



# Tweseldown News

Thursday 11th January 2024

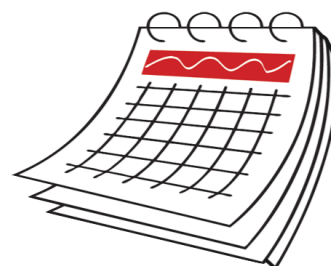
## Diary Dates

### January 2024

Thursday 11th-	2.30 Year 1 & Dragonflies board game extravaganza
Monday 15th-	7.30pm PTFA Zoom meeting
Thursday 18th-	2.30 Year 2 board game extravaganza
Monday 22nd-	2.45 PTFA second hand uniform sale—in the hall
Wednesday 24th-	8.50am Woodpecker Class Assembly—tea and coffee afterwards 9am Year 1 local walk
Thursday 25th-	PTFA Spring school disco

### February 2024

Friday 2nd-	PTFA Mufti Day—£1 donation—wear your own clothes
Wednesday 7th-	Year R Chinese dance workshop 15.45—18.05 Parents Evening
Thursday 8th-	17.00—19.30 Parents Evening
Friday 9th-	Last day of term



## **Half term**

**Monday 12th—Friday 16th February**



## School Application Deadlines

**If your child is moving to junior school or you are applying for a 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 2— 18th January 2024



# Important Information

## The big ambition

The Children's commissioner is asking families to complete a survey of Children and parents. This is to take the views and ideas of children to the government. You can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



## 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, shepherds, 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 [Click here](#) 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?

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## Year R News



Wow what a super start to the week we had with our superhero dress up day! The children took part in lots of superhero themed activities, such as superhero training, den building and some team games of 'save the teddies'! It was a fun filled day and really helped to kickstart the children's learning all about superheroes!



Following on from this we have started reading the story Supertato. We are exploring the characters in the story, the superpowers they have and the costumes they wear. We have been labelling the different parts of Supertato, sounding out the words and writing the letters we need to make those sounds. Keep practising that writing at home, maybe ask your children to draw their own superhero and label the different parts of it.



In maths, we have continued to develop our fluency with subitising and we have looked at how we can use spatial language to describe arrangements of objects, particularly looking at die arrangements. Keep playing those board games at home, especially ones with dice and encourage your child to subitise the numbers on the die themselves. (i.e not counting just knowing)



*Many thanks to all those parents who completed the Year R Transition survey. Your responses and comments are really valuable to us so we can review and adapt our transition process to meet the needs of the children as best we can. The key highlights told us that many of you felt your children have settled well and are happy at school, your children feel safe in school and that staff are approachable and you are happy to come and ask questions. As a development, we will review the timing of the transition days and will include pictures of teachers for children to have over the summer holidays. Once again, thank you for all your feedback and as always, do come and speak to us if you have any comments, questions or concerns.*

## What have we been doing this week?

## Year 1 News



It has been a lovely but chilly week in Year One. The children have loved retelling the story of Dear Zoo. We started off by reading and retelling the story using actions and a picture map. We then practised writing some of these sentences and choosing some of our own animals to create our own version of the story. Can your child re-tell you their version of the Dear Zoo story? what animals do they choose?



In maths, we have been continuing our learning about addition and subtraction. We started off solving missing number problems such as  $? + 3 = 7$ . The children worked hard using number lines and their counting skills to find our mystery numbers. We then added more steps to our problems.



Otter and Mole enjoyed Beyond the Gate this week and were able to complete some of their science learning outside. Inside, Badger and Deer have been hunting for different animals that could be found in the school grounds and recording where these were found.



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## Year 2 News

Back in to our first full week and what a week it has been. The children have absolutely loved reading our new class text 'The Pirates Next Door' and have had great discussions about what they would do if they had pirates as neighbours (their teachers hope to keep the neighbours they have and not get any new ones!). We have used this text to guide our English lessons where we have been learning to use possessive apostrophes and commas in a list. We will be using these skills, and more, to write a letter to the council about the new pirate neighbours in the hope they will help us out!

