



Swallowfield Lower School

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Message from the Head Teacher-

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Willans on her appointment to Head Teacher at Husborne Crawley Lower School. During her time at Swallowfield Mrs Willans has contributed to the many successes that the school has achieved. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Values Education

This month's value is Happiness. **Happiness is a good feeling.** The Children will be discussing what makes them feel happy, and how they can make others around them feel happy too.

Keep Britain Tidy



Working together for cleaner, greener places

As part of this year's keep Britain tidy campaign, the children will be working together in various locations to litter pick. Dates will follow.

Foundation Year 1 and Year 2 will be tidying the school grounds.

Year 3 will visit the local park, and litter pick.

Year 4 will visit parklands to litter pick.

World Book Day

We were very impressed with the wonderful costumes that arrived at school to celebrate World Book Day. The children also enjoyed lots of "book" activities too. The "inspirational" book costumes that earned a prize for the best dressed in their class were:

Busy Bees	Belle and Eliza
Year One	Jude and Poppy
Year Two	Libby and Katie
Year Three	Milly and Evie
Year Four	Henry and Jack
The staff	looked amazing too!



Sponsored Times Table Results

A big thank you to the parents and carers that supported the "Inter-House Maths Competition" on Friday 10th February. The children in Foundation completed Maths challenges and Years One to Four performed times tables challenges. All the children performed well and most importantly they tried their best. We raised £1,087 from the sponsorship received. This will be donated to the children's charity the NSPCC, to support their worthy cause.

An average from each house was worked out, and the houses were awarded the following points:

Woodpeckers- 130 Robins- 110 Kingfishers- 110 Goldfinches- 90

Thank you for your support.

Swallowfield App Survey

The Swallowfield App is available on itunes and android. The app is linked to the school website and will notify you of any news, events or calendar dates when they are updated. The renewal for the app is due shortly and we wanted to ensure that the app is useful, and helping to provide parents with relevant school communications.

As we are always striving to improve, we would like your feedback on the app. There is currently a survey being run via the app, but this does not allow for detailed feedback and specific issues that we may need to address. If you have further comments or suggestions, please could you email them to the school office on swallowfield.cbc.beds.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary

March

- 9th Year 3 trip to St Albans Museum
- 14th KS2 Consultations Morning
- 15th Foundation and KS1 Consultation morning
- 16th Science Day
- 17th Science day
- 21st Foundation and Busy Bee's trip to Woodside animal farm
- 23rd Year 1 trip Warwick Castle

Mother's Day Performances and coffee afternoons

- 23rd Year 4 Mother's Day 9.30 am
- 23rd Year 2 Mother's Day 2.30 pm
- 24th Year 1 Mother's Day 9.30 am
- 24th Foundations Mother's Day 2.30 pm
- 27th Year 3 Mother's Day 2.

- 29th -
- 31st Year 4 PGL trip

April

- 4th End of term
- 18th Teacher Training- No School
- 19th Summer term begins

Reminders

Parent Consultations- Online booking system

This year parents will be able to book online for parent consultations. The booking system will go live from Monday 6th March 2017 for appointments to be made. It is **essential** that the school office has an up to date email address for each family so you can be emailed booking details. parents-booking.co.uk/swallowfield

Parking issues "Name & Shame"

Since we have put our name and shame system into action, we are pleased to say that the parking issues around the school have improved slightly. However, we will still be vigilant and Groupcall all offenders.

Ear rings

Ear rings worn to school must either be a single stud, or a pair of studs. Any other ear rings are not acceptable for health and safety reasons.

Trip payments

Please ensure that trips are paid for separately. Please do not write cheques to cover more than one trip for other siblings. We cannot process the money this way.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has brought in vouchers to help support the school with this cause. We still need your support as we are looking to purchase volley balls for Key Stage 2, and swimming equipment for the whole school.

Keep them coming!



Gardening Committee Request

The Gardening Club are in desperate need of any Wellington boots. If you have any spare boots, and would like to donate them to us, please bring them into the school office. The boots need to be a size 11 and up. Thank you.

House News –

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

Robins



Total 892

Woodpeckers



Total 932

Goldfinches



Total 911

Kingfishers



Total 821