



# Tweseldown News

Thursday 21st March 2024

## Diary Dates

### March 2024

Saturday 23rd	11.00—14.00 PTFA Spring Fair <b><u>No Saturday Football with Mr Smith</u></b>
Monday 25th	Rabbit Class Parents Meetings 2.30pm Phonics Screening Information talk for year 1 parents 7.00pm Phonics Screening Information talk for year 1 parents 7.30pm PTFA Meeting
Tuesday 26th	Mole and Deer Trip to Ropely
Wednesday 27th	Badger and Otter Trip to Ropely
Thursday 28th	Spring Hat Parade <b>1.30 Finish—Last Day of Term</b>

### April 2024

Monday 15th	<b>8.35am Back to School</b>
Wednesday 17th	9.00 Otter Class Assembly
Friday 19th	PTFA Mufti Day—£1 Donation
Tuesday 23rd	PTFA Special Person Day Sale
Wednesday 24th	Squirrel Meet the Teacher coffee morning



### 26th March—Easter colouring competition

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

### 28th March—Spring Hat Parade

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



### Spring Fair Donations

Last week for the Spring Fair collections! This week we are looking for donations of **homemade or shop bought cake (Nut free!)** and in return they receive a token to use at the Spring Fair.



# Important Information



## 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 for the chance to win a prize.

## Year 2 Swimming

Please ensure you return your Year 2 swimming reply slips by Friday 22nd March 2024. Thank you.



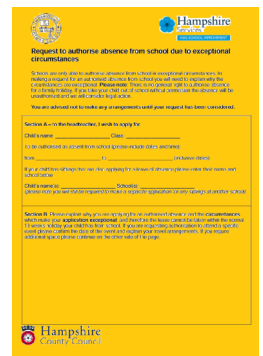
## Absence from school

Due to an increase in appointments taken during the school day please supply, in addition, to the orange absence form some evidence of your child's appointment. These maybe;

1. Screenshots (email, text message, photo of your child at the surgery, NHS app etc)
2. Letter of appointment
3. Dated prescription or medication

Please show this at the office or email into [absence@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:absence@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

We ask all children to complete an orange absence form and encourage transparency and honesty about why your child will miss time from school. We are working hard to achieve a high attendance rate and thank you for your support towards this.



## Coco the Rabbit and Bert and Barry the Guinea Pigs

Coco has a weekend that has become available, 20th June, please email [rabbit@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:rabbit@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk) if you are able to help.



All our pets are very well behaved and love going on holiday. If you would to look after our school pets in the summer holidays or for a weekend, please get in touch and add your name to the list.

# Clubs at Tweseldown

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

# What have we done this week?

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## Year R News



You may have heard your child talking about something very exciting this week... drawing club! Drawing club is a new writing initiative aimed at inspiring the children to write and to understand that writing always has a purpose. This week we have read the story 'The enormous turnip' and the children used their imaginations to describe the garden as well as create an inventive way of their own to get the turnip out of the ground.



We have continued our topic on growth, this week learning about the parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. The children have enjoyed observing the beans we planted last week, with some even starting to grow roots. We're sure your child would love to share this with you at pick up and drop off times - they can all be found on the classroom windows.



In Maths we have started learning about doubles, using our fingers to help us find doubles of numbers. The children demonstrated their understanding of this concept by creating some beautiful butterfly artwork... check out your class floor book to see your child's work. Perhaps you could practise finding double numbers at home e.g. double 1 is 2, double 2 is 4, double 3 is 6 etc



## What have we been doing this week?

## Year 1 News



This week in Year One we have been learning about instructions. We started off by learning about imperative verbs and practised using these bossy words to give instructions to each other. We then applied these to our own instructions about a magic potion! Everyone really enjoyed getting creative to make their exciting potion. Can your child tell you their instructions? What ingredients did they include?

In maths, we have been learning to tell the time. We have learned the difference between the small hand and big hand and where the hands are on the clock when it is 'O' clock and half past the hour. It will be really useful for all children to continue reading the time on an analogue clock at home. The children will be bringing home a clock that they have made in class to help them .



