

Swanmore Primary School Newsletter

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CHARITY FUN DAY

Just a reminder that Friday will be our Charity Fun Day Extravaganza. Children are able to come to school out of uniform and with "wacky" hair, for a donation to the NSPCC of £1 - £2 (or more!) This will enable them to take part in all the activities.



If you are a UK tax payer and are happy to donate the tax paid on this donation then please send in the form at the bottom of last week's letter. If you have lost this then pop into Reception for another one.

We are all looking forward to a great day.

PARKING AFTER CLUBS

Can I please ask for your support in not parking outside school to pick up children at the end of our "after school clubs". I know that the double yellow line status finishes at 4.00pm, but parking on the single yellow line still puts the many children who stay to clubs in danger.

The parents' car park is practically empty at this time so there really is no excuse!

RECENT LETTERS

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

- ◇ Y6 SATs Practice
- ◇ Y6 Wales Residential Visits
- ◇ All - Charity Fun Day
- ◇ Y6H - Mr Hughes on Paternity Leave
- ◇ Y5C - Mr Cook on Wales Visit

CONGRATUATIONS MR AND MRS HUGHES!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hughes on the birth of their second child, Noah, at the end of January. Mother and son are both well.



FOSPS NEWS

QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY, 28th MARCH

We are delighted to announce the long-awaited return of FOSPS Quiz Night! Please make a note of this in your diary. More details will follow.

CAR BOOT SALE - SUNDAY, 11th MAY

Due to popular demand we are pleased to announce the return of FOSPS Car Boot Sale! This will take place on the morning of Sunday, 11th May (times to be announced). More details about how to book a pitch will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.



SPRING HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that school will be closed for half-term week beginning Monday 18th February to Friday, 22nd February.



I look forward to seeing everyone back at school rested and relaxed on Monday, 25th February.

CYCLE RACKS

Governors have agreed to install cycle racks to allow children to cycle to and from school. We are currently deciding where to position these - you may be aware that the Parish Council intend to create a footpath behind the parents' car park that leads into the side of school. This will then enable children to be dropped off and walk, safely, into the school grounds.

We are keen to discuss the possibility of locating the bike racks behind this car park and then they can also be used by other members of the village for cycling to church or when using the Paterson Centre, etc. Obviously there is a lot to discuss to ensure the safety of the children using these racks. I will keep you updated.



SCHOOL DINNERS

We have been advised that HC3S will be increasing the price of a school dinner to £1.90 as from the start of the summer term, Monday, 21st April. There will also be a new school lunch menu with effect from this date and these will be sent home before the end of term.

HC3S have asked us to let you know that the food provided still complies with the Hyperactive Children's Support Group recommendations for removal of additives, flavourings and preservatives. And for those of you who watched the DVD "Meal or No Meal" they continue to use local suppliers wherever possible. They asked us to pass on their thanks for the return of the questionnaires it was very useful to get the views of parents.

ASSEMBLY LIST FOR SPRING TERM 2008

Please find below a list of class assemblies for the remainder of this term to which you are warmly welcomed.

Year	Class	Date	Time	Place
Year 1	Mrs Hughes/Mrs Wills	Friday, 14th March	2.55pm	School Hall
Year 1	Miss Whitwell	Friday, 7th March	2.55pm	School Hall
Year 3	Mrs Mundy	Wednesday, 5th March	9.15am	St Barnabas
Year 5	Mr Cook	Friday, 4th April	2.55pm	School Hall
Year 5	Miss Duckett	Friday, 28th March	2.55pm	School Hall
Year 6	Mrs Dirks/Mrs Davies	Wednesday, 12th March	9.15am	St Barnabas
Year 6	Mr Hughes	Wednesday, 26th March	9.15am	St Barnabas

MOTHERS DAY SERVICE FOR INFANTS FRIDAY, 29th FEBRUARY 2008

We welcome all parents of children in the infants (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2) to our Mothers Day Service in St Barnabas Church on Friday, 29th February at 2.45pm.



