



Tweseldown News

Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year! We have welcomed many new faces and it has been lovely to see the children settle into their new classes. Everyone has been busy learning and I have enjoyed seeing some amazing work. Well done, a great start to the year!

Wishing everyone a lovely half term.

Mrs Tottem



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

This week in our assemblies we have been focusing on the word 'respect' and how we feel when we are shown respect and how it makes us feel when we aren't. We were also lucky enough to have Open the Book come and perform a story to us.

Diary Dates

October

Thursday 19th- 5.00pm—7.30pm Parents Evening

Friday 20th- **Last day of term**

Sunday 29th— Clocks change—remember to put your clocks back one hour!

Monday 30th- **Back to school**

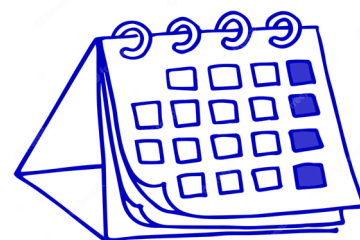
PTFA Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 31st- 9.00am Volunteer induction

November

Thursday 2nd— PTFA Disco

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



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.

Mufti Monday!

Well done Oak house on reaching 1000 house points! Please wear your own clothes to school on Monday 30th October.



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

On behalf of the Lions Club of Fleet will you please pass on our thanks to the pupils and their families of Tweseldown School for their magnificent Harvest Festival donation.

Earlier today we collected 17 crates of donated food items which will be used by the Lions Community Store to supplement the Christmas food parcels that are issued to families in need over the festive season. Your kind contribution will bring a smile to many people who will know that they have not been forgotten.

Many thanks to the staff at Tweseldown for your organisation.

Best regards

Graham Drayton



Lions Club of Fleet
Serving our community since 1974



Bump&Baby

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.



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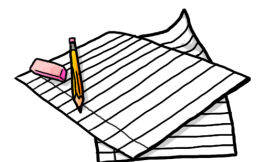
Do I need to keep my child off school?



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| Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over | Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode | Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics |
| Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash | Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling | Scabies Until after first treatment | Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics | Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics |
| Flu Until recovered | Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | | |

Help with forms

We are always willing to help families complete forms e.g passport, DLA, medical diagnosis forms. With the time this now takes we ask families to pay £25 when asking the school for assistance in these matters.



Mulled wine and conversation



This coffee and conversation session on 10th November at 2.30 has a seasonal twist– join Mrs Tottem for mulled wine and a mince pie whilst sharing your views about our school.

New starter school tours

If your child is turning 4 years old soon, please have a look at the availability later on in the newsletter– all dates are quickly filling up!



Volunteering at school

If you currently help at school or are looking to volunteer in the future please join our induction on 31st October at 9.00am

Important Information

Parent Support Advisor

My name is Sophie Benton and I am the Parent Support Advisor for the Fleet school's cluster. I am based at Calthorpe Park school and will be working with the majority of Fleet schools (Infant, Junior and Secondary).

I can offer non-judgmental and confidential support and advice, or simply just to chat.

My background is in education and youth work and I am also a mum of two children so I understand some of the challenges parents face.

As a P.S.A my support focuses on the needs of the family. This may include:

- Parental/family concerns
- School avoidance/attendance
- Behaviour Management
- Understanding and supporting emotional concerns.
- Supporting education
- Transition (moving) through schools
- Emotional wellbeing
- Parent confidence building
- Healthy Routines
- Separated parenting
- Child/Parent relationship Breakdown



Parent Support Advisors give support to families in many different ways including:

- One-to-one family support
- Sign-posting to local services
- Speaking on your behalf
- Referring to parenting courses
- Referring to Family and Adult Learning courses

Opportunities to meet with other parents

Parents can be referred by their school or can self-refer to me directly.

Email : s.benton@cps.hants.sch.uk

Tel: (Reception) 01252 613483

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?

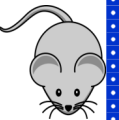
Year R News

Wow, where did those six weeks go? What a jammed packed first half term in school. The children have all done amazingly well at adjusting to school life. We're sure they are all ready for some down time and time to spend with their families.

