



Swallowfield Lower School

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Message from the Head Teacher –

Welcome back to the new school year. The Children have settled in well, and a warm welcome to our new families. We started the year with a very successful Ofsted, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families that supported the staff and school through the experience.

October's Value will be Respect

Respect is valuing the worth of yourself, others and our environment. We will look at how to show respect for our possessions, family and friends.



Values Education

September's value was Co-operation.

We felt this to be very important as the children settle into new classes, with new friends and teachers.

Co-operation



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. 😊



Swallowfield Stanley - Please remember to take me with you if you are travelling or visiting different places, either abroad or in the UK. When you have completed your travels please write a couple of sentences telling the rest of the school what we have done and take a picture for the school wall.

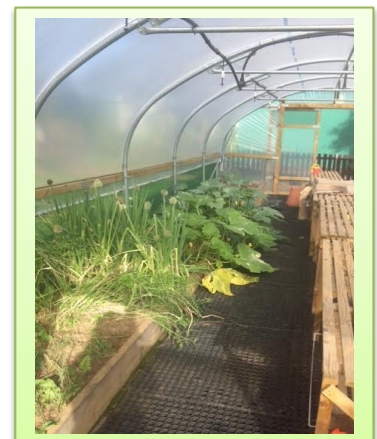
Sunflower Competition

After taking your Sunflowers home last term, we would love to see any photos of your school sunflowers (with heights if possible!) **Please send in to school or email before 7th**



Poly-tunnel News

Our first season has been very productive with cucumbers, beetroots, carrots, spring onions, tomatoes and giant courgettes/marrows alongside beans from outdoor beds. Many of these have made their way into school lunches. We have also had sufficient to sell to parents too. We still have a number of marrows to come, so watch out for our vegetable tray near the office and bring some change to try our organic veg!



Dates for your diary

October 2016

Wednesday 5th - No Pens Day

Friday 7th October – Sunflower photos into school

Friday 7th - Year 4 trip to Luton Discovery Centre

Saturday 8th - MK Lightning Match

Tuesday 11th - Individual school photographs

Wednesday 12th - Foundation Vision Checks

Friday 14th World Maths Day

Thursday 20th - Harvest Assembly

Friday 21st 2.30pm - Foundation Coffee afternoon

Last day of term

Monday 31st - Term begins

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.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 11th October to take individual child photographs. Children are to come to school in uniform, and be smartly presented.

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. Thank you.

Website Dates

Please keep checking the web site for up to date dates

Dinner Money

The cost for school dinners this half term is £74.80 or £2.20 per day.

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.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parents The timetables will be available in the office the week commencing 10th October

17th October Key stage 2 9am - 11.20am

19th October Key stage 1 9am - 11.20am

17th October All Year groups 4pm- 7pm

Investors in Diversity Award

At the start of this term Swallowfield were very happy to be accredited with the 'Investors in Diversity for Schools Award'. This is an equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) framework designed to help schools review their current approaches in these areas and plan further development and embedding. From work combined over last term and during the start of this term we were successful in achieving the award and are now Investors in Diversity for Schools Standard at Stage 2.

Mr McGill



House News –

There are lots of house points to be earned for this half term, keep up the good work! Great effort so far.

Robins



Total 114

Woodpeckers



Total 101

Goldfinches



Total 104

Kingfishers



Total 82