

# Swanmore Primary School

# Newsletter

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## PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Once again I am writing to please ask for your consideration when dropping off and picking up your children from school. Please ensure you park close to other cars in the parents' car park in order to maximise space.

We still have problems with cars parking on the single yellow line outside of the shops - this is equivalent to double yellow lines between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm. These cars are often parked on the pavement, blocking traffic, causing problems for parents with pushchairs and most importantly blocking the view of children trying to cross the road.

I appreciate that parking in one of the pub car parks means a slightly longer walk to school, but for the safety of our children - it has to be worth it!



## CHARITY FUN DAY

On Friday, 8th February we plan to hold a Charity Fun Day. The School Council have decided that the money shall go to the NSPCC. The day will involve a variety of exciting activities and it will be a non-uniform and bad hair day!

The day will finish with an assembly where, rumour has it, some of the teachers may be asked to do some silly and possibly quite embarrassing tasks! During the day the children will also be given the opportunity to buy five tickets to try to win one of the staff promises. More details to follow.

## NEW EXTENSION

Building work behind Year 4 will start next Monday, 28th January, and last until the end of March.

As explained in the last newsletter there will be no access along the side of the Year 4 classroom for the duration of the project. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



## YEAR 6 SATS

Thank you to those parents who attended our meeting to find out more about the tests at the end of Year 6.



If you would like to purchase revision books for these tests they are available at the school office for the following price:

English, Maths and Science Question Books  
@ £1.00 each

English, Maths and Science Study Books and  
Literacy Hour - the tricky bits @ £2.00 each

## RECENT LETTERS

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

- ◇ Y5 Fishbourne Roman Palace
- ◇ Balaclavas for Y6, *please reply by 25th January*
- ◇ Infants - "Get kids on the Go!"
- ◇ Slapped Cheek Disease
- ◇ Juniors - Details of Private Tennis Lessons at School
- ◇ YR Parent Questionnaire (*please return by Friday, 25th January*)

## Y6 PARENTS' MEETING RE: WALES RESIDENTIAL VISIT

Just a reminder that we will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, 6th February at 3.40pm for parents of children in Y6 about the forthcoming residential visits to Wales. We hope you are able to attend.



## Y6 PLAY LEADERS

The lunchtime play leader scheme has been launched this week. The children are being kept active and seem to be enjoying the activities so far.

The Y6 play leaders are doing an excellent job and keep suggesting ideas to further improve the activities and the fun!

## SCHOOL GROUNDS WORKING PARTY - SATURDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 9.30am - 12.00noon

After the successful completion of the path from the back of school to the beginning of the Play Trail we are now planning Phase 2. This will run all the way down the side of the Play Trail so keeping the children off the muddy grass when they are walking back to the beginning of the trail.

The work is planned for Saturday, 9th February from 9.30am - 12.00noon. We had a fantastic group of helpers last time and would really appreciate their time and support again. If you helped out during the last working party and can help this time then please contact the school office. Many thanks for your support.



## SCHOOL WEBSITE

If you had forgotten that Valentine's Day is just round the corner don't worry. The school online shop can help with those carefully thought out last minute gifts.



Thorntons would be a good place to start in my opinion! The school would receive a donation of 6% of the value of any orders placed with them through our site.

There are many other retailers to choose from. Just go to [www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk](http://www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk) and click on the online shop button.

While you are there you could enter a competition to win £500 of Marks and Spencer vouchers.  
**MR VICKERY**

## SWANMORE BIKE BONANZA

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2008 over 200 people turned up for the Bike Bonanza on New Road, despite the dreadful weather forecast. About 70 children ranging from 4-12 took part, by bringing their bikes along to be coached by the KROWS (Kid Riders of Waltham and Swanmore). The



KROWS demonstrated their skills on the bike ramps and then spent time with groups of children teaching them how to skid, wheelie or ride the ramps.

The intention of the event was to bring together all age groups of bike enthusiasts, show them the sorts of skills possible on the ramps, and ultimately form the "KROWS Bike Club", based at the New Road bike and skate park.

The day was a huge success. The organisers would like to thank everyone who attended the event with a special thanks to those who helped out on the day. We would like to thank the Swanmore Parish Council, Chase Cycles and the Police Community Support Officers who all supported and helped in the planning of the event.

We would also like to mention several local businesses that gave donations, Budgens Bishops Waltham, Chase Cycles, Lamerton Brand, Ron Upfield, Robert Stewart butchers, Westland Farm shop, Sign Tec, and Stainers Bakery.

The KROWS plan to be at the park each Sunday from 2pm, weather permitting. Anyone wishing to join in will be most welcome! If you would like to know more about the KROWS bike club please contact:



Grant via email [grant\\_simms@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grant_simms@hotmail.co.uk) or Chris on 07779 228398

**The KROWS.**

## IT'S COLD!

We still have a number of children coming to school without coats!



In order for the children to play outside at break times they do need to have coats at school. It would also help if they have **named** hats, scarves, gloves, etc as well.

For PE lessons track suits/jogging trousers, etc would also be useful.

# STOP PRESS - YEAR R "FIRST CLASS" PHOTO IN DAILY ECHO TONIGHT!

We have today been notified that the photograph taken of YR at the start of term will appear in the Daily Echo's "First Class" supplement tonight, Wednesday, 23rd January.

If you would like to buy copies of the photo they can be brought on-line by visiting [www.dailyecho.co.uk](http://www.dailyecho.co.uk), clicking on "Photographs" on the left-hand side and then clicking on "Click here to search for photos". The picture reference you will need is 6162172. Alternatively photos can be ordered by calling 023 8042 4777.

## ADVERTS:

### CIRCUIT TRAINING

#### LADIES ONLY AND MIXED SESSIONS



For ladies only at Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham on Mondays 1.30—2.30pm and Fridays 10.00—11.00am. Also at Wickham Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.00—11.00am.

A new mixed session is starting on 11th February at Swanmore College on Mondays at 7.00—8.00pm. £4.00 per session. For more information please contact John or Eiko on 07724300965 or 01329 835274.

### GREETINGS CARDS FOR SALE

Beautiful greetings cards for sale, showing prints of paintings and drawings produced by local South Coast artists. All cards are individually wrapped and blank inside for your own message. Available in packs of 10 for £4.00 (this is the minimum, other quantities available by request. Please contact Kirsty Williams on 01489 891475 (evenings only).



### OPEN AUDITIONS FOR GROUNDINGS THEATRE COMPANY

#### AT SOUTHSEA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY, 27th JANUARY 2008



Open Auditions will take place for adults and children to appear in "Perfick" a musical adaptation from the TV series "The Darling Buds of May" to be performed at The