



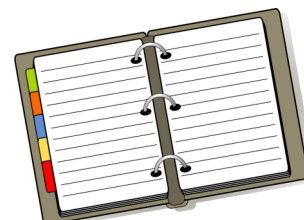
Tweseldown News

Thursday 7th March 2024

Diary Dates

March 2024

Friday 8th	PTFA Bunny Bounce 2.30pm Coffee and Conversation with Mrs Tottem
Monday 11th	Chestnut House Mufti Day 2.45pm PTFA Second Hand Uniform sale
Wednesday 13th	9.00 Robin Class Assembly
Friday 15th	Poetry competition at Elvetham Heath Primary School
Tuesday 19th	9.00—Rock Steady Assembly 9.30— Rock Steady Assembly
Wednesday 20th	9.00— Diabetes Coffee Morning
Saturday 23rd	11.00—14.00 PTFA Spring Fair
Monday 25th	2.30pm Phonics Screening Information talk for year 1 parents 7.00pm Phonics Screening Information talk for year 1 parents
Thursday 28th	Spring Hat Parade 1.30 Finish—Last Day of Term



April 2024

Monday 15th	8.35am Back to School
Wednesday 17th	9.00 Otter Class Assembly
Tuesday 23rd	PTFA Special Person Day Sale
Wednesday 24th	Squirrel Meet the Teacher coffee morning



8th March—PTFA Bunny Bounce

Please return your sponsorship form before our fun event on Friday, it is our fourth year running, lets make it the best one yet!

11th March—Chestnut Mufti Day!

Congratulations to Chestnut house on reaching 1000 house points, please come to school in your own clothes on Monday 11th March.



Important Information

8th March—Coffee and Conversation

This coffee and conversation session will be focused on communication. Please join Mrs Tottem and give your feedback on what we do well and ideas where we can improve.



19th March—Rock Steady Concert



We can't wait to share our hard work with everyone. If your child attends their lesson on a Tuesday their concert is 9.00am. If their lesson is on a Wednesday it is at 9.30am.

Spring Fair Donations

Collections for the spring fair are in full swing! Your child receives a token each time they make a donation, which can be spent at the spring fair. Please have a look at the list below and send your items into the office.

8th March- Good condition children's games or books

15th March Final donations to stalls

(Easter egg, bottles, toys, teddies)

22nd March- Homemade or shop bought cake (Nut free!)



Easter trail

For fun in the holidays we are setting up an Easter letter trail around the area close to school, if you would like to have a poster in your window email your name and address to adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk. We haven't had many volunteers, without you it can't go ahead!

We will hand out sheets before the holidays and all colouring entries returned will receive one house point!



Help with cooking



We would like to give all the children the opportunity to cook more during the school year. If you would be able to give a regular or ad hoc slot to take a small group, please email cooking@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk. We need all volunteers to have a DBS check and basic food hygiene certificate, please contact the office to apply for one.

Exciting news!



We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Premier-Scaife and her wife are expecting a baby in August.



Important Information

Dressing for Beyond the Gate

It is important that the children are dressed appropriately for their Beyond the Gate sessions – especially at the moment, where the site is very muddy and wet. Your child needs a full change of clothes for their session and spare socks or tights.

If they are using their school coat it is very likely to get muddy.

We only have limited spare kit, and because it is being used by lots of children, it gets very muddy, wet and ripped and we are unable to dry it between morning and afternoon sessions. Therefore, please try to provide clothing for your child. If you are struggling, please take a look in the “help yourself” box in the front entrance or speak to your class teacher directly.



Your child needs:

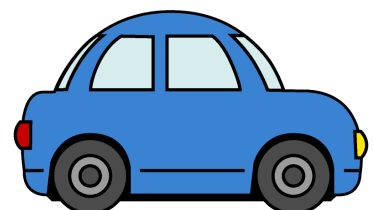
- Long sleeved T-shirt style top (as a base layer)
- Long jogging bottoms or leggings (as a base layer)
- Warm jumper or fleece (to go over base layer)
- Waterproof trousers (or an all-in-one waterproof suit)
- Warm, waterproof coat (if this is their school coat, it will get muddy!)
- Waterproof gloves
- Thick, warm socks
- Winter hat, scarf and waterproof gloves
- Wellington boots or waterproof walking boots
- Spare socks or tights incase water goes in their wellies during the session

Thank you to all of you who have provided adequate clothes already.

Parking at Tweseldown

Please **DO NOT** use our staff car park, we've seen a rise in parents using the car park for convenience and would like to remind them it's exclusively for staff or by prior arrangement with Mrs Tottem.

We have arrangements with Crookham Memorial Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Bowenhurst Road and Crookham Park Community Centre to use their car park and walk into school.



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year R News



What an EGG-citing week we've had in Reception!

Our classrooms have been filled with lots of excitement as we welcomed our newest fluffy friends – ducklings! We have been busy learning how to care for them with gentle hands and have been enjoying observing every moment.

During Explore and Learn time, we've been learning all about animal life cycles and matching baby animals to their adults. And to add a touch of creativity, we had a go at experimenting with sketching various animals, letting our imaginations run wild on the page, we are great artists!

