



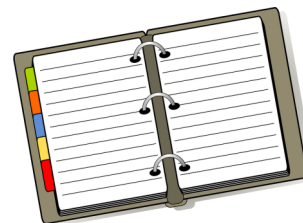
Tweseldown News

Thursday 14th March 2024

Diary Dates

March 2024

Friday 15th	Poetry competition at Elvetham Heath Primary School
Tuesday 19th	9.00—Rock Steady Concert 9.30— Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 20th	9.00— Badger Class Assembly 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 7.30pm PTFA Meeting
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
Friday 19th	
Tuesday 23rd	PTFA Special Person Day Sale
Wednesday 24th	Squirrel Meet the Teacher coffee morning

Mrs Bacchus

Sadly at the start of the year Mrs Bacchus' husband passed away after a very short illness. Mrs Bacchus would like to thank everyone who has expressed concern over her whereabouts. She is taking a much needed break with her new kitten Saffie.

15th March—Birch Mufti Day!

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



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 your child's lesson is on a Wednesday it is at 9.30am.

Important Information



26th March—Easter colouring competition

Please decorate your Easter Egg template with any medium. These need to be returned to school by 25th March, they are displayed in your child's classroom window and Mrs Tottem will judge a winner (and prize) for each class on 26th March.

28th March—Spring Hat Parade

Our annual Spring hat parade will take place on the last day of term, 28th March. Please help your child create a hat ready for them to show during the morning at school. This event is just for children.



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.

15th March **Final donations to stalls**
(Easter egg, bottles, toys, teddies)



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



Easter trail

At the end of the term your child will bring home a map with different addresses around the estate. Each of these addresses will have a 'letter' in their windows. Enjoy a family stroll round the houses (following the map) and make a note of the letters, they make a special word or two. If you want to submit your entry with the special words then return your sheet with £1 entry with the chance to win a prize.

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 help with a regular or ad hoc slot to worth with a small group, please email cooking@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk. We need all volunteers to have a DBS check and a basic food hygiene certificate (which we can help you with), please contact the office to apply for one.

Year 2 Swimming

We are taking year 2 to the Hart Leisure Centre for swimming lessons after Easter. Keep an eye out for a letter coming home this week.



Clubs at Tweseldown

Day	Before School	After School
Monday	Judo by Judo 4 Juniors 8.00am till 8.35am info@judo4juniors.com	French by Fun Francais 3.10pm till 4.00pm funfrancaisltd@gmail.com
Tuesday	Year R Football by Planet Soccer 8.00am till 8.35am admin@planet-soccer.info	Street Dance by The Performers Place 3.05pm till 4.00pm info@theperformersplace.co.uk Year 1 and 2 Football by Planet Soccer 3.05pm till 4.10pm admin@planet-soccer.info
Wednesday	Gymnastics by Hart Gymnastics 8.00am till 8.35am schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk	Multisport by Planet Soccer 3.05pm till 4.10pm admin@planet-soccer.info Gymnastics by Hart Gymnastics 3.05pm till 4.05pm schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk
Thursday	Year R Street Dance by The Performers Place 8.00 till 8.45am info@theperformersplace.co.uk	Gymnastics by Hart Gymnastics 3.05pm till 4.05pm schools@hartgymnastics.org.uk Basketball by Diddy Dunkers 3.05pm till 4.05pm admin@diddydunkers.com
Friday	Yoga for Kids by Amber Wellbeing 8.00 till 8.35 am naomij@amberwellbeing.uk	Street Dance by The Performers Place 3.05pm—4.30pm info@theperformersplace.co.uk

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.

There is traffic enforcement officers in the car park opposite Sainsbury's, this is **NOT** a designated school carpark.

Year 1 Survey Results

Thank you for all of your responses in the Year 1 Parent Survey. We were really pleased that some of the main positive points were:

Class Teachers and LSAs were approachable.
Children were offered a wide range of clubs and have access to many activities to enhance their learning.
Tweseldown has amazing teachers that care for the children.

Our next steps will be:

Reviewing our rewards for consistent positive behaviour.
Ensuring all staff are professional, all of the time.
Updating our Facebook page more regularly with events in school.

What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year R News



Our week started with lots of excitement as our classrooms were full of big foot prints, beans and leaves. We used our imaginations to think who could have left them there and had some absolutely fabulous ideas!

We had great fun listening to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and even used actions to help us remember it. This really helped when we retold the story using puppets and sequenced the pictures. We'd love to tell you the story at home.

