

Swanmore Primary School

Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK

I hope you had a good holiday and managed to enjoy the glimpses of sunshine that we've had.

The summer term is always my favourite term and as always we have a range of exciting events planned. Please see attached updated diary list.

Further details of forthcoming events will be sent out nearer the time.



GOODBYE TO MRS DANBY

It is with sadness that I have to tell you that Mrs Danby, our Special Needs Co-ordinator, will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Danby has worked at Swanmore for 23 years and been part of all school developments over the years. School will not seem the same without her (although possibly a bit quieter!).

We will soon be advertising for a new Special Needs Co-ordinator and will keep you updated.

WELCOME MRS HASKINS

Following recent interviews we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Haskins as our new Teaching Assistant in Year 1.

EXTENSION COMPLETED

I'm delighted to tell you that our new multi-use room at the back of the Year 4 classrooms is now complete and we are in the process of timetabling its use.

Thank you for all of your support during the disruption caused.

SWANMORE FUN RUN SUNDAY 18 MAY 2008 HAVE YOU ENTERED YET?

Places are going fast for this year's fun run, so if you haven't entered yet, please send your form into school.

If you have lost the entry form that was sent out with the newsletter before Easter, further forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

We still need more marshals for the event, and in particular we need someone to drive their car slowly around the course behind the last runner. If you can help with either of these, please leave your name and number at the school office. Or speak to Tessa Philpott, Ali or Chris Kalus, or Gill Cashell.

DONATION FROM SWANMORE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

You may be aware that from next September we will be teaching weekly French lessons in all Junior classes - more information will follow nearer the time.

We are very grateful to Swanmore Twinning Association for their kind donation of £50.00 towards teaching resources.



POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION BY TEACHERS

I can confirm that Swanmore Primary School will be open tomorrow!

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

I am delighted to tell you that our Year 6 girls came first at a recent Cross Country race involving schools from Hedge End, Eastleigh, and Durley. The Year 6 boys came fifth and the Year 5 boys came seventh in their events. Well done to everyone who took part.



Congratulations to Evie Phillips who came sixth overall in the girls race - a great achievement!

BOOKS TO SRI LANKA

Following a recent "tidy up" of the school library we were very pleased to be able to send the old books to a library in Sri Lanka. The village had been affected by the Tsunami and with help from local businesses had recently been rebuilt. Thank you to Mrs Petchey, one of our supply teachers, for offering to transport the books to their new home.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEARS 4, 5 and 6 RE: HEALTH EDUCATION 6.30pm THURSDAY, 1st MAY

As part of our Health Education programme we would like to offer parents of Years 4, 5 and 6 the opportunity to view the TV programmes which we are intending to use relating to sex education. Having viewed the programmes you will be able to discuss them and their use with teaching staff. The programmes will be shown on Thursday 1st May at 6.30pm in the school hall.

MORRIS DANCING

On Thursday, 1st May at 6.30pm our Junior Morris side will be taking part in the May Day celebrations in Wickham Square. If you are not attending the above meeting, all support would be greatly appreciated.

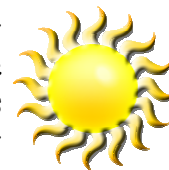
During the afternoon of 1st May Wickham Morris Dancers and our Junior Morris side will be performing to the school.



SAFETY IN THE SUN

It is important that the children bring a named sun hat to school to wear at break and lunchtime during hot weather. If you have a child who is particularly susceptible to sunburn please apply a high factor sun cream to his/her arms and legs before coming to school. **Please do not, however, send your child to school with sun-cream for use during the day.** We have several children in school who have severe allergies and there may be others who react adversely to the ingredients in sun-cream products.

Although water is available at school, it is important that the children bring their water bottles to school each day during the hot weather to prevent dehydration.



YEAR 4 PRODUCTION OF "THE EVACUEES"

Thank you to all the parents of Year 4 who kindly supported our production of "The Evacuees". The children had a great time performing to a very appreciative audience. Thanks to your generous donations the sum of £114.33 was raised for Namaste House in Nepal.



A big thank you to Mrs Toft, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Jones for organising such a fantastic show.

