



Tweseldown News

Thursday 2nd November 2023

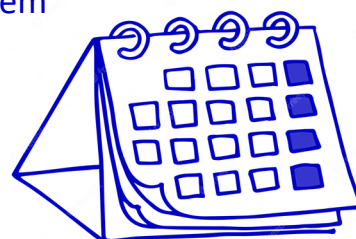
Our value for the month of November is *Courage*

During our assemblies this week, we have been focusing on our golden rules, kind hands, kind feet and kind mouths. We learnt about celebrations and how we celebrate different events such as birthdays and festivals. We have also thought about how we can keep ourselves safe during fireworks night.

Diary Dates

November

- Thursday 2nd— PTFA Disco—**POSTPONED due to weather**
- Friday 3rd— 9am How we teach maths workshop in the hall
- Friday 10th- 2.30pm Mulled wine and a chat with Mrs Tottem
- Tuesday 14th- Wear blue for Diabetes day
- Wednesday 15th- 9.00am Bump and Babies coffee morning
- Wednesday 22nd - Fleet Festivities



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.

Class communication groups

Please be careful what you write on Whats App groups, particularly involving a particular child or family. Think before you write and ask yourself, would I like this said about me or my child?



How was your morning?



Small incidents at home or school can affect a child's day, please don't forget to tell us at drop off/ pickup anything we should know so we can support your child in the appropriate way.

Important Information

Owl Parents Evening

All parents evening appointments have been rescheduled for the 7th and 9th November. We have automatically switched you from your date before half term to the corresponding time and day this week.



Mufti Monday!

Well done Willow house on reaching 1000 house points! Please wear your own clothes to school on Monday 6th November.

Diabetes Awareness month

Type 1 diabetes affects some of the pupils and staff at our school so please read the attached leaflet to learn more about diabetes. On 14th November we are joining in world diabetes day by wearing blue. If you would like to donate to Diabetes UK please click below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/tweseldownworlddiabetesday>



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.

Fleet Festivities

Year 1 and 2 have been invited to perform at Fleet Festivities, this is on Wednesday 22nd November. Letters came home yesterday and we would like all interest to be registered by Friday 3rd November, thank you



Spare tights and socks

If you are able to donate some age 5-6 or 6-7 tights and socks we would be very grateful to have them in school—there are lots of puddles around at the moment! If we lend your child uniform please can you ensure it is cleaned and returned to school for the benefit of everyone.



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.



What have we done this week?

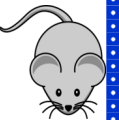
Read below to find out what your child has been doing this week and ask them/talk to them about what they have been up to.

What have we been doing this week?

Year R News

It's been lovely to welcome the Year R children back to school after half term. We hope all our families had a wonderful break. This week we kickstarted our new topic of celebrations with lots of harvest/halloween themed learning. We have been exploring harvest vegetables, including pumpkins and have enjoyed developing our gross and fine motor skills by scooping the seeds out and hammering golf tees into the flesh! In English, we read a book called 'Pumpkin Soup' about some woodland friends who all worked together to make soup until one day they had a disagreement. In class we talked about working together and we looked at instructions for making pumpkin soup. We even got to taste some pumpkin! In maths, we have been deepening our understanding of numbers 1 to 5, learning to recognise these quantities without counting one by one. We have been recapping the phase 2 sounds in phonics and will be moving on to learning phase 3 next week. Please continue to practise sounds at home with your children to help them embed their knowledge.

If anyone has any clean recycling items they are willing to donate, Year R class teachers would be extremely grateful for regular donations for our junk modelling areas. Any items such as clean bottles, yoghurt pots, lids, kitchen roll tubes, boxes etc would be welcomed!



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News



It was so lovely to see everyone's smiling faces back on Monday and we flew into our new topic with a morning at the airport. The children made their own passports and tickets before handing them to the attendant for checking and stamping. Then the children were ready to board the plane after putting their luggage through security. Finally, it was time for take off! The children also created luggage tags for their bags and used collage skills to decorate a hot air balloon. It was a great first day to our new topic.