In Maths we started the week by subitising arrangements of 6. We then discussed how we knew it was 6 and was not 6. After we moved on to ordering quantities up to 10, using various objects during explore and learn to consolidate our understanding. And of course, we couldn't forget about World Book Day! Dressed up as Colour Monsters, we explored a rainbow of emotions and shared why we have chosen that feeling. We then listened to different Colour Monster stories in all Reception classes. What a lovely week we have had!



What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News



This week in Year 1 we have been continuing our

writing about 'The Runaway Train'. We started the week by creating 'Lost Train' posters and we tried to include words that contained the suffixes ing, ed, est and er which we have been learning about. When you are reading at home can you spot any of these words? We then used all of our writing skills to create our own version of the story. We have tried hard to remember our full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and our best handwriting.

In maths, we have started learning about fractions. We have been splitting shapes into halves and quarters. We have learned that for it to be a half or quarter, all the parts must be equal. Nobody can have the bigger half! We then looked at sharing an amount into halves and quarters. We started with counters and shared them with a friend to find half of different amounts. Some of us spotted that all the numbers we were halving were even! We tested this theory and found that we couldn't equally halve an odd number.

In our history learning this week, we have been learning more about George Stephenson. We looked at pictures and tried to decide if the objects were from when George Stephenson was alive in the past or from now when we are alive. We were super detectives! We have also enjoyed World Book Day and Bunny Bounce this week! It really has been busy with lots of fun and learning!



Year 2 News

Fix-it Friday was fun, we designed a jewellery box fit for a queen!



Arriving in London
Once we were off the coach, we walked
through Kensington Park. We saw
a big white statue and it was
crowded with people. I saw a
lot of birds. They were pigeons.

World Book Day 2024

We've had great fun on World Book Day!

We had an assembly about enjoying books and special places to read. We have enjoyed listening to stories about monsters including 'The Colour Monster goes to School'. We wrote about our own first day at school and different places in school. Our writing will be used to make our very own class books! Look in our book bags for our special world book day voucher!



Beyond the Gate - Forest School



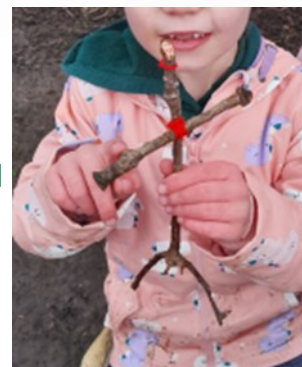
With World Book Day being celebrated this week, Mrs Dear themed the sessions around “The Stickman” by Julia Donaldson. She began by reading the story, using her own stickman to act out the events. The children then had the opportunity to make their own stickperson using natural resources, wool and string! The children were very motivated to do this activity – and then excitedly took their stick people off around the site to go on all kinds of adventures.



Extending the stick theme, Mrs Dear also discussed sticks as being good fuel for a fire. She then



supported children – if they chose to – in learning or practising their fire striking with fire steels. I wonder if your child can show you the safe fire lighting position? The children are always amazed when they produce a spark and show excellent safety understanding.



In our sessions, children are also continuing to make items for selling at the Spring Fayre. Some children have been learning how to use a hack saw to cut bamboo sticks ready to use in the tin can bug habitats. To do this, they had to use a ruler to accurately measure 9cm before sawing.



Some children in Kingfisher class made a big puddle lake, we then observed them using mud to build up “walls or dams” around it, to stop the water escaping. Their teamwork was impressive and without realising they were learning so much.



Another group of children had great fun jumping into the pond. They took it in turns and, before they jumped, checked with everyone close by that it was okay for them to jump in, demonstrating that they were looking after each other (one of our Forest School rules!).



Donations:

Mrs Dear would like to get the children involved in planting seeds Beyond the Gate. We have lots of seeds but no compost! If you have any spare peat free compost (or able to donate a bag), we would be grateful of this.

We would also like to increase our wildflower areas. Any donations of NATIVE UK wildflower seed would be welcome too!





PTFA NEWS

SPRING FAIR 23RD MARCH



**Volunteers
needed**

We still need more volunteers if you can just spare 1 hour please sign up

Volunteers will get a free family ticket. Use link below
volunteersignup.org/9YFE4

Bridges Sponsorship boards, we are looking for 30 households to volunteer to have a sponsorship board outside their house for two weeks before the spring fair till the Monday after. This will raise more funds for the school.

email:

PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk



**MORE EASTER EGGS NEEDED -
PLEASE SEND IN ANY DONATIONS**

BUNNY BOUNCE 8TH MARCH



The children will take part in a bunny bounce around the school with bunny ears and a treat, Sponsorship forms coming this week, please tick gift aid if you are a tax payer



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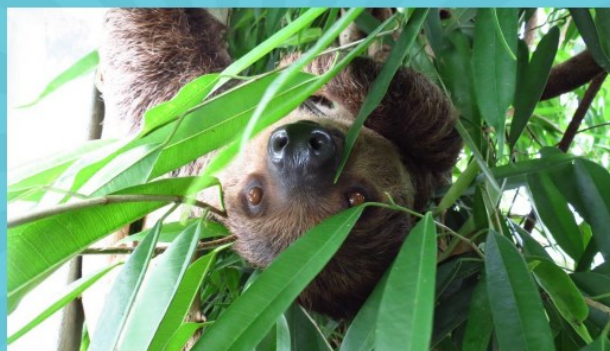
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