

Tweseldown News

Thursday 11th October 2023

Our value for the month of October is Respect.

During our assemblies this week, we have been thinking about making good choices and what we can do to help us with our decision making. We also had a special Harvest assembly.

Diary Dates

October

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

Friday 20th- Last day of term

Sunday 29th— Clocks change

Monday 30th- Back to school

PTFA Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 31st- 9.00am Volunteer induction

November

Thursday 2nd— PTFA Disco

Friday 10th- 2.30pm Mulled wine and a chat with Mrs Tottem

Mufti Monday!

Well done Cherry house on reaching 1000 house points! Please wear your own clothes to school on Monday 16th October.



Behaviour Management

At Tweseldown we take behaviour management really seriously. As a school we work hard to promote positive behaviour and teach our pupils how to manage work and play situations as they arise. At home please could you reiterate our golden rule at school of 'kind hands, kind feet, kind mouths' and make it your rule for home too ensuring school and home are working together. Next half term we will be sharing our new behaviour policy with you.

Important Information

Puzzle and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week

Puzzle and Stem week begins on 16th October, children will be participating in lots of additional activities focusing on these topics.



Parents Evening

Don't Forget parents' evening. We look forward to welcoming you next week. If you have yet to book an appointment, please sign on through your Arbor account. Contact the office if you have any difficulty.

Make sure you allow enough time to see your child's work and complete the governors questionnaire that you'll receive on the day.

Owl Class' parents evenings will be rescheduled.

Emotions

This half term we have introduced 'Colour Monsters' to enable pupils to identify their feelings and with adult support learn how to manage their emotions. These appear around school and the children relate to them in their classrooms.





Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of your generous donations to the Fleet Lions for this year's harvest festival, thanks to your generosity many local families will benefit. It is not too late to make a contribution, they will collect all the items at 10am on Friday.

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



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.

Absence

Unfortunately cases of covid are rising again and in line with the Hampshire guidelines our staff have to take 5 days off following a positive test. Children may come back after 3 days as long as they feel well enough to do so.



Parent Governor

We are delighted to welcome Phil Sanday as our new parent governor. We look forward to working with him as he undertakes his new role in our school.

Home School Link Worker

Hello, my name is Roz Bacchus and I'm the Home School Link Worker at Tweseldown.

I offer support in school for parents and carers.

I can help by providing:

- One to one support and advice
- Help with links between you and school
- Signposting towards other sources of help, advice and support groups
- Advice with children who have anxiety about coming to school
- Help if you are experiencing difficulties managing your child's behaviour
- Support through issues that impact on family life such as separation, bereavement, domestic abuse and hardship

I also closely monitor attendance, and may call you if we haven't received a call or email from you. I am available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and appointments are not always necessary. Pop in to the office and ask for me, or email me on r.bacchus@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk



If you are an expectant parent, 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.



World Mental Health





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 have had an amazing week in Year R! We continued looking at Paddington's post. We created our own luggage tags for Paddington to send a parcel to Peru! We also enjoy getting crafty collaging post boxes and making Paddington's station. We compared London and Peru and thought about what was similar and different.



We loved celebrating Mental Health Day and wearing yellow on Tuesday. We were able to decorate our own cakes. We also made friendship bracelets and created cards for a special person. We enjoyed some mindfulness colouring and calming activities.



We also attended knife and fork training! We learnt how to hold a knife and fork correctly. We then practised cutting up carrots, cucumber, beetroot, tomatoes and mushrooms. We even got to try these after! We can't wait to show you our amazing cutting skills at home!



We have learnt some more sounds this week and practised finding objects with our sounds in. In maths we have looked at counting carefully. We have practised counting both objects and drum beats, thinking carefully about the number name as we count.

October 2023

Monday 16th October – Squirrel post box trip
Tuesday 17th October – Hedgehog post box trip
Wednesday 18th October – Mouse post box trip
Thursday 19th October – Rabbit post box trip

Please let the teacher know if you are able to walk and help.

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 done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

This week we have been bringing the first topic of Year 1 to an end. This half term the children have thought all about our school, the features we have, how we get here and creating guides to help people around Tweseldown. The final part of our topic is to create a piece of art work where we will be using fabric to create our own image of school. We can not wait to share these with you.

In our writing, we have continued re-telling our story 'On my Shoulders' and the children have now been applying their own journey to school to the story. We have thought about who we come to school with, what we see and how we get there. We will be turning all of our own experiences into our very own story.



In maths, we have continued our counting forwards and backwards and have been practising matching the numbers to the spelling of the word e.g. 3 - three. Can you remember how to spell the different numbers up to 10?

This week we have also learnt about our Mental Health on National Mental Health Day. The children each created a card for someone to say thank you for having a positive impact on their mental health.

What have we been doing this week?



Year 2 have spent English lessons this week writing stories from the perspective of Owl from the story 'Tree'. Talking about our stories and sharing ideas out loud has helped us come up with wow words to use in our writing.



We have moved on to addition in our maths lessons and are beginning to use a range of strategies to help us add several single digit numbers.

