were places that the children have had fun with their families which has been lovely to hear about. Please remember reading books will come home this week on Thursday and spellings and homework will come home on Friday.



September 2023

Thursday 21st—Welcome meeting for parents

Tuesday 26th— Walk to Christ Church, Church Crookham

What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News



Year 2 have settled well into new routines this week. They have enjoyed their new clubs that have started and are excited about their learning.

We have been counting in 10s, 2s and 5s in maths, with many of us trying new challenges to show our understanding. In English, we have been looking at different sentence types and having a go at writing statements, questions, commands and exclamations. We will be creating a poster next week with examples of these sentence types.



We have continued our Wonderful Weather topic by learning more about the UK and the seasons. We made mini shelters for an animal that would be suitable for the different seasons. In Science, we have been looking at the lifespan of different animals.



It has been another busy week in Year 2!



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Friday 22nd— Welcome Meeting for parents

Beyond the Gate - Forest School

Mrs Dear is really looking forward to welcoming Year 1 and 2 classes Beyond the Gate this term.

The site has grown and changed so much over the summer that it will be exciting for the children to observe and explore these changes. The “Kings Coronation” wildflower seeds which were planted are blossoming beautifully, making the entrance to the area look stunningly colourful and many pollinators are enjoying them.

With thanks to the PTFA and Mr “John” Silvester, the concrete base for the outdoor classroom and an additional shed is being laid this week, and then they can be constructed next week. Alongside a bell tent, which will give some shelter when needed.



Can you volunteer to help within our sessions?

Our Beyond the Gate sessions can only go ahead with the help of volunteers to assist at the sessions.

We are looking for volunteers who can help at the following times:

Tuesdays 9/9:30 to 12:15am (Robin & Woodpecker)

Tuesdays 12:30 to 3:00pm (Badger)

Thursdays 9/9:30 to 12:15am (Robin & Woodpecker)

Thursdays 12:30 to 3:00pm (Otter)

Please can you let your class teacher or class rep know if you are able to support.

Do you have skills that can help us develop the site?

With the support of the PTFA, and pending applications for various grants, we are making strides ahead in how to further develop the site. We would like to compile a list of people in our school community who have relevant skills to help us with these projects as we need them.



So, if you are a carpenter, builder, digger driver, landscaper or gardener and would like to help us at various times throughout the year, please let us know! The PTFA will be sending out an email about this, so a list can be compiled. Thank you in advance.

REMINDER PTFA AGM 18TH SEPT 2022

We are excited for our AGM to let you know how what we have been up and voting in our committee and specialist volunteers. Please do consider supporting in these roles, many hands lead to light work.

SAVE THE DATE 8th Dec 2023 1730hrs

Our main event for 2023 is our Low Noise Festive Fireworks, more information will be shared shortly. We are looking for donations for our Festive Raffle please bring any donations to reception. We are also open to local businesses to have a stall for our mini-Christmas market.

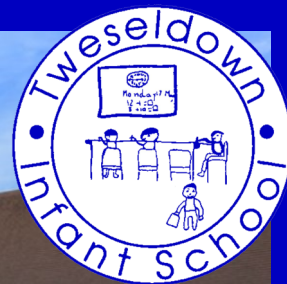
What's happening this term

18th Sept – AGM – 1930hrs – Main school hall
 27th Sept Uniform Sale – 14:45-15:15 cash and card accepted
 13th Oct – Mufti Day - £1 cash or via BACs payment

PTFA CALENDAR Year 23/24

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
4th-8th	13th	2nd	8th	8th-12th	9th
Uniform Donations	Mufti Day	Autumn Disco	Festive Fireworks	Uniform Donations	Mufti Day
Leave any donations in the box in the entrance of the school	Bank transfer £1 or send £1 to sch	Yr R 3-3.45pm, Yr 1 4-4.45pm, Yr 2 5-5.45pm. Bank transfer £2.00 Each Child will get a Sugar free lolly pop	1730hrs- 18:45hrs Posters to come tickets to buy with various festive stalls	Leave any donations in the box in the entrance of the school	Bank transfer £1 or send £1 to sch
18th	30th	16th	14th	23rd	
AGM	PTFA Mtg	Winter Warmer	Santa Visit	Uniform Sale	
1930hrs-2100hrs - Sch - Refreshments	1930hrs-2100hrs - Zoom	Pjs, Teddies 1700-1800 (TBC)	Sch day - Each Child will get gold coin (dietary requirements will be followed)	14:45-15:15 Front of sch	
27th		27th		25th	
Uniform Sale		PTFA Mtg		Winter Disco	
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		29th			
		Reindeer Run			
		Sponsorships - During school day. Parents to attend - Money for Phylis Tuckwell			

Tweseldown Infant School



Growing Together, Learning Together

Will your child be 4 years of age by 31st August 2024?

If so, please come along to one of our **open sessions** for a tour of the school and to find out a bit more about us.

Tour the school during the day

Spaces are limited to 6 families per session and we do ask that you pre-book.

Date	Time
Monday 18th September 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Wednesday 27th September 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Tuesday 3rd October 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Thursday 12th October 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Monday 16th October 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Tuesday 31st October 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Wednesday 8th November 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Thursday 16th November 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Friday 24th November 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Monday 27th November 2023	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm
Friday 5th January 2024	9:15am and 10:30am and 1:45pm