



# Tweseldown News

Thursday 16th November 2023

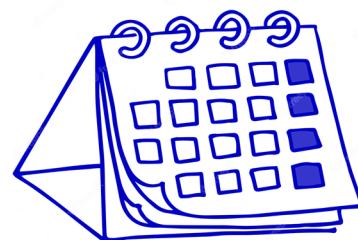
## Our value for the month of November is *Courage*

During our assemblies this week we have thought about having courage and when we have needed to have it. We discussed that we can all have courage. This linked in nicely with anti bullying week and how we can have courage to stand up for ourselves.

## Diary Dates

### November

- Thursday 16th- 5.00pm Winter Warmer
- Tuesday 21st- 9.00am Year 2 Rock Steady concert  
9.30am Year 1 Rock Steady concert
- Wednesday 22nd - Fleet Festivities
- Monday 27th- PTFA Meeting
- Wednesday 29th- Reindeer Run
- Thursday 30th — **RESCHEDULED**—PTFA Disco



### December

- Friday 8th- PTFA Fireworks



### Fleet Festivities

We are looking forward to getting on the stage at Fleet Festivities, our school performs at 5.20pm so please come along and support your friends.

### Treat donation

We are collecting chocolate advent calendars and selection boxes to donate to our local Hart Foodbank and share with local families. Please bring in any contributions to the foyer before Friday 24th November when they will be collected.



### Wet weather

Please ensure you bring in wellington boots for your child at this time of year. Also, if you have any old school shoes at home you could donate to be spares at school we would really appreciate it!



# Important Information

## Christmas Performance Dates

Please join us for your child's Christmas performance, they are practicing hard. Programmes are available for a minimum donation of £1 and you can enjoy tea or coffee with a mince pie for £1 to get you in the festive spirit, available in the foyer prior to the performance. All the family are welcome to the show.

### November

Tuesday 28th      9.15am    Squirrel and Mouse  
Wednesday 29th   9.15am    Rabbit and Hedgehog

### December

Tuesday 5th      9.15am    Otter and Mole  
Wednesday 6th    9.15am    Badger and Deer  
Monday 11th      11.30am   Dragonfly  
Tuesday 12th      9.15am    Kingfisher and Robin



## World Diabetes Day

We had a wonderful day on World Diabetes Day, we had special activities, a special blue cake for dessert and ended the day with a fabulous pantomime! If you would like to donate to Diabetes UK please click below.

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



## Can you help?



We are looking for a videographer to help with some small videos to promote our school, please contact the office if you are able to help.

## Spare paper cups

When children forget their water bottle we provide them with a paper cup—if you have any spare leftover from a party, please drop them into the office, we would be very grateful.



# Important Information

## FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES "SWAP BOX"

Mrs Dear has set up a "swap box" in the school front entrance for Forest School water-proofs and clothes. If you need any items, please take a look and help yourself.

If you have any waterproofs, gloves, wellies, hats that your child has outgrown please can you put them in the box for others (clean & washed please).

## 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

In Year R we have continued with our topic of festivals, this week learning about Diwali. The children explored different objects linked to Diwali, finding out lots of interesting facts about the Hindu festival of light. We explored the different traditions which are followed, learning about this through the eyes of a Hindu child.

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the story of Rama and Sita, and we all had a go at a very energetic Diwali dance routine. Throughout explore and learn time, the children have enjoyed making their own rangoli patterns and creating henna art (don't worry we used paper hand templates not our actual hands!) We also enjoyed using clay to make our own diva lamps, then we used paint and glitter to decorate them.

Thank you to those parents who joined for the Maths workshops, it has been great to hear how much the children have been playing their games at home. In Maths this week we have been exploring the number 5, practising counting and using the song '5 Little Peas' to help us understand the composition of the number. Can you show your grown up how many different ways we can make the number 5?



**Please remember to bring in your child's costume for their Christmas play before Monday 20th November.**

# What have we done this week?

## What have we been doing this week?

## Year 1 News



This week in Year 1 we have been finishing our designs for our own enormous bus inspired by the Hundred Decker Bus story. The children are very proud of their designs and have written information posters using full stops and capital letters. Can your child tell you all about their incredible bus design?



In maths, we have continued using our part, part, whole models to partition numbers. We have now started representing the numbers on a bar model as well. The children have got really good at identifying how they need to split the bar into the appropriate sizes.



We hope you have enjoyed playing the maths games for homework. This week we will be sending a new game home to play. These are fantastic ways to help build children's number knowledge and fluency and all the practice really helps. This week, we have also started rehearsing for our Christmas performance and costume letters should have made their way home to you. If there are any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.



## What have we been doing this week?

## Year 2 News



Owl Class and Woodpecker Class enjoyed a windy, but wonderful, trip to Portchester Castle, where they learnt lots about castle life and those that lived there.

In maths, we have been learning to add two-digit and 1-digit numbers, using different apparatus, structured and unstructured numberlines. We are also looking forward to the next maths mastery lesson with parents on Friday morning at 9am.



We finished writing our fantastic 'George and the Dragon' stories, this week. We worked on including exclamatory sentences and we edited our spelling and punctuation errors. We have also considered which jobs we would have done if we'd lived in a castle and we wrote about the types of activities we would have completed.



In science, we are exploring materials. We carried out an experiment to determine which paper would be strong enough to be used as wrapping paper. We made predictions and explained our thoughts.



**Monday 20th November-**

Robin & Kingfisher to Portchester Castle



# Beyond the Gate - Forest School

Last Thursday, the Year 2 groups spent time reflecting on Remembrance Day. They admired the single poppy which is still blooming in our site and discussed why poppies are used as a sign of remembrance the children were able to share what they had learnt in their class-rooms.

Each group had the task of creating a large poppy, using natural foraged resources including leaves, acorns, grass and mud! They looked brilliant and gave a nice focal point at the end of the sessions, when Mrs Dear read two Remembrance poems. Some children chose to use tools (the bow saw, nails and hammers) to create a few Remembrance crosses.

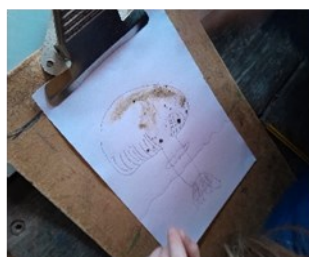
The year 2's have also been interested in seeing fungi appearing around the site – especially on our Big Log which they usually climb on. Following this interest, Mrs Dear themed this week's sessions on mushrooms! She bought in a selection of different ones for the children to touch & dissect. They have been learning the scientific words for the parts and how they are different to plants.

Some children choose to be artistic by drawing observational pictures of the different fungi – and some even labelled the parts.

The Year 1 classes have been enjoying their first sessions in the site – and been relishing the opportunities to play in the mud (the “swamp”, the “digging area” and the “mud kitchen”). It has been lovely seeing them running around the site, discovering the different areas and where different paths lead to. Of high importance in these initial sessions, is developing their own ability to identify risks and how they can reduce the risk – hopefully they can tell you some of the ways we stay safe when Beyond the Gate.

## GLOVES:

As the weather is turning wetter, please can you provide your child with WATERPROOF gloves, as these will help keep their hands dry and warm.



# PTFA News



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1177613



**AUTUMN DISCO** 30<sup>th</sup> Nov- Postponed date, if you have yet to buy a ticket still time, £2.50 please make payment online.

Tweseldown Infant school Sort Code:30-80-42 Account 27335060

**XMAS CARDS AND GIFTS** Links have now been sent out to parents, if you have an issue let us know, you are able to start buying products.

## FESTIVE FIREWORKS

**Sponsored by Bridges**

Tickets on sale see posters, tickets are selling fast.



## TOMBOLA PRIZES WANTED

We are in need of new and unused items for our tombola being held at our Festive Fireworks event. Please bring any donations to reception - we will have a box labelled Tombola donations at the front. Donations can be brought in by Friday 1st December.

Preorder your Christmas door wreath from Blackberry and Bloom and collect from their stall at the Tweseldown Festive Fireworks on Friday 8th December. Order at [blackberryandbloom.co.uk](http://blackberryandbloom.co.uk) and use the code TWESELDOW for free collection.

*Blackberry & Bloom*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the event to be a success we need volunteers to help set up, run ticket entries and our PTFA stall, then clear up. If you can spare some time please contact us via email.

**SAVE THE DATE! November 23rd - Second-hand uniform sale - all items £1!**

Please come to the front of the school from 2.45pm to purchase second-hand uniform.

We will be accepting uniform donations again in January. But up until Wednesday 22nd November, we would really appreciate donations of Christmas jumpers (for ages 4 - 8 years only) that you no longer need. These will then also be available to buy at the sale on the 23rd. Please drop them off in the big grey box by the school's front door.

**CALLING YEAR 2 PARENTS** – We need year 2 parents to volunteer to plan and run the year 2 leavers event in July, please email [PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

Tweseldown Infant School  
**PTFA Event**

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JOIN US FOR A

**FESTIVE**  
LOW NOISE  
*Fireworks*

FRIDAY **8** 17:00-18:30  
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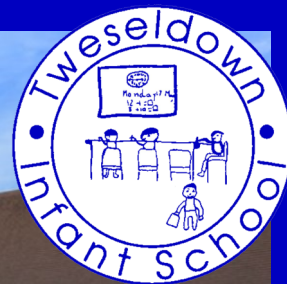
CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS  
FOOD AND FESTIVE DRINKS

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE VIA QR CODE OR LINK





# 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
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.