In maths, we have been continuing our learning about partitioning. We have been looking at all the different combinations and ways to make the number 5. As part of our preparation work for our trip, we have looked at the differences between old and new cars in history and found many differences. Can your child tell you any of the ones they found?



Tuesday 7th November—Trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum

We are all very excited in Year One for our trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum next week. Please can the children come to school with a warm coat and their normal school uniform and school shoes. All children will need a small bag to carry around their water bottle and if they have a home packed lunch this will need to be in their bag too. We hope to have a fantastic day!

What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News



What a great start Year 2 have had to the second half of the Autumn term! We started the week with a Castle themed day, with the children participating in lots of castle based activities; including drawing portraits, designing shields and making castle windows. The children looked fantastic in their costumes too! In Maths this week we have been focusing on number bonds and using this knowledge to solve number sentences. At home, ask your child which pairs of numbers total 10 ($8 + 2$, $7 + 3$ etc) and which pairs of numbers total 20 ($18 + 2$, $17 + 3$ etc) In English we have started looking at the book 'George and the Dragon' and will be using the structure of the text to create our own story. This week we have had a focus on History and thought about the information we know about Castles and what we would like to find out. We are looking forward to our trip to Portchester Castle, when we will be able to see a 'real' castle!



Monday 13th November-
Monday 20th November-

Owl & Woodpecker to Portchester Castle
Robin & Kingfisher to Portchester Castle

Beyond the Gate - Forest School

With the help and support of the PTFA, the Men's Shed, Mr John and brilliant volunteers, our site has been transformed over the last few weeks, and the half term break! We now have an amazing storage shed (with a wood store area) and an outstanding outdoor classroom - with bespoke elements added by the Men's Shed. We cannot wait to see the children making use of these features which will allow them independence to select and use resources and have a more child-led Forest School experience.

This week Kingfisher and Owl classes were given the opportunity to use mallets to hammer nails into pumpkins and then weave wool around the nails. What an amazing different way to decorate a pumpkin!

Mole and Deer classes have had their first Beyond the Gate sessions and have developed their ability to risk assess by looking for hazards in the site and thinking about how they can stay safe in the site. They have learnt some of Mrs Dear's phrases, such as "1 for me 10 for nature" and "see pink, stop and think!".

Volunteers:

The online volunteer sign up register is live. Our sessions depend on volunteers assisting – and it is a very rewarding opportunity. Please look at the times and dates 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.



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

Beyond the Gate – Skills List

As a PTFA we are supporting the Beyond the Gate, part of this 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>

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

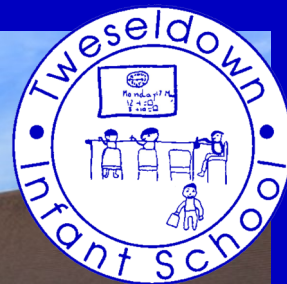


Festive Fireworks 8th Dec – We have the opportunity for small businesses to have a stall at our Christmas market and there is also the opportunity for food stalls. Please share and use this link to register interest - <https://forms.office.com/e/iNnSK7MyNi>



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**

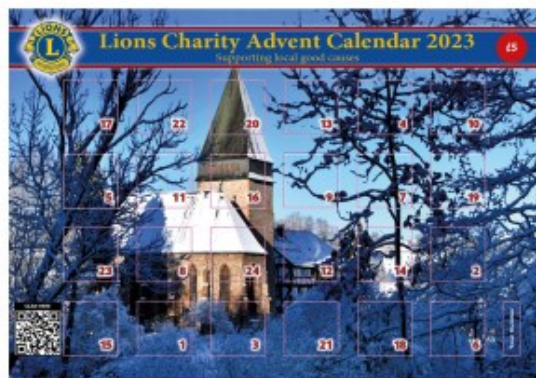
to secure your chosen session.



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