This week has been just as fun-filled with our walk to the local postbox. Each class have enjoyed making a special something to send home. Many thanks to all the parents for sending in the stamps and envelopes and to those who joined us on our little adventure to post our special deliveries. We hope the children enjoyed receiving them just as much as they enjoyed sending them!

In maths we have been learning about collections of 2, 3 and 4. Children have been exploring how, for example, 3 can be made up of three ones or a two and a one. They have also practised making groups of 2, 3 and 4 items and have been learning to subitise collections of these numbers.

We hope all our families have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming you all back, feeling refreshed and ready to learn.



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What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News

Half Term is already here and we have been so impressed with the way the children have taken on all of their new routines and learning in Year One. They really have come so far in the last seven weeks.

This week the children have enjoyed creating a piece of Multimedia art inspired by Elouise Renouf. The children used water colour paint to cover their page, cut a range of material into different shapes to represent something outside in the school grounds and finally used pen to add detail to their image. We have seen some fantastic creations!

As part of STEM week, the children have been carrying out a range of investigations this week. We have explored our finger prints to discover if we all have the same and then created art work using finger painting. As engineers, the children have also created bridges from paper to hold a weight. Using spray bottles, we have also found out how a sneeze can travel and the importance of using a tissue! Each class has researched and learnt about a person who has made significant contributions to STEM. Ask your child about their inspirational person, is it Tim Peake, Jane Goodall, The Wright Brothers or Amilia Earheart?

We will be driving into next half term for our new topic of Transport. As part of our homework, we would like the children to bring a small piece of luggage to school on Monday 30th October as we take a special trip on Tweseldown Airways. Please see your child's homework sheet.



Tuesday 7th November -

Beaulieu trip—all classes

What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News

Year 2 have enjoyed being biologists, engineers, mathematicians and meteorologists, this week! They visited all of the Year 2 classrooms, on Monday afternoon, to kick off STEM week. They explored food chains, ecosystems, connections and bridge building.

Every class has been learning about a famous scientist or mathematician ready to share their findings in assembly on Friday. Can your child tell you a fact about one of them?

In groups, the children have written scripts and made props to share a weather report. They learnt about weather forecasts and have been using language such as North, South, East and West, days of the week, high pressure and low pressure. They have also been writing algorithms to instruct someone to navigate around the school.

It's been a wonderful first half term for Year 2 and we wish you a happy half term break!



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!

Monday 13th November-

Owl & Woodpecker to Portchester Castle

Monday 20th November-

Robin & Kingfisher to Portchester Castle

Beyond the Gate - Forest School

On Tuesday, the children continued to use palm drills to make Autumnal creations using conkers, acorns, bark and leaves. They showed good skill and remembered how to use them safely.

Mrs Dear had bought in some bulbs to be planted in our wildflower areas. She explained to the children that she had chosen ones that are native. The children made predictions about what they will look like and thought carefully about when we will see them flowering (in the Spring) and why we are planting them now.

It is great seeing the children playing and exploring in the site – coming up with their own activities. Two girls in Robin class instigated a mini science investigation – seeing what items from around the site would sink and which would float in the wheelbarrow which was full of water! This led to discussions about dead wood. They were surprised that a sweet chestnut floated but a conker sunk!

Once they had finished, they developed this in to creating a mini swimming pool – complete with a slide, grass for shade and a rock for jumping off! The conker became the person.

Another group of children created a fun “catapult” game – using the long plank; tyres and milk crates. They jumped off a log onto one end of the plank and the crates (which were balanced at the other end) catapulted up. Although this was a risky activity, Mrs Dear was immensely pleased to see them risk assessing throughout their game by checking people were standing far enough away before they jumped.

It looks like Thursday is raining – so perhaps shelter will be sought in the Bell Tent.

A **HUGE** thank you to Mr John, The PTA and volunteers from the RAF Odiham who have now erected one of the storage sheds. This will provide a secure and dry place for all the Forest School equipment to be stored and support the children in being able to access resources with more independence.

