

Tweseldown News

Thursday 28th September 2023

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

We were very lucky this week to have a special assembly by NSPCC. We thought about the importance of speaking out to safe grown-ups and staying safe. We also thought about what makes a kind friend.

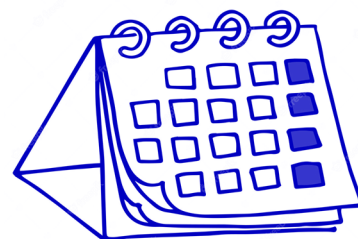
Diary Dates

September

Friday 29th - 9.00am—Year R Welcome meeting
World Heart Day—wear pink or red

October

Wednesday 4th - 9.00am or 7.00pm How we teach Reading
Thursday 5th- **No Beyond the Gate**
Friday 6th - Individual school photos
Friday 13th- PTFA Mufti -£1 donation
(Mufti means come to school in your own clothes)



Harvest Festival

We will celebrate harvest festival on Tuesday 10th October with a special assembly. Over the week we will be collecting for Fleet Lions. We are very grateful for your donations, please let your child bring them into their classroom or drop them off in the foyer.

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| - Tinned soup. | - Tinned vegetables and tomatoes |
| - Baked beans, spaghetti or hoops | - Tinned ham and meats |
| - Dried pastas and pasta sauces. | - Pot noodle /Super noodles |
| - Cooking sauces - either jars or packets | - Gravy, oxo cubes or spices |
| - Mayonnaise, ketchup or brown sauce | - Pickled onions and pickle |
| - Stuffing | - All types of cereal |
| - Custard and rice pudding. Tinned fruit. | - Cakes and jelly |
| - Tea, coffee or hot chocolate, | - Biscuits |
| - Crisps | - Sweets and treats |



Important Information

Year R Welcome meeting

Please join us at 9am on Friday 29th September in the school hall to hear about what your child will learn in reception and how we teach them and the support you can provide as a parent.

Individual Photos

We have our individual school photos being taken on the 6th October—please come with a school jumper and your best smile! If you have a sibling from another school, we are able to photograph them together from 7.45 am. Please queue outside the main reception entrance.



**WORLD
HEART
DAY** 29 SEP

We are supporting this charity due to the fact one of our pupils has recently been involved with the work that they do. Please come to school in red or pink for world heart day. If you would like to donate to the British Heart Foundation please use our just giving link or give your child a contribution on the day. [Tweseldown World Heart Day](#)

Farnorough airport expansion

Our local airport is looking to increase its capacity, please look at the website and share your views.

Can we help you more?

If you are in receipt of certain benefits then we may be able to offer further help as a school. We understand circumstances change and if you let us know then we could help you, please speak to a member of staff or call the office.

SEND teaching assistant (Special Educational Needs & Disability)

Please follow the link for details about our current vacancy working in our SEND department. [SEND Teaching Assistant](#)

Big Ambition

Please take a moment to answer this survey.

[Survey](#)



Important Information



Parking at Tweseldown

Please be aware our designated car parks are the War Memorial hall and Bowenhurst Road. We frequently have PCSOs observing the parking around school, refrain from using residents spaces. The onsite car park is just for staff members and for safety reasons must not be used as a pedestrian shortcut.

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 and get the parent governor election paperwork.



Around our site

We love seeing everyone coming to school on foot, scooters or bikes. Please refrain from using them once on our site and may we also ask you leave pets at home. We have had resident complaints about dogs being left tied up to the fence barking.

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.

Coco our school rabbit



At the weekend Coco loves to visit families, she has lots planned for this term but is available 17th November, 1st December and 8th December. We would also like a home for her over the Christmas holiday, please email pets@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk if you are able to help.

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.

What have we done this week?

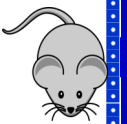
Read below to find out what your child has been doing this week and ask them/talk to them about what they have been up to.

What have we been doing this week?

Year R News



We've had a roaring time in Year R this week! On Monday, we found a number of dinosaurs hiding in a bucket in our classrooms. We had a go at learning their names and describing what they looked like. The next day, we got an exciting package which was a book called 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School.' It has been really fun making dinosaur prints in play doh, making dinosaur bones pictures and creating our own dinosaurs. The cheeky dinosaurs also decided to play hide and seek in our classrooms which caused all sorts of excitement! With our friends, we had to describe where we could see the dinosaurs using positional language such as: on top, next to, inside and under. Perhaps you could hide something at home and use clues to describe where it is hiding. In maths, we have continued our counting and this week have been practising counting starting from different numbers. You could incorporate this at home - what if there is one more step? How many is there if you had one more sweet? Next week, we are moving onto our new learning about Post and the journey of letters. It would be really great if your child can recognise their own name so that they can find their own post in the classroom. New sounds will be coming home this week. Please keep practicing all of the sounds to keep them refreshed.



September 2023

Friday 29th—Welcome Meeting for parents

October 2023

Tuesday 10th—Knife and Fork training.

The Pantry will be teaching the children how to use cutlery

Cool Milk

Reminder - please make sure you have signed your child up to Cool Milk so we can give them milk at school. It is free until your child turns 5 and subsidised once over 5. You just need to sign up on the link - <https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/>

What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News

In Year 1 we have had an exciting week with the children going on a walk in our local area. The children have been telling us all about their special places and on our walk we visited the Christ Church on Gally Hill Road. We were met by Reverend Steve who told us about some of the history of the church. Did you know it was built in 1841? He also told us about some of the ceremonies that happened there such as weddings and baptisms. The children were very excited to see the beautiful stained glass windows, comfy chairs and all of the golden items! Back at school the children then wrote about their trip using full sentences. We thought about what made it a special building for Christians.

