



# Swallowfield Lower School

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### Message from the Head Teacher

As we come to the end of term I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Easter break. A fond farewell today to Mrs Willans who we wish good luck in her new position as Head Teacher at Husborne Crawley Lower School. We look forward to Mr McGill starting his new post as Deputy Head at the beginning of a very busy summer term.

### Values Education

For this month's value we will discuss and encourage children to be mindful of others, their needs and feelings.

"Thoughtfulness always leaves a good impression"

## Year 4 PGL Trip to Liddington

Year 4 have returned from an awesome adventure at PGL. We zip-wired, climbed, rafted, swung, orienteered and ate enough to last a week!

The children were amazing and rose to the challenges. They made lots of new friends, and have created fantastic memories and experiences.



## Dates for your Diary

### APRIL

- 18<sup>th</sup> Training day school closed  
19<sup>th</sup> Summer term begins  
Teddy tennis commences 3.35pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Great British Spring Clean  
Tag Ruby commences 3.35pm  
25<sup>th</sup> 7pm PTFA meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> School Disco (details to follow)

## Comic Relief 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Thank you for donating and helping the school support this cause. We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of **£233.95** on the day!

The logo for Comic Relief, featuring the word "COMIC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a red circle containing a white dot above the letter "O". Below "COMIC" is the word "RELIEF" in a similar bold, black, sans-serif font.

## School Trip Contributions

We wanted to bring to your attention that recent school trips have not met the costs to cover the expenses incurred.

Although you are under no obligation to contribute to the trip, and no child will be excluded, we must stress that without substantial contributions future trips cannot go ahead, or prices may increase.

## School Email addresses

Should you wish to contact the school via email, please use the following email addresses:

[swallowfield@cbc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:swallowfield@cbc.beds.sch.uk)  
[swallowfieldreception@cbc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:swallowfieldreception@cbc.beds.sch.uk)

**Please note that "Swallowfield office" is no longer in use.**

## Holidays in term time

Our school attendance **target is 96%**. This is set by the *Educational Welfare Inclusion Officer*. We have attached a form for your perusal and guidance.

Your child's individual attendance figures are always available from the school office, so please ask should you wish to see them.

## Reminders

### Swimming

Weather permitting, swimming will start at the beginning of next term. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on a Monday. All children are expected to swim as it is part of the PE curriculum and will only be exempt with a medical note.

### Helping around the school

If you would like to help in school you need to have a DBS clearance. These are now completed online and initiated by the school office. Anyone who would like to be a volunteer needs to provide the school office with three forms of identification e.g. passport, birth certificate, marriage certificate or driving licence, along with full legal name, date of birth and current email address. The school will then start the process, and it will be your responsibility to complete the process once you have received an email.

### Summer uniform

Children can wear their summer uniform after Easter if the weather permits, but please ensure they have a warm jacket/school fleece.

### Dinner money

The cost for dinner money for the ½ term after Easter will be **£59.40**. Please make cheques payable to Principals Contract Catering Ltd. Or payments can be made online via the Hobbs website.

### Parent's school dinners

Should you wish to have dinner with your child, please let the office staff know by 9.15am at the latest. Thank you.



A popular request to the Eco Committee to have an Orchard has been possible thanks to our Tesco grant. The Committee have planted trees around the Poly-tunnel. We have apple, plum and cherry trees.

## House News –

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

### Robins



Total 918

### Woodpeckers



Total 958

### Goldfinches



Total 964

### Kingfishers



Total 863