In DT, we have continued to look at nets for different boxes. We learned how tabs were needed to help hold the box together and how it was important to fold along the lines very carefully. After investigating a number of real nets, the children cut, folded and created their own box with a unique design to hold an Easter Cake. The children will be making their Easter Cake in class next Monday, and will then be selling these at their classroom, at the end of the day for 50 pence each. We have also been preparing for our trip next week and been thinking about if George Stephenson's inventions were significant? The children have unpicked and understood the word significant and thought about how his trains changed transport in England.



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## Year 2 News



Year 2 did a fantastic job at completing their Powerpoint presentations, about a queen, using laptops. They then presented it and aimed to use clear, loud voices to share their facts. This project taught them so many new skills and we are really proud of them all!

We have started a new unit in English lessons. The Year 2 children have enjoyed listening to a range of speeches and have identified the message that the speaker is trying to portray. They spotted what made the speech successful and particularly liked it when the speaker used humour! They have planned and written their own speech about what they would do, as king or queen, to make the world a better place. They have some very persuasive ideas! It was great to see the children share these speeches and be so passionate about speaking to a group.



What time is it? Hopefully, your child can answer this question as a result of our maths learning this week! We have been learning about the hour hand and the minute hand and have used this to find o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. Please continue to practise using an analogue clock, at home with your child. Some children have moved on to learning about five minute intervals to and past the hour.



In science, the children are carrying out an experiment to investigate dropping wet paper towels, to see if the height it is dropped from affects the size of the splat mark that is left. They have loved the range of experiments in science this half term and have improved their ability to answer questions using their findings.

This Friday marks the last of our 'Fix it Friday' sessions. Thank you to those of you that have supported us with our D.T. project. The children will be bringing their creations home before the Easter holidays. What tiny treasures will they keep inside their jewellery box?





# Beyond the Gate - Forest School



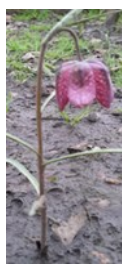
The children have been having great fun this week. We are noticing they are playing more creatively with the loose part equipment, using their imaginations, engineering, science, maths and teamwork skills to have fun. We even have some secret bases being built around the site! It is lovely to see their confidence in accessing materials and seeing the never-ending possibilities of these resources.

All the staff and volunteers are relishing seeing the “children being children” and being so engaged in their own child-led exploration and play!

Inspired by the Rock Steady performances (and developed from one child’s imagination last week), the children in both Badger and Kingfisher class created their own musical bands, creatively using the resources around the site. We could hear all kinds of different pitches being created by the different materials, good beats and rhythms and then adding vocals!

Some children continued sawing bamboo with the hack saws and filling our tin cans with materials to produce minibeast habitats (which will be on sale at the Spring Fair).

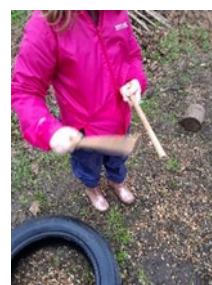
As a teacher-led activity, Mrs Dear provided the resources for wildflower seed bombs to be made. The children mixed mud from the site, flour, water and wildflower seed together and then rolled the mixture into balls. Once dried, many of these will be thrown around our site and they will be also available to purchase at the fair! Without realising, this activity helps the children learn about texture and strengthens their fingers for writing (as well as preparing things to help nature!).



Some children also helped Mrs Dear plant some Forget-me-not plants (transplanted from her own garden). These will be an excellent early source of nectar for our Red Mason Bees when they emerge.



We were also excited to see our first Snakes Head Fritillary flower from the bulbs we planted in the Autumn!





# SATURDAY SOCCER SCHOOL

## EASTER DAY



A morning of fun football games with  
**PRIZES TO BE WON**  
whilst learning football and social skills



All for £25 for the day



Sibling discount available



Spaces limited

Please reserve your space by messaging your child's name by mobile or email  
Thank you

**07779713546 OR**  
**saturdaysoccerschool@outlook.com**

**Location - Tweseldown Infant School**  
**Date - April 6th**

**Timings :**

9-9:30 drop off  
9:30-10am free time  
10-11am skills session  
11-11:45am snack & EGG HUNT  
11:45-1pm Matches  
1-1:15pm Star player and Prizes  
1:15-1:30pm pick up

