



Swallowfield Lower School

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Message from the Head Teacher –

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. The weather has started to get colder now and we would like to remind you that children should come to school with coats and all hats and gloves should be named clearly.

Values Education

November's value is responsibility. We must all take responsibility for our own actions and personal property. We also show responsibility by *Caring for our school, our family and our friends.*



The Living Countryside Awards 2016

The Living Countryside Awards, which take place every two years, is a flagship event during which the charity awards the CPRE Mark and commendations to local people and groups who have dedicated time to enhance the environment and green spaces.

Seventeen people and organisations were shortlisted this year by the judges and then these were whittled down to winners of the coveted CPRE Mark.

We are very proud to announce that Swallowfield Lower School won an award at the event for our on-going project to enhance and create diverse habitats for wildlife on their grounds, from planting saplings to introducing 'bug hotels' and bird feeders.

Mrs Thomas and Mr Farmer (our Groundsman) attended the presentation evening and were awarded the CPRE Mark. The winning Plaque will be displayed within the school grounds.



Harvest Festival

We would like to thank everybody who donated produce or money towards our Harvest Festival appeal.

We are once again very grateful for your generous support. All donations were passed on to the Salvation Army who distribute them across the local area.

House News –

There are lots of house points to be earned for this half term, keep up the good work! The points awarded for the successful teams in the World Maths Day challenges have also been added.

Robins



Total 243

Woodpeckers



Total 223

Goldfinches



Total 267

Kingfishers



Total 267

Dates for your diary

November 2016

- 8th Year 2 Trip – MK Museum
10th Year 4 Tag Rugby Tournament
11th Year 4 Remembrance Assembly 10.45am
School Disco
15th Year 3 Trip – Faith Tour
16th Book Fair (school hall – after school)
17th Year 4 Athletics Tournament
29th Year 3 – Stone Age Man visit

December

- 1st Foundation Ice Skating at Frosts
Year 3 Carol Singing Burlington Hall
5th Years 1H & 2H Carol Singing Hutton Court
6th 9.30am Busy Bees Christmas Performance
Key Stage 1 Cast One Christmas Performance 2pm
Key Stage 1 Cast One Christmas Performance 6pm
7th 9.30am Busy Bees Christmas Performance
Christmas Dinner
8th Key Stage 1 Cast Two Christmas Performance 2pm
Key Stage 1 Cast Two Christmas Performance 6pm
Year 4 Carol Singing Aspley Court
9th PTFA Secret Santa PM
12th Y2P Carol Singing Devon Lodge
Key Stage 2 Cast Two Christmas Performance 2pm
Key Stage 2 Cast Two Christmas Performance 6pm
13th Foundation & Key Stage 1 Pantomime Trip PM
Key Stage 2 Cast 1 Christmas Performance 2pm
Key Stage 2 Cast 1 Christmas Performance 6pm
14th Key Stage 2 Pantomime Trip PM
Foundation Christmas Performance 2pm
15th Christmas Around the World Day
Foundation Christmas Performance 9.30am
Busy Bees Christmas Party PM
16th Christmas Jumper Day

END OF TERM

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017

School Website

Please continue to check the school website for up to date news, announcements and calendar dates.

Christmas Performances

The children are beginning to practice their Christmas Performances and information regarding tickets will be sent out shortly. The dates are opposite and on the calendar on the website

Key Stage 1 Cast 1 - Y1H, Miss Harding and Y2H Miss Howe

Key Stage 1 Cast 2 - Y1WR, Mrs Willans/Mrs Rand

Y2P Miss Potter

Key Stage 2 Cast 1 - Y3C Mr Clarke and Y4W Mrs Woodman

Key Stage 2 Cast 2 - Y3D, Ms Doherty and Y4M Mr McGill

Unfortunately due to space, children under 10 years of age will not be admitted.

Reminders

Parking in the school car park

Unfortunately we still have to repeat this reminder. Parking at school is very limited, and is for **Staff & School Visitors only**.

The car park is not a place to park while dropping or collecting children. **Please** help us and **do not park** in the school car park during these times. Registration plates will be noted on occasions where this happens. Should you need to park on the street, please park legally and consider all residents. Illegal parking will be reported to the police.

Nut Free School

Please remember we are a "Nut Free" school. School snacks and pack lunches must be healthy, and nut free. This includes products that also contain nuts.

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

It is at the time of year again where this bug presents itself, and we have already seen a few cases so far.

If a pupil has diarrhoea or vomiting then they must remain at home until **48 hours** has been passed since the last bout of illness. The guidance we follow comes from the Health Protection Agency. This is to prevent the illness being passed onto others.

Children in Need Friday 18th November

We will once again be supporting the Children in Need appeal. Children may come to school in mufti with the theme of spots for a donation.



Remembrance Day

Poppies supporting The Poppy Day appeal are available in school for the suggested donation of one pound. Year 4 pupils take these to the classroom each morning. This year Swallowfield will be represented at the Woburn Sands Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 13th November. Pupils from the school parliament have been invited to lay a wreath at the war memorial. We will also be observing the two minutes silence on Friday 11th November at 11am.

