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Swallowfield Lower School

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Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to the new school year, and a warm welcome to all the new families that have joined Swallowfield. The children have settled in well, and are fully involved in school life. We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us, which we hope all families will enjoy.

Values Education

Our value for October is Tolerance. The children will be focusing on accepting themselves even when they make mistakes. We are all unique and have something to offer and share. Tolerance is accepting others and appreciating differences.



Year 4 were busy for a whole week making cakes to supply our MacMillan coffee morning. Well done year 4, you made fantastic yummy cakes.

Thank you for all those who also supplied cakes, and to those who came on the day to help make the morning a huge success. The children were also able to purchase cakes, which made their break time a little more tasty.

We raised a fantastic total of **£245.00**
 Well done to everyone!



Jeans for Genes Day

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

Thank you for all your kind donations towards our Genes for Jeans day, which we held on 22nd September. With children wearing Mufti/Jeans on this day we raised a total of **£208.67** for the cause. An assembly was also held to raise awareness for the charity which is set up for those born with Genetic disorders.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a new Parent Governor. A letter will be sent home outlining the details of the position. If you are interested, please follow the guidelines to respond. Thank you.

Sporting News

Congratulations to Year 4 boys who achieved 2nd place overall in a local football competition, which is such a fantastic result!

The football competition was held at Cedars Upper School on Thursday 28th September. Those who took part should be very proud of themselves. Well Done!



School Poly-tunnel News

Our poly tunnel has produced a great deal over the summer holidays. Some of our lovely vegetables are being included in school lunches.

Please visit the school office where children have placed some of their organic produce for sale!



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- 18th Key stage 1 and Foundation morning Consultations 9am-11:30am
- 18th Whole school consultations afternoon 4pm - 7pm
- 20th Harvest Festival Year 1 to donate produce, including some non-perishable goods. All other year groups are invited to give a monetary donation.
Half term Begins

November

- 30th School re-opens 8.30am

Attendance

If you are going to be late, or your child is absent from school, please call the office by no later than **9.15am**. We can then ensure the class teacher is aware and school lunches are ordered on time.

Following the recent supreme-court ruling, holidays during term time will **NOT** be authorised unless there are extreme exceptional circumstances. Letters and fixed penalty notices will now be issued. The new policy is on the school website.

School Building Work

As you are probably aware from the scaffolding erected around the building, we are currently in the process of having the whole school roof replaced. Unfortunately this was not scheduled by the Council to be completed in the school holidays. For the health and safety of our children, staff and parents we have been advised to adopt a **ONE WAY** system for accessing the school. Please abide by the rules, and look out for the signs signalling which way you can walk. Thank you.

Sunflower Competition

Don't forget to bring in your pictures and measurements of the sunflowers you grew during the summer holidays. We would love to see them, and award a winner!



Reminders

Payments

Please ensure trips are paid for with **the correct amount of money**, and all payments are made separately for anything else. Your co-operation with this will be greatly appreciated.

School Adventure playground

For Health & Safety purposes please ensure that your child **DOES NOT** play on this equipment when dropping off, or collecting. More accidents are occurring, as this area is not supervised at these times.

Hot School Dinners

These are charged at £2.20 per day. The cost for the remainder of this half term is **£33.00**.

Hobbs can no longer process cheques. Payment should be made electronically via their website www.hobbsschoolcatering.co.uk. Click on **make payment** and follow the instructions on the screen. If for any reason this is not possible then please contact them on **01582 674488**

PE/ Swimming Lessons

If a child is well enough to be in school, then they will be expected to participate fully in all PE and swimming lessons, unless there is an obvious injury such as a broken bone.

Parking

Parking in the school car park is very limited. Therefore, **parking in the car park is strictly for staff and school visitors only**. The car park should not be used as a place to park during drop off and collection times.

School office Contacts

Should you need to contact the school in relation to trip/outing information or helping with events, please contact Lisa Tucker in reception, the email address is:

Email: swallowfielldreception@cbc.beds.sch

Other enquiries can also be dealt with using this address.

School Uniform

Please ensure ALL uniform is clearly named. This helps us to return lost items to the correct child. The lost property bin is already beginning to become full.

Thank you



House News .

There are lots of house points to be earned for the rest of this half term, keep up the hard work everyone!

Robins



Total 85

Woodpeckers



Total 78

Goldfinches



Total 90

Kingfishers



Total 88