One of the best parts of the week was when we received a letter and some beans from Jack himself. He wanted us to plant the beans and to observe what happens to them. We thought really hard about what a bean needs to grow and decided that we should give it water and sunlight. Over the next few weeks we are going to keep our eyes peeled for any changes.

In Maths we have been comparing the size of different objects such as giant footprints, beanstalks and measuring snakes. We are now experts at using the words longest, shortest, shorter and longer. As part of this, we even used cubes to measure the giant's footprints and to measure the height of different beanstalks.



What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News



This week in Year One we started the week by being detectives. We had to find as many facts about the different trains around the world. We found out about the Bullet Trains, Maglev Trains, London Underground Trains and The Channel Tunnel. We then shared our facts with our friends and began to write our very own information page about the different trains. We have really been focusing on including words with different suffixes such as -ing, -est and -ed as well as remembering to put capital letters for names of different countries.

In maths, we have been sequencing the days of the week and months of the year. We then thought carefully about what was the day or month before and the day or month after. Everyone was excited to share their birthday month! We have been practicing saying our date of birth. We have also been learning how long a minute is and seeing how many of something we can do in a minute. We tried star jumps, bunny hops and catching a ball. A minute was a lot longer than many of us thought!

We have continued our learning about George Stephenson and have been showing our teachers everything we know by becoming the Quizmasters! We wrote true and false statements about his achievements and life and then tried to see if our teacher could spot the difference. We have also used the Beebots in class and programmed them to go along different routes. We had lots of fun making them move!



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News

This week in English we have enjoyed using the laptops to evaluate websites and then create our own. We used PowerPoint and Snipping Tool to create pages filled with facts about a queen of our choice.

In Maths we have been exploring 3D shapes in depth. We have learnt that 3D shapes have faces, vertices and edges and can describe their properties clearly. We have also learnt to sort 3D shapes into Venn Diagrams and we will end the week reasoning about shapes.

In Science we have created marble runs and explored different ways to change the run so we can alter the speed the marble travels down the run.

We are looking forward to our next Fix-it Friday where we will start to put together our jewellery boxes.

Robin class enjoyed performing their class assembly to their parents and the school.



Beyond the Gate - Forest School

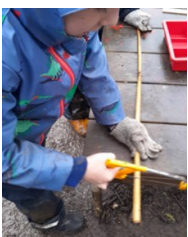
As well as planning and preparing sessions and activities for the children, a large part of Mrs Dear's role as a Forest School Leader is supporting in the management of the Beyond the Gate site to rewild it and increase biodiversity. Involving the children in this, as part of developing them into global citizens who care about nature and understand its crucial role.

This week, Mrs Dear invited Kevin Druce in to talk to children about the importance of bees and to introduce some Red Mason bee cocoons to our site.



Most children have the misconception that all bees make honey and are unaware of how many different species of bees there are (around 270!). Through hearing Kevin speak and seeing the cocoons, Mrs Dear is helping address this misconception. He explained to the children that Red Mason Bees are solitary bees (they don't live in a colony or hive) and that they are amazing pollinators - they carry pollen all over their abdomen and so have a 95% pollination rate (honeybees only have a 5% pollination rate).

Red Mason bees are non-aggressive, friendly and delicate. The male does not sting, and the female will only sting if handled very roughly (and even then, it is mild compared to a wasp, bumblebee or honeybee). So, they are good bee for children to observe.



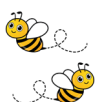
The cocoons have been put in a release box, on top of our Bug Skyscraper which is a sunny spot. We can't wait to see if they emerge and forage around our site.

The children then had the opportunity to saw bamboo with a hack saw and fill tin cans with foraged materials to build bee & bug habitats. Some of these will be put up around the site (in hope that the female Red Mason Bees will lay eggs in them) and many will be on sale at the Spring Fair.



Donations:

To help our bees forage, Mrs Dear would 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 - FREE FAMILY TICKET FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

What Does The PTFA Do?

The PTFA fundraise to provide additional resources to expand the experiences for our children, above and beyond what the school budget can provide.

Some of the things that have been provided by the PTFA are;

- An amazing bell tent for Beyond the Gate
- A storage shed for resources used at Beyond the Gate
- Ducklings (which the children have thoroughly enjoyed this week)
 - Butterflies
 - Books
- A new home for Coco the rabbit
- Many additional resources for classrooms.

Without additional funding these things would not be possible, therefore your support is vital for us to continue to be successful.

If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please contact the PTFA directly on PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk