

Tweseldown News

Thursday 4th January 2024

Diary Dates

<u>January 2024</u>

- Monday 8th- Year R superhero dress up day
- Thursday 11th- 2.30 Year 1 & Dragonflies board game extravaganza
- Thursday 18th- 2.30 Year 2 board game extravaganza
- Monday 22nd- 2.45 PTFA second hand uniform sale
- Friday 25th- PTFA Spring school disco



School Application Deadlines

If your child is moving to junior school or you are applying for place at an infant school the application deadline is

15th January 2024

You will find out which school has offered you a place on 16th April 2024.

Annual board game extravaganza



Please come to join your child at 2.30 in their classroom to play a board game. Younger siblings welcome!

Year 1 & Dragonflies — 11th January 2024

Christmas costumes and jumpers

Cast your mind back to the Christmas performances and the lovely costumes the children had...if you have any nativity type costumes that you would like to donate e.g. kings, shep-

herds, sheep we would love them in school to use. (If your child has grown out of them)

Also any outgrown Christmas jumpers in all sizes please bring them into school, we will hold a preloved jumper sale before December next year.



Please put any washed donations in the box in the entrance.



Head Lice

We have had a few children return to school with head lice, please <u>Click here</u> for the latest NHS advice on how to treat them.



Spare paper cups



When children forget their water bottles 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.

Attendance



As a school we expect your child to be in every day unless they are ill.

Last term our attendance was 94%. We're aiming for 96%. Of course, if your child is ill please keep them at home until better.



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Happy New year and welcome back to all our families. We hope you had a magical Christmas and enjoyed some time together as a family.

The children were very excited to be back at school again and have settled back in smoothly. We have been talking lots about how we celebrated the holidays and/or Christmas and sharing our experiences with one another.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed playing their board games with their parents and friends this week and a big thank you to all those that were able to join us.

What have we been doing this week?

It has been lovely to see Year One coming back into school ready to learn after a lovely Christmas break. We have enjoyed hearing about what they have been up to and have used this in our writing this week. we have also talked about New Year's Resolutions and have thought about what we would like to change for 2024.

In our maths learning, we have continued to focus on our number bonds to 10 and now making the links between this and bonds to 20. We have been writing 'fact family' number sentences such as 2 + 8 = 10, 8 + 2 = 10, 10 - 2 = 8 and 10 - 8 = 2.

We have started our learning about the local area and have been using maps to identify Europe, then, England, London and Church Crookham. The children really enjoyed exploring these maps. We have also been exploring animals in our science lessons, thinking about the different body parts and putting the animals into groups.

What have we been doing this week?

Happy New Year and welcome back! It may be a 'short' week for the Year 2 children, but it hasn't stopped us cramming it full of learning!

We have loved hearing about the children's holiday experiences and what was special about them. They have been writing about these experiences and have tried hard to edit their work, considering the punctuation that their written piece contains. They have also written using their best handwriting, making sure they consider the sizing of all of the letters.

The children have continued their learning in subtraction. They are learning to subtract two two-digit numbers.



Year R News

Year 1 News











Beyond the Gate - Forest School

Mrs Dear is looking forward to welcoming the children of Otter, Mole, Robin and Woodpecker class back into the Beyond the Gate site next week for their Spring Term block of Forest School.

The site has changed a lot, and it will be fun seeing them explore and observe these changes (and whether they can identify them as human or physical changes).

Because we have had a VERY rainy, mild (and windy) Autumn and Winter the site is currently wet and muddy, therefore it is important the children are dressed for these conditions, with a change of clothes ready for their session. Thank you for your support with this.

Children require:

- Long sleeved T-shirt style top (as a base layer)
- Long jogging bottoms or leggings (as a base layer)
- Warm jumper or fleece (ideally not their school one, as it may get muddy!)
- Waterproof trousers (or an all-in-one waterproof suit)
- Warm, waterproof coat (if this is their school coat, please be advised that it will get muddy)
- Waterproof gloves
- Thick warm socks (to change into they might get muddy)
- Winter hat, scarf and waterproof gloves
- Wellington boots or waterproof walking boots

FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES "SWAP BOX"

Mrs Dear has set up a "swap box" in the school front entrance for Forest School waterproofs and clothes. If you are in need any items, please 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 please).

CHRISTMAS TREES:

Did you have a real Christmas tree this year? If so, Mrs Dear would love them for use Beyond the Gate! Please feel free to bring your tree in before or after school – and take it down to the gate of the Beyond the Gate site. Thank you!

EMPTY METAL CHOCOLATE OR BISCUIT TINS:

If you had any chocolates or biscuits in metal tins, we would appreciate the empty and clean tins to be donated for use Beyond the Gate (they are great for storage of resources and for practising fire lighting on!).

VOLUNTEERS:

To make our Beyond the Gate sessions the best opportunity and experience for the children, we depend on parent volunteers to support in the sessions. Please sign up using this link:

Can you help us?