In our English lessons, we have been working on creating our own leaflets remembering to start our sentences with a full stop, having finger spaces between words and using a full stop. The leaflets are telling the reader all about our school. We will be placing them in the school office when they are finished to help people learn about our school. Why don't you come and have a look?

In maths, we have been splitting wholes into parts e.g 10 is the whole and 5 and 5 could be the parts. The children have looked at splitting whole chocolate bars into equal and unequal parts practically and using images. What items can you find at home that have parts and wholes? We have been continuing to count up to 100 forwards and backwards and have started counting in multiples of 5.

We are starting an art project for the rest of this half term and we would be really appreciative if you have any textile scraps or buttons that you could donate to us.



What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News

Year 2 have made some lovely posters about 'Wonderful Weather' in English and have practised using different types of sentences. We have now started some narrative writing, using the book 'Tree' by Britta Teckentrup, to discover interesting vocabulary to use in a story.

In maths we have continued to problem solve using place value and have played games, used chalk on the playground and found a variety of fun ways to explore the value of digits in a number. We have enjoyed challenging ourselves to think more about how we know the answer.

We have started looking at our special books and have shared with our classes the meaning behind these. Our Science this week has focused on how to eat healthily and look after our bodies and in Geography we have investigated weather around the UK and identified human and physical features.



Beyond the Gate - Forest School

It has been a busy two weeks for Mrs Dear, welcoming the children from Robin, Woodpeckers, Badgers and Otters back to Beyond the Gate. The Year 2 children were excited to be out in nature again and made observations about how the site has changed due to human or seasonal activity and risk assessed accordingly. The Year 1 children enjoyed their first sessions, and have been learning how to keep themselves, others and nature safe whilst playing and exploring.

A plethora of acorns are being collected – leading to rich scientific discussions about why some are green, and some are brown. The children have also been finding many oak galls (made by oak gall wasps) and we are amazed by the different types we have spotted just on our oak trees.

Mrs Dear has also helped the children identify our sweet chestnut tree – which has the largest leaves on site!

As always, the mud kitchen area and digging area have been a hit. Mrs Dear has “sampled” a lot of chocolate sauce and cupcakes with all sorts of toppings. Some children are sure they can dig to Australia and might even have found a dinosaur tooth! The children have also been testing their balance whilst climbing on the big log.

This week, some children have chosen to create leaf rubbings using crayons. Mrs Dear extended this activity by asking them to write the name of the tree or plant as well (some great phonics application!)

We now have a brilliant Bell Tent on the site (with thanks to the PTFA). This will provide shelter against the harsher elements of winter. Some of the Year 2 children supported Mrs Dear in cutting bamboo and threading the tent ropes through it – in a hope to stop the foxes or badgers nibbling at them! They helped hold the wood safely so Mrs Dear could use the loopers and then used great hand-eye co-ordination for threading.

Donations:

If you are out walking and find any conkers or pine cones, please collect them and put them in the box in the front entrance.



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.

Please share this link to a form for anyone wanted to have a stall at our Christmas market - <https://forms.office.com/e/iNnSK7MyNi>

Beyond the Gate Volunteers

We are pleased to announce we have a parent volunteer who is taking the role of coordinating BtG on behalf of the PTFA and manage volunteers and support to the BtG from the PTFA. However, we have had very few volunteers come forward to support the sessions this term, we really do need more people to come forward, so we have hopefully made it easier by creating a new sign-up sheet, see the link and click on the sessions you can help with even 1 would help. <https://volunteersignup.org/C39RE>

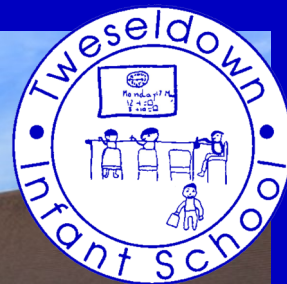
Year 2 Leavers

We would like to call on Year 2 parents to form a planning group to support the leavers event, hoodies and gifts. We would ideally like year 2 parents to lead on this as you know what your children would most enjoy. This event is funded by the PTFA please can you email us to let us know if you can be part of a team, we are happy to put a team together or year 2 parents can organise their own team. PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

What's happening this term?

13th Oct – Mufti Day -£1 cash or via BACs payment

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
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



Open Mornings/Afternoons at Junior Schools

We extend a warm welcome to our Open Mornings and Afternoons for parents and carers whose children are in the final year at Infants Schools in the area. These will be as follows:-

All Saints C.E. (A) Junior School Head Teacher Presentation and tour of the school

Wednesday 11 October 2023 10.45-11.45 am

Thursday 12 October 2023 10.45-11.45 am

Friday 13 October 2023 10.45-11.45 am

Wednesday 18 October 2023 10.45-11.45 am

Church Crookham Junior School Head Teacher Presentation and tour of the school

Monday 16 October 2023 2.00-3.00 pm

Tuesday 17 October 2023 2.00-3.00 pm

Wednesday 18 October 2023 2.00-3.00 pm

Heatherside Junior School Head Teacher Presentation and tour of the school

Tuesday 31st October 2023 9.15 am

Wednesday 1 November 2023 11.00 am

Thursday 2 November 2023 9.15 am

Velmead Junior School Tour of the school followed by Head Teacher talk

Thursday 28 September 2023 9.00-10.15 am

Wednesday 4 October 2023 9.00-10.15 am

Tuesday 7 November 2023 9.00-10.15 am

You are invited to meet in the School Hall in all cases. No need to book. The Head Teacher will give a short talk which aims to cover many of the commonly asked questions and on our open days you will also have the opportunity to see the schools at work.