GOVERNORS' DAY - WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY

The School Governors are always very interested in the work of the school and will be in visiting classes during Wednesday, 13th February.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN TEAM

At the end of the autumn term, the Green Team made some beautiful Christmas wreaths, which were displayed on the rails leading to the main reception. They were made with red stemmed dogwood, conifer and ivy with bells, pinecones and ribbons, and many people enquired if they could buy them (pictures on the website). Maybe next year we could do some for sale!

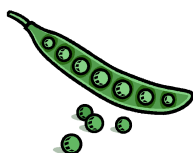
January has been as busy as ever for the green team with a focus on wildlife conservation. We have been making bird seed feeders to hang in the school grounds, nesting boxes and insect homes to encourage ladybirds into the garden - (we need them to control the aphids).



So far, we have cooked leek and potato soup and we might have enough swiss chard to make another batch of pesto. On the vegetable growing side we have chitted the potatoes to get them to shoot ready for planting and it will soon be time to start sowing seeds in trays.



Growing in the garden at the moment we have got some fine leeks, which are reserved for some Saxon cooking on Year 5 Invaders day. There are some broad beans just coming up and some winter sown Feltham First peas, which are an experiment. We are going to sow the same variety of pea in February alongside and see which is the most successful.



VOUCHERS SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS

Sainsbury's will again this year be running their Active Kids Vouchers scheme. The vouchers will be issued between 14th February and 4th June, one voucher for every £10.00 spent. We will soon have the collection box in place in reception. Please send tokens into school with your child.



Last year we had a tremendous response to the scheme collecting over 38,000 vouchers and were lucky enough to receive a large amount of equipment to use during PE lessons and at lunchtime. Year 1 also received new outside toys specifically for their age group.

If any parent would be able to help us by counting the vouchers into bundles of 100 (elastic bands supplied) we would be very glad to hear from them.

NESTLE BOX TOPS FOR BOOKS

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in the box top tokens available on Nestle cereals. Last year we received over 1,500 tokens and were able to buy many books for the school. Please send in any tokens with your child. Thank you.



VERRUCAS!

A number of parents have mentioned that their children are getting verrucas. Could we please ask that you check your child's feet regularly and treat as appropriate. Thank you for your help.



ADVERTS:

February Half Term "Crash" Swimming Course for Children at Ridgemedes Junior School Pool, Bishops Waltham

Lynne Bate is offering half hour classes from 8.30–10.30am daily for beginner and intermediate classes. Cost is £25 per child for a five day course. Due to small class numbers please book early. For more information please contact Lynne Bate on 01489 896102.

Caravan For Sale

Desco Plus, 4 berth caravan (2006). Modern interior, fridge freezer, hob, electric flush toilet, blackout blinds, fixed bunks, low tow weight, only used twice. Awning also available. £5,500 ono. Please contact 01489 878590.

National Science and Engineering : Week 7 - 16th March

Fascinating exhibitions, interactive displays and lectures are taking place between 10.30 and 4.00pm on 8th March, Science and Engineering Day at Southampton University's Highfield Campus, University Road, Southampton. Discover the mysteries of planet Earth and its oceans at the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton on Saturday 15th March between 10.30 and 4.00pm. All events are free of charge and there is no need to pre-book. For more information visit www.creatingthefuture.net.

Free Learndirect on-line courses "Maths for our School"

Free courses are available to improve adult's skills in Maths and so be better able to help your children at home. The company running these courses make a £25 donation to a school project and you receive £25 on passing your first test. There are also courses available to improve English. Ring Winchester or Eastleigh Learning Centres on 01962 849092 or 02380 013253 to book a time. Places available between 9.30 - 1.30 and 2.30 - 4.30 and evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. Leaflets about the "Maths for our School" project are available from the school office.

Upright Piano - Free to Collector!

Please see Mrs Doran in Year 3.

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