



Tweseldown News

Thursday 13th September 2018

Welcome back to our Tweseldown families and hello and welcome to our new Year R parents. Our Tweseldown News is published every Thursday with key dates and information for you.

Monday 17th September— All staff and remaining external clubs begin this week, staff club allocations will sent our via your child's book bag tomorrow **Friday 14th September**.

Tuesday 25th September—**Welcome meetings 3.30-4.00pm** for all year groups and a tasting session from our new school meals provider- 'Old School Catering' from **school pickup**.

Friday 5th October— Individual school photographs, more information to follow.

Friday 5th October— PTFA quiz night, a letter will be sent out this week..

Tuesday 9th October— Parent workshop, writing and spelling from 3.15pm-4.00pm. More information to follow.

Tuesday 16th October and Thursday 18th October— Parents evening, information will be sent out nearer the time on how to book your time slot.

Friday 19th October— Last day before October half term ; come and view our Artwork from 2.50pm.

Monday 22nd October—Friday 26th October— half term break.

Monday 29th October— First day back after the half term break.

Good attendance

As a school we always get excited about good attendance at the beginning of a new school year. Our attendance for year 1 and 2 currently stands at 98.3%. Year R begin in their classes part time, so we haven't included their figures yet.

Well done Mums and Dads, Carers and Grandparents, you do a great job getting your children ready to do some great learning. Lets aim for good attendance throughout the school year.



Year R News

What have we been doing this week?

Wow! What a fantastic first few days we have had in Year R. It has been amazing seeing all of the children come and settle in so well. We have loved having our grownups in to help us at lunch time. Hope you enjoyed it too. Thank you for all your support, everyone looks so smart in the new school uniforms with their school book bags. Please could we ask that all children have a named school book bag as this allows us to send home any important information or amazing work that they might have done that day.

We have had lots of fun getting to know each other and our new environment. We started off by exploring the school and learning where different places were, we found out that we have a library, a hall and even got to meet some new adults around school. In our class we have been learning about 'explore and learn time' inside the classroom and in the outside area. We have even come up with our class rules so we know how we want to treat our classroom and friends.

We can't wait to have a full week together next week and see what can we explore and learn.



Inset Days For Next Academic Year-Friday 23rd November 2018 / Tuesday 23rd April 2019 / Monday 22nd July 2019 / Tuesday 23rd July 2019, School is closed on these days.

Year 1 News

What have we been doing this week?

In Year 1 this week we have been representing numbers up to 20 in different ways. In Maths we have been recognising numbers up to 20 and ordering them. We used Numicon to see that a teens number can be made from a ten and a unit. Lots of us could find the correct Numicon to represent thirteen - 1 ten and 3 units.

In English we have been looking at the characters from our key text 'Lost and Found'. We wrote simple sentences about how the penguin might have felt when he was left at the South Pole. We also looked at different types of words which could describe the penguin and the boy. We managed to find some words which described them both!

In Gymnastics we have learnt five basic shapes. We had to make sure our bodies were strong and stretched when holding the shapes.

In Art we were challenged to make a new stripy jumper for the boy in our key text. Each stripe had to be a different colour but we were only given three colours to start with! We had to investigate and colour mix to make some different colours for his jumper.



Year 2 News

What have we been doing this week?

This week, Year 2 have explored the plot of our key text and used drama to re-tell it; working in groups to create freeze frames. We have also identified the main character's emotions throughout the story. In Maths, we have completed number lines, found the nearest ten and written numbers in numerals and words.

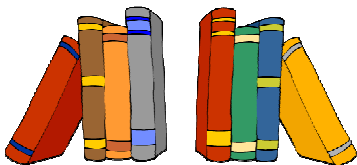
We have started experimenting with paper and scissors to create silhouettes for our silhouette pictures of The Great Fire of London. In Science, we have explored different properties of materials and tested the ability of materials to hold water. We generated our own ideas of how to investigate this. We were really excited to have a visit from the Fire Service! This built on our understanding of how fires were fought in 1666 compared with now.



Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy— We currently have a vacancy for a Year 2 lunchtime supervisor role at Tweseldown. The position is Monday to Friday 12:15—1:45pm. If you are interested please pop into the school office for an application form.

Break time snack

The school does provide a fruit snack at break time, however if your child would prefer to bring their own they are welcome to provided it is **just fruit** in its **natural form**. If your child brings in a packed lunch please ensure the fruit snack is kept separate from their packed lunch.



Library

We are looking for volunteers to help run the library in the morning from 8.30am -9.00am, Monday to Friday. If you are able to help please pop in to the school and let us know or speak to your child's class teacher.

No dogs

We would like to remind all parents and carers that dogs (even tiny ones) are not permitted on the school premises, this also includes dogs that are being carried.



In other news

PTFA News- Our first meeting of the school year is going to be held next Tuesday 18th at 3.30pm at the school, everyone is welcome including children. It will be a short relaxed meeting giving you a chance to meet us all.

The PTFA Quiz will be Friday 8th October and letters will be with you this week. Teams are to be up to 6 or if you can't make a team you can be added to a team and meet some new parents. This is an adult only event and is open to friends and family.

As always we're looking for businesses for fund matching and sponsorship for our many events across the year so please get in touch if you would like some more information. Tweseldownptfa@gmail.com

Keep up to date with reminders and notifications on Facebook at "tweseldown parent reminders page"



Due to menu changes this week Fridays menu will be:

Roast pork, gravy and roast potatoes or tomato pasta bake with quorn both served with medley of broccoli, cauliflower and carrots for pudding biscuit and fruit wedges.

The Baked potato option is vegetarian sausages and beans.

The menu is back to normal next week

There has been an increase in cases of whooping cough, please see the link below from the NHS website with information and guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Whooping-cough/>

External clubs for Year 1 and 2 children:

	Day	Time
French	Wednesday and Thursday Lunch time.	Lunch time 30minutes
Spanish	Wednesday and Thursday lunch time.	Lunch time 30 minutes
Gymnastics	Wednesday	3.05-4.15pm
Football	Thursday	3.05-4.15pm
Tennis	Monday	3.15-4.00pm
Drama	Thursday	3.15-4.15pm
Dance	Monday	3.15-4.15pm
Rock Steady	Wednesday	In school day

The table shows external clubs that Tweseldown offer, if your child is interested in one of these clubs and they are currently in Year 1 and 2, please pick up a flyer from the racking in the school foyer. They run every term. If the club is full this term you may be able to join after the Christmas break.

