

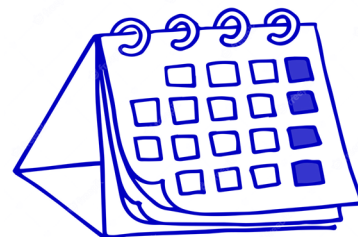
Tweseldown News

Thursday 5th October 2023

Our value for the month of October is *Respect*.

In our assemblies this week we have been focusing on the Harvest festival and how this festival supports people locally and around the world.

Diary Dates



October

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| Thursday 5th- | No Beyond the Gate |
| Friday 6th - | Individual school photos 7pm Parents Evening booking available on Arbor |
| Tuesday 10th- | World mental health day (Come to school wearing yellow) |
| Wednesday 11th- | 9.00am and 7.00pm "How we teach writing" workshop |
| Friday 13th- | PTFA Mufti -£1 donation (Mufti means come to school in your own clothes) |
| Tuesday 17th - | 3.45pm—6.00pm Parents Evening |
| Thursday 19th- | 5.00pm—7.30pm Parents Evening |

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

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.



Don't forget
parents
evening.

Parents Evening

Please make sure you have an active Arbor account as booking for parents evening will go live at 7pm on Friday 6th October via the Arbor app.

Farnborough airport expansion

Our local airport is looking to increase its capacity, please look at the website and share your views. On Sunday 8th October there is a consultation being held at Church Crookham community centre between 1-4pm.

[Farnborough 2040](#)



Big Ambition

Please take a moment to answer this survey.

[Survey](#)



World Heart Day

Thank you for your generous donations, we are so proud to have raised £278 to this worthwhile cause, if you would still like to make a donation to this charity please follow the link below.

[Tweseldown World Heart Day](#)



**WORLD
HEART
DAY** 29 SEP



Important Information

Mental Health and Wellbeing

My name is Mrs Tomlinson and I am the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, as well as one of Hedgehog Class' Teaching Assistants.



Our focus in school is to help your children engage in the 5 areas of Mental Health and Wellbeing by looking at these areas during the academic year.

The areas of focus are;

- Take Notice
- Give
- Be Active
- Keep Learning
- Connect



These areas of mental health and wellbeing are really important for children.

At Tweseldown we aim to equip all the children so they have these tools to boost their confidence, build resilience and embrace challenges by providing all the stepping stones for a happy healthy school experience.



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.

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. 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

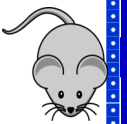


This week Year R have been learning all about post. We started the week by receiving a special parcel in the post; a story called 'Paddington's Post'. The children have enjoyed lots of Paddington themed activities such as painting bears, labelling pictures, writing letters and post cards and becoming post office workers and postal delivery workers in the role play area.

In English, we have been learning and writing initial sounds to label pictures, have been practising writing our names and our friends' names so we can send letters to them. We also practised listening to and following instructions to make our very own marmalade sandwiches. They were very sticky but actually very delicious too! We can see why Paddington loves them so much!

In maths, we have been learning to subitise numbers to 3. We have looked at lots of different arrangements of objects and said how many there are without needing to count them. We also tried really hard to show these numbers on our fingers too. Some of us found this a bit tricky. Maybe play some games at home where your children can practise showing different amounts on their fingers.

Next week, we will continue our learning about post and Paddington and will be preparing for our walk to the postbox. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to support with this and can spare a little time to help us on our walk.



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



Wow! What amazing Poetry performances Year 1. Thank you for helping the children to learn their poem for the performance. They all looked very professional when sharing these in assembly! Today, we have been looking at a book called 'Nature Trail' and have been enjoying looking at the poem and creating the images that we see when we read it.

In the rest of our English this week, we have started reading a new story called 'On my Papa's Shoulders' all about a little boy walking to school. In the story, we learn about what he can see on the journey and what he enjoys. Can your child retell the story to you? It would be great if you could talk about your own journey to school. What do you pass? What can you see?

