

17 October 2025

Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

It has been another jam-packed week and I have enjoyed going around the classes to see all the excellent learning going on. I have been particularly impressed by some of the excellent writing produced by Year 6, the superb maths in Year 4 and wonderful art in Years 1 and 2. Every Friday, I enjoy handing our 'Star of the Week' certificates to the child in each class who has shone the brightest. This week our theme was 'enthusiastic learners who are always engaged' and we celebrated a number of children in our assembly today. Every child who has received a Star of the Week certificate this term is invited to my 'Headteacher's Tea Party' next Friday afternoon. These award winners will be allowed to wear their own clothes (what we call 'Mufti') on Friday and join me for snacks and some 'Golden Time'. I am looking forward to it!

This week was also our last week of swimming until after Easter. **The swimming pool is now closed.** It will be cleaned and made ready for a fresh start in the Spring. I have been so pleased to see the children enjoying swimming lessons at Tweeddale - not every school has this facility and I am proud that we can offer this opportunity to all our children.

Next week we will also have our own Harvest Festival. This will take place on Thursday and I invite children to come into school on that day with an item of non-perishable food (a tin or some pasta) which we will donate to Sutton Night Watch. Thank you in advance for everyone's generosity! The Harvest Festival will involve the whole school and so unfortunately we will not have space for parents to join us.



Next week is also our final week before the half-term holiday. Please remember that the school is closed on Monday 3 November and pupils will return on **Tuesday 4 November**.

Finally, may I give a reminder about parent etiquette on the playground at the start and end of the school day. Our school value of respect is so important to us and I hope everyone in our community shares this value too. Let's be great examples of this value to all the children who learn with us. Please therefore be kind to each other and to my hard-working staff. Staff are there to welcome and dismiss children as their priority, so if you want to discuss anything regarding your child, please arrange for a phone call or face-to-face appointment at another time.

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend!

Best wishes,



Mr. Walters, Headteacher