In Maths, we have started our new topic on multiplication and division. We have been practically looking at groups of objects, identifying if they are equal or unequal groups AND have even began to tell our teachers how many each group contains. Super mathematicians for sure! In Geography, we have been looking at coordinates and have started to learn how to use a compass. We have been very lucky to have Samba classes with Mrs Brown in PE this week. She has been teaching us some great moves; make sure you ask for a performance at home!

We have had a great week in Year 2 this week and cannot wait to see what next week brings.





# Beyond the Gate - Forest School

Otter, Mole, Robin and Woodpecker classes have thoroughly enjoyed their return to Beyond the Gate in the bright, chilly weather this week!

Their sessions began with them identifying the changes which have happened in the site since they were last there, and they discussed if these were 'physical' or 'human' changes or features.

They also took part in their own risk assessment of the site. Mrs Dear gave them each a bamboo cane with a pink ribbon on it ("see pink, stop and think") and

they had to look for a hazard or risk that they could put their stick next to. We were impressed with how they could give reasons behind their decisions.



With the cold but windless weather it has been the perfect week for fire lighting. Mrs Dear lit a nice fire (some sessions this was more successful than others!), discussed the fire triangle and the children were given the opportunity to practise their fire striking if they wished. It was brilliant to see the children remembering their safe fire position.



Meanwhile, around the site, children relished digging, playing in the mud kitchen, climbing and balancing on the loose part apparatus, drawing, exploring water and ways to transport it and generating their on imaginative games and ideas!

With cold hands and feet, we all enjoyed a delicious hot drink at the end of the sessions!

## **FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES "SWAP BOX"**

The "swap box" in the school front entrance is very full (thank you for the donations), so if you are short of waterproofs, hats, gloves, or wellies please take a look and help yourself!



## **CHRISTMAS TREES:**

Did you have a real Christmas tree this year? If so, please 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?**

# PTFA NEWS



We hope you all had a wonderful christmas and look forward to the events we have planned for 2024

**UNIFORM SALE 22ND JAN OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL RECEPTION FROM 2.45PM TO 3.15PM ALL ITEMS £1.00 CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED.**



**25th Jan - £2.50**  
QR codes on class windows for payments, bank transfers and cash accepted.

**2nd Feb - £1.00**  
QR Codes on Classrooms, bank transfers and cash accepted.



## CALENDAR



January

8th-12th  
Uniform Donation  
22nd





Uniform Sale – All Items £1  
25th  
Winter Disco £2.50

February

2nd  
Mufti Day - £1.00

March

4th  
Uniform Sale  
8th  
Bunny Bounce  
15th  
Usborne Book Stall TBC  
23rd  
Spring Fair 11-2.30pm  
Ticketed event

Day	Before School	Afterschool
Monday	 <p><b>Judo by Judo 4 Juniors</b> 8:00am till 8:35am info@judo4juniors.com</p>	<p><b>French by Fun Francais Ltd</b> 3:05pm till 4:05pm funfrancaisltd@gmail.com</p>
Tuesday	<p><b>Year R Football by Planet Soccer</b> 8:00am till 8:35am admin@planet-soccer.info</p>	 <p><b>Street Dance by Bustagroove</b> 3:05pm till 4:00pm Bustagroove.info@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Year 1 and 2 Football by Planet Soccer</b> 3:05pm till 4:10pm admin@planet-soccer.info</p>
Wednesday	 <p><b>Year R Gymnastics by Hart Gymnastics</b> 8:00am till 8:35am schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk</p>	<p><b>Multisport by Planet Soccer</b> 3:05pm till 4:10pm admin@planet-soccer.info</p> <p><b>Gymnastics by Hart Gymnastics</b> 3:05pm till 4:05pm schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk</p>
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Friday	 <p><b>Yoga for Kids by Amber Wellbeing</b> 8.00am till 8.35am <a href="mailto:naomij@amberwellbeing.uk">naomij@amberwellbeing.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Theatre School by Bustagroove</b> 3:05pm till 4:30pm Bustagroove.info@gmail.com</p>