KEEP HANDBAGS SAFE

I have been contacted by a number of other Head-teachers in Hampshire who have had parents' cars broken into and handbags stolen. It is thought that parents' car parks all over Hampshire are being targeted! If you drive to and from school please make sure you don't leave any valuables in your car.

SCIENCE SHOWS

This Thursday, as part of Science Week, Quantum Theatre will be giving two performances of "The Missing Link" one to the juniors and a slightly simpler version to the infants. The storyline centres on "Gerbil" Jones and his expedition into the jungle. To cover costs we would appreciate a contribution of £1.00 from each child which can be brought into school tomorrow.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Just a reminder that Monday, 5th May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed, we reopen on Tuesday, 6th May.

RECENT LETTERS

The following letters have recently been sent home. Extra copies are always available from the school office.

- ◇ Theatre Show for Science Week
- ◇ Y5 Swanage Residential Visit
- ◇ YR/1/2 Transition Sessions
- ◇ Y2/3/4/5/6 After School Clubs
- ◇ Y2BS Change of Assembly
- ◇ Y2WS Change of Assembly
- ◇ Y3 Woods Visit
- ◇ Y6 Caribbean Day

SPECIAL OFFER – SHERSTON SOFTWARE

For the whole of the Summer term we have our Sherston Software titles on special offer. If you order 3 titles you only pay for 2. Which means that £19.98 will buy you 3 programs from the list that can be found on the school website. Please go to www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk and click on the Sherston Software button for more details.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Can I please ask for your support in keeping your pre-school children with you at all times and not allowing them to play or climb on any of the equipment in the play areas or the playground. Thank you for your help.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Unless you hear otherwise please assume your child has a place on the club(s) they requested.

Clubs start next week and finish on Thursday, 3rd July.

We still have lots of places for the Year 2 Fun Sports Club on Thursdays after school. Please either return the clubs form or let the school office know if your child would like to take part.

SALE OF SECOND HAND UNIFORM AND DISPLAY OF LOST PROPERTY

We will be holding our sale of second hand uniform including summer dresses and displaying lost property at the front of the school on Tuesday, 29th April at 3.30pm. All items are 50p each.

YUM, YUM - A TASTY AFTERNOON!

Thank you to Mrs Bolton, Mrs Jeffs, Mrs Pottle and Ms Bullingham for their hard work in organising our "School Garden - tasting afternoon". All the children were able to taste one of the following delicacies, all made from produce grown in the school garden.

- Pumpkin Muffins
- Pumpkin Soup
- Cocoa Courgette Muffins
- Leek and Potato Soup
- Beetroot Soup
- Swiss Chard Pesto
- Herby Root Soup
- Vegetable Pasties



All recipes are on the school website under the Green Team link.

Mrs Bolton and Mrs Jeffs are doing a fantastic job working with the Green Team to develop the School Garden and the rest of the grounds. We're looking forward to more delicious delights to savour later this term!

ADVERTISING IN THIS NEWSLETTER

If you would like to advertise in our newsletter please let the school office know. If it is for personal gain we do ask for a donation of £5.00 (or more!) towards school funds. Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Just a reminder that a school lunch now costs £1.90. Could you please ensure that if your child is having a school lunch they bring the correct money in a named purse or envelope each day. Thank you.





Tickets for the **Swanmore Village Ball** on 21st June are selling well. If you would like to put a table of 10 together to join in with this fantastic evening please let us know by **Friday 16th May**. *(If you wish to come, but are a smaller number, we can group some parties together, so don't hesitate to get in touch!)*

This year we have a new stylish marquee, a two-course dinner with wine followed by dancing to a live band and a disco. **We are trying to raise as much money as possible for the Primary School and the road safety charity, Brake.**

Tickets cost £49 each.

Call Marion on 892775 or e-mail svb@googlemail.com to book, or check out our website at www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk and click on **Swanmore Village Ball** where you can download a booking form and get lots of other information too!

Thank you for your support!



