



Tweedmouth West First School

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Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had an enjoyable break. We are delighted to see how much our children are thriving and have grown during the summer and welcome them back to their new classes. We are also pleased to welcome Mr. Harker to our staff team and wish him well for the future.

Website

May I remind you that on our school website you will find a wealth of information and lots of photos of the children busy learning. Our face book page also flags up more immediate events. This is for information only and is not intended as a chat session.

Learning Logs

Children from Y2, Y3 and Y4 are given learning logs for homework. The idea of this is that they can follow up on their own personal interests. They are expected to provide one piece of work per week. We realize that some children struggle to think of ideas to work on so we will be making suggestions in school which they can take up or they can choose to work on their own ideas.

The work can be:

Topic related, something from the news; personal news; handwriting; spelling; maths; art or anything at all provided that it is produced to a high standard.

Mrs Rutherford reads each one and gives feedback, ->green for great; pink for think.

More about this at the forums.

Parking

Northumbria police are currently working with the school in an attempt to ensure that parking is not causing a danger to our families. The situation is getting worse and someone will eventually be involved in an accident. We have received numerous complaints from local residents. I ask you once again to co-operate with us in the interests of the children's safety.

Forums

At the beginning of each term class forums are held. These are short meetings where the learning for the term and class routines are explained to parents. Coming along to the forums gives a clear signal to children that learning is important and also enables parents to help their children at home. If you are unable to attend you can access the slides on our website.

Forums are held in your child's classroom.

Y3 forum is on Monday 14th September 9 a.m.

Y1 forum is on Wednesday 16th September 9 a.m.

Y4 forum is on Thursday 17th September 9 a.m.

Y2 forum is on Friday 18th September 9 a.m.

Reception forum is on Monday 21st September 9 a.m.

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Outdoor Learning

Each class will be spending a whole day each week learning in our outdoor village. This is in order to bring learning to life. The children will be presented with situations and experiences that will stimulate thinking skills, problem solving and team work, which will ultimately lead to much deeper learning than can be reached by sitting at a desk.

Attendance

Please make sure that your child attends school every day unless he/she is ill. Good attendance is very important as attendance figures are recorded and will follow your child throughout his/her school career. If your child is ill please telephone the office on the first day of absence. Punctuality is also very important because it helps to establish lifelong good habits, gets the day off to a good start for your child and prevents him/her missing out on information about the coming day.

Holidays

Holidays in term time are no longer allowed by the government. Head Teachers may only grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. Please do not ask as refusal often offends.

Contact Details

It is vital that your contact details are correct and up to date. Please collect a change of address/contact form from the foyer to let us know of any change to your details.

Head Lice

At this time of year head lice are a nuisance, which can affect anyone, regardless of how clean their hair is. It is advisable for long hair to be tied back at all times. Please check your child's hair daily and treat if necessary. There are some information leaflets about treatment in the foyer, please contact the Tweedmouth Clinic if you need further guidance.

Diary Dates

Clubs

Gardening Club begins Monday 14th September for Years 2, 3 and 4

Football begins Monday 14th September for Years 3 and 4

Computing Club begins Tuesday 15th September for Years 2, 3 and 4

Cookery Club Year 4 only start date to be confirmed

After school clubs finish at 4.15 p.m.

MacMillan Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 25th September (details to follow)

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will be held at Tweedmouth Parish Church on Wednesday 21st October at 2p.m. where a collection for the Food Bank will be taken.

The Celebration of Learning Assembly will be at 9 a.m. on Friday 23rd October

Closes at 3.15 p.m. for half term Friday 23rd October and opens on Tuesday 3rd November 2015.

Parents please note school will be **Closed on Monday 2nd November for a Teacher Training Day.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Rutherford

Head Teacher