



Tweedmouth West First School

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Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday.
As ever our children have returned full of enthusiasm and looking extremely smart.
Unfortunately Mr. Harker and Mrs. Richardson have been unwell during the holidays and are currently on sick leave.
We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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 facebook 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.

Maths

Mrs. Poole will be holding a Numicon workshop for parents/carers of children in Reception on Thursday Sept 22nd from 9.00 until 10.00a.m
I strongly recommend that you attend as this is an effective way of helping your child to grasp number facts.

P.E

Details of PE, swimming and field days are on separate letters from your child's teacher
Please note earrings must be removed for swimming and PE and long hair tied back.
This is for Health and Safety.
School Hoodies and track_pants may be worn for the whole of swimming day with trainers or school shoes.

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.

Y3 Mon Sept 26

Y4 Wed Sept 28

Y1 Mon Oct 3

Y2 Wed Oct 5

Rec Fri Oct 7

Forums are held in your child's classroom at 9.00a.m

Outdoor Learning

Each class will be spending a 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

Most clubs commence week beginning Sept 12

Gardening Club begins Monday 19 September for Years 2, 3 and 4

Computing Club begins Thursday 22nd September for Years 2, 3 and 4

After school clubs finish at 4.15 p.m.

Details on school website

Y4 visit to Granary art gallery Wed Sept 14 pm

MacMillan Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 30 September at 9.30 (details to follow)

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will be held at Tweedmouth Parish Church on Wednesday 19 October at 2p.m. where a collection for the Food Bank will be taken.

COLA : The Celebration of Learning Assembly will be at 9 a.m. on Friday 21st October

School Closes at 3.15 p.m. for half term Friday 21st October and opens on Monday 31st October 2016.

Tuesday November 1st Tempest school photographer-details to follow

Christmas 2016

COLA : The Celebration of Learning Assembly will be at 9 a.m. on Mon 12th December

Plays will be on:

Monday Dec 5th dress rehearsal 2.00pm

Tuesday 6th Dec 2.00 pm

Wed Dec 7th 2.00pm

Parties

Dec 13 Y1 and 2

Dec 14 Y3 and 4

Dec 15 Reception

Friday 16th Dec

Christmas jumper day

Church service at Tweedmouth Parish Church
10.00 a.m.-all welcome

School closes at 2.00p.m

Yours sincerely

Mrs. A Rutherford
Head Teacher