ADVERTS:

**TRAVELLING TRENDS FASHION SHOW - FRIDAY, 6th JUNE AT 7.00pm
TO BE HELD AT WALTHAM CHASE VILLAGE HALL
TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MEON VALLEY GUIDES**

Do you need a few new separates to liven up your wardrobe? Would you like them at bargain prices? Look no further - come along to this event and enjoy an evening of fashion and fun hosted by Travelling Trends. No ordering – everything can be tried on, bought and taken away at the show. Have fun and help raise funds at the same time. Tickets at £3.50 each must be bought in advance - please contact Sarah Woodman on 01489 893280.

PARENT AND KIDZ PLAYZONE - SATURDAY, 3RD MAY 10.00 - 3.00PM £2.50 PER CHILD

Why not come along to the Kings Christian Centre, Bishops Waltham on Saturday, 3rd May between 10.00am and 3.00pm and spend some time with your children and let them play on the inflatable obstacle course whilst you can sit down and have a cup of coffee. (Maximum age 11.) There will also be a softplay area for the under 4's. For further information please contact 01489 894734.

Please complete the box below with any comments you have about any aspect of school life.

If you would like us to get back to you about any issues please include your name and daytime telephone number.

Name

DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2008

Monday, 21 st April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday 21 st - Friday, 25 th April	Science Week
Wednesday, 23 rd April	3.40pm Meeting for Y5 Parents re Swanage Visit
Thursday, 24 th April	Quantum Theatre - "The Missing Link"
Tuesday, 29 th April	Y3M Woods Visit
Wednesday, 30 th April	Y3D Woods Visit
Thursday, 1 st May	6.30pm Meeting for Parents of Y4,5,6 re Health Education
Monday, 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 6 th - Friday, 9 th May	Y5C Residential Visit to Swanage
Friday, 9 th May	Both Y6 Classes on Woods Visit
Monday, 12 th - Friday, 16 th May	Y6 SATS
Tuesday, 13 th - Friday, 16 th May	Y5D Residential Visit to Swanage
Tuesday, 13 th May	Y4 Visit to Marwell Zoo
Sunday, 18 th May	11.30am Fun Run
Monday, 19 th - Friday, 23 rd May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday, 20 th May	Y4A Woods Visit pm Infants Fun Sports Afternoon
Wednesday, 21 st May	Y6 Caribbean Day Y1 Visit to Manor Farm, Botley 3.40pm Meeting for Y6 Parents re Bivvy Camp 7.00pm Music Concert in St Barnabas Church
Thursday, 22 nd May	Y4T Woods Visit
Monday, 26 th - Friday, 30 th May	HALF TERM
Monday, 2 nd June	YR Visit to Finkley Down Farm
Thursday, 5 th June	Y6 Overnight Bivvy Camp
Monday, 9 th June	PROFESSIONAL DAY CLOSURE

Thursday, 12 th June	1.00 - 3.30pm Junior Sports Day at Swanmore College 6.30 for 7.00pm Induction Meeting for Parents of YR 2008
Friday, 13 th June	5.00 - 8.00pm FOSPS Summer Fair
Sunday, 15 th June	10.30am Combined Church Service in School Amphitheatre
Wednesday, 18 th June	6.30pm Meeting for Parents of Y2 re SATS and transition to Y3
Thursday, 19 th June	Y5 Masterclass at Swanmore College of Technology
Saturday, 21 st June	Summer Ball
Thursday, 26 th June	6.30pm Meeting for Parents of YR re transition to Y1
Thursday, 3 rd July	Y5C Woods Visit Clubs End
Friday, 4 th July	Y5D Woods Visit
Monday, 7 th July	Y5 Woods Back up Date
Tuesday, 8 th July	Y3M Woods Visit
Wednesday, 9 th July	Y3D Woods Visit
Tuesday, 15 th July and Wednesday, 16 th July	7.00pm Y6 Production to Parents
Monday, 21 st July	9.15am Summer Sports Assembly
Tuesday, 22 nd July	2.15pm Y6 Leavers Service - All Y6 parents welcome to attend 3.30pm Y6 Leavers Tea in School Hall
Wednesday, 23 rd July	Last Day of Term

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Wednesday, 3 rd September	School reopens for Autumn Term
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