Volunteers:

The online volunteer sign up register for after half term is live. Our sessions depend on volunteers assisting – and it is a very rewarding opportunity. Please look at the times and dates for next half term and sign up for a session (or more) if you are able to! [Online volunteer sign up](#)

Donations:

Do you have any old metal kitchen utensils (fish slices, spatulas, large spoons, whisks etc) which could be used in our Beyond the Gate mud kitchen? Please drop them into the Forest School donations box in the front entrance.



PTFA News



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1177613

WOODCHIPS NEEDED!

Are you a tree surgeon or know one that would like to get rid of woodchips, our forest school area is in need of lots of woodchips, please email the PTFA PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

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



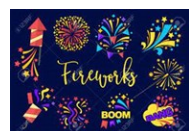
Beyond the Gate – Skills List

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 of the site. See the attached form link and see if there is any skill 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. Tweseldown Infant school Sort Code:30-80-42 Account 27335060

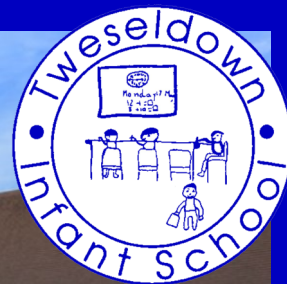
Christmas Cards/gifts – As a PTFA we signed up to Xmas4Schools, each child will come home with a leaflet and form to explain how children can do Christmas designs for cards and presents, once these forms with designs are returned each parent will receive a link which they can use to order cards and gifts.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



Festive Fireworks 8th Dec – We have the opportunity for small businesses to have a stall at our Christmas market and there is also the 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 | | | |

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 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |

Please note, we unfortunately cannot accommodate children during the tours.

Please telephone the school office on **01252 628843**

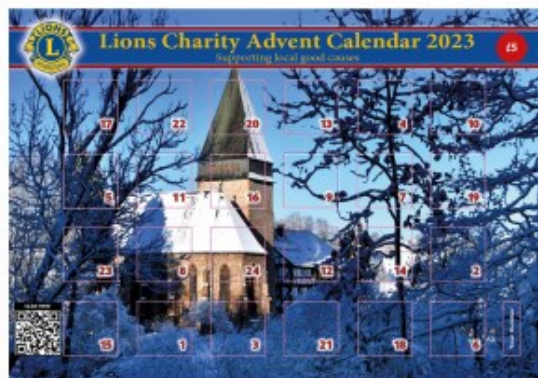
to secure your chosen session.



Lions Advent Calendar 2023



Lions - We need your help!



Fleet, Hart and Aldershot Lions are working together on a fundraising project which has been successfully proven to work very well by the members of Farnham Lions in previous years.

Our 2023 Calendars will be delivered in the next few weeks and we would like your help to sell as many calendars as possible to family, friends and associates before we start the formal sales in the months before Christmas!

Each Calendar costs £5 and provides the chance to win one of the 70 really super prizes worth in total over £3,500. Every day in December a door is opened to reveal the prizes available that day. The Calendar holder simply checks their number online at www.lionsadvent.org.uk (or by using the QR code on the calendar) to see if they are one of the lucky winners. On Christmas eve there is a cash prize of £250 to be won by someone!

Please support your Lions Club and this super fundraising opportunity by selling these to those around you. We will let you know when we have them for sale at the next Lions meeting. We know from Farnham Lions' experience that the success of this new project will depend on you doing this.

'Don't forget to bring some money to the September meeting for your own calendar!!'



Fleet Lions



present

Fleet Fireworks Fiesta

Saturday 4th November

@ Calthorpe Park

www.fleetlions.org.uk/fireworks

Ticket Prices *

Adult £7, Child £3, Family £17**

**ADVANCE
ticket sales
ONLY**

click to buy online



*Raising funds for
local good causes*



* Order is subject to a £1.20 transaction charge

** Family ticket is 2 adults and 2 children



Gates open 5pm - Fireworks display appx. 6.30pm

Free park (see map) thanks for Hart DC

SATNAV main gate & parking GU51 4AD

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.

TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL
JUBILEE DR, CHURCH
CROOKHAM
FLEET GU52 8DW



APPLICATION

Players name :

Players age :

Parent/Gardian :

Contact number :

Email address :

Players school :

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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

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



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TWESELDOWN



In Partnership with Planet Soccer



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.