We have started our DT project this week which involves joining material to make a bag for a journey around the UK. This week we have looked at examples and designed our bags that we will make and evaluate next week.



It's been another busy week for year 2 and we are looking forward to rounding off our topic next week!

Monday 30th October - Year 2 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

This week it has felt like Summer, even though it is Autumn. Mrs Dear has been having some lovely discussions with the children about the warm Autumnal weather – and how on Tuesday, even though we had not had rain, the grass was damp. She is 'drip feeding' them the science of the water cycle!

The children have had the opportunity to use the palm drills. The year 2s are familiar with this tool and could explain how to use them safely and correctly. The Year 1s were introduced to them with a "tool talk" and supported to use them in order to create holes in conkers.

Mrs Dear did not instruct the children with what to make using conkers, and she has been especially proud of the creativity shown by the Year 2s, who added additional natural materials such as acorns, bark and leaves - and some choosing to thread their conkers onto grasses or sticks rather than wool. There have been many conker necklaces made of course!

Mrs Dear also enjoyed teaching a few of the children how to play traditional conkers – we are sure some more will join in the game next week!

Fantastic Autumn Fungi are beginning to appear around the site – the children are carefully observing this and developing their descriptive vocabulary to compare the different types! The site is gradually developing to make it a rich, safe and practical space for the children to explore, learn and play in a child-led manner. The concrete was poured for the shed/outdoor classroom bases on Tuesday, and they should be built by the end of the week! Thanks to the PTFA and Mr John for their help.

Donations:

Do you have any old metal kitchen utensils (fish slices,

spatulas, large spoons, whisks etc which could by used in our mud kitchen? Please drop them into the box in the front entrance.







PTFA News





Friday 13th Oct – Children can come to school in their own clothes. Payments can be made online using bacs payment to the PTFA - Twelsedown Infant school Sort Code:30-80-42 Account 27335060 if you are unable to make payments online, please send in £1.

PTFA Meeting – 30th Oct 1930hrs – Update meeting what are we doing and planning this month, everyone is welcome.



Beyond the Gate - Skills List

As a PTFA we are supporting the Beyond the Gate, part of that is building a resource of contacts who have skills we can tap into to support the development and maintenance f the site, see they attach form link and see if there is any skills you can offer. We will use this contact list to contact relevant people with relevant skills. Your support is much appreciated. https://forms.office.com/e/UEPJhguPS9



Autumn Disco 2nd Nov-£2.50 payment to be made by Tuesday 24th Oct please make payment online. Twelsedown Infant school Sort Code:30-80-42 Account 27335060

Xmas Cards/gifts – As a PTFA we signed up to Xmas4Schools, each child will come home with a leaflet and form to explain how children can do xmas designs for cards and presents, once these forms with designs are returned each parent will receive a link of which they can use to order cards and gifts. For every product sold they PTFA receives £1





Festive Fireworks 8th Dec – We have opportunity for small businesses to have a stall at our Christmas market and there is an opportunity for food stalls, please share and use this link to register interest https://forms.office.com/e/iNnSK7MyNi

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
13th	2nd	8th	8th-12th	2nd
Mufti Day	Disco	Festive Fireworks	Uniform Donation	Mufti Day
£1	£2.50			£1
30th	16th	14th	23rd	
PTFA Mtg	Winter Warmer	Santa Visit	Uniform Sale	
	27th		25th	
	PTFA Mtg		Disco	
	29th		£2.50	
	Reindeer Run			
	Sponsorship			



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	
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	

SATURDAY SOCCER SCHOOL

FOOTBALL COACHING FOR AGES 4-7 SATURDAY MORNINGS 10-12PM (10am to 11am reception - 11am to 12pm Year 1 & 2)

Bespoke coaching by two FA qualified football coaches with a great passion to help young children gain more experience and develop their skills in a safe positive and FUN environment.



APPLICATION

Players name:

Players age:

Parent/Gardian:

Contact number:

Email address:

Players school:

BRING THIS LEAFLET ALONG FILLED IN FOR A DISCOUNT ON YOUR FIRST **SESSION**



SPACES ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS (enquiring by telephone or email can reserve you a space)

CONTACT DETAILS -

07779713546 OR levipt@icloud.com 07399617980 OR sam_hanger@hotmail.co.uk

MEET THE COACHES: Levi Smith

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CROOKHAM

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Levi is an inspired and driven FA qualified football coach that loves to work with children and to help them find enjoyment in the sport while developing their skills on and off the pitch. You may see Levi (Mr Smith) around Twesledown school as he has been a PE coach there for the last two years.

MEET THE COACHES: Sam Hanger

Sam is a young, enthusiastic and skilled coach. FA qualified football coach and level 3 paediatric First Aid qualified. Thrives to inspire confidence and enjoyment throughout sports.



SCHEDULE:

10:00am - REGISTRATION / WARM **UP GAMES**

10:10am - Specific skill based session

10:30am - Coached Matches

10:55am - Debrief and star player



Coach: Levi



Coach: Sam











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

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

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.