In our maths work, we have continued learning about splitting wholes into parts. We have now moved on from looking at objects to numbers. We have been thinking about how we could split the number 5 into parts. What about if we had to split it into 3 parts? How could we split the number 12? The children have been recording this using a part, part whole model and have worked really hard to use their number knowledge.

Over the last few weeks in science, we have been learning about different materials and trying to locate these around the school. We have found fabric, wood, metal, plastic and ceramic. This week we looked at why certain materials are good at their jobs and if they are suitable for the purpose. We talked about why saucepans are not made of wood and why plates are not made of fabric. Could you go on a material hunt around your house?

We are continuing to collect any textile scraps or buttons so if you have any donations please bring them in.



What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News



Year 2 have been getting creative in English lessons this week, by bringing to life the story of owl in his tree through the seasons. The children acted out different scenes from the story in order to write sentences from Owl's perspective. We have seen some wonderful vocabulary used as a result! The children have continued to improve their reasoning skills in maths. They have shown different ways of representing a number and used a variety of resources to explain their understanding.

Topic has seen Year 2 bring together their understanding and knowledge of the weather in the UK, by learning how settlements are adapted for different types of weather. We looked at the school and our local area and explored adaptations made in our environment when the weather changes throughout the year.

We have also had the opportunity to learn more about the NSPCC, by engaging in a workshop. We learnt about identifying our worries and sharing with a trusted adult when we feel worried. We learnt how important it is to not keep our worries inside, but to get help from people we trust.



Monday 30th October - Hook Day for new topic, 'Castles'. Dress up as a king, queen, knight, dragon or any other 'castle' based character!

Beyond the Gate - Forest School

On Tuesday, some of the Year 2 children of Robin and Woodpecker class had the chance to practise their fire striking skills. They revisited their learning about the fire triangle and the correct position to be in when lighting fires from Year 1. They then used flint and steels to create a spark, before lighting a small piece of tinder (cotton wool).

Badger class had a fun afternoon, continuing to consider how they stay safe at Forest School, through different games and activities. They then had plenty of important free exploration and play.

Mrs Dear is committed to her Continued Professional Development as a Forest School Leader. At the weekend, she attended the Forest School Association Annual Conference where she learnt more advanced practical skills (knife skills; willow weaving, advanced rope & slacklines and practising more delicious food to cook over a fire). She was introduced to up-to-date research and knowledge about the natural world and nature connection. As well as spending the time connecting, networking and learning from other Forest School Leaders; Ceilidh dancing with 250 + people, relaxing in hammocks and around fires and admiring the beauty of nature. What an amazing weekend - she is looking forward to imparting her new knowledge and skills onto the children!

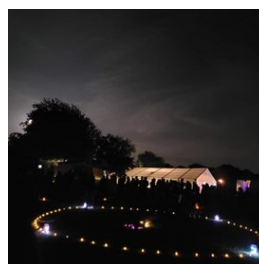
Donations:

If you are out walking and find any **conkers** or **pinecones**, please collect them and put them in the box in the front entrance. Remember to leave some for nature!

Volunteering at sessions:

There is now an online sign-up form where you can offer to support at our Beyond the Gate sessions!

<https://volunteersignup.org/C39RE?classic>



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 wanting 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. 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 one 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 they 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

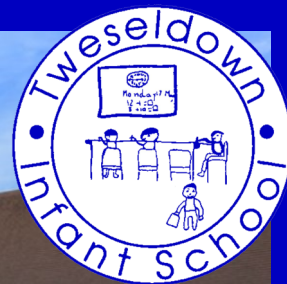
BUMP & BABY

If you are an expectant Mum or Dad, or have recently had a new baby, there will be a Bump & Baby Coffee Morning in the school library on

Wednesday 15th November, straight after drop off.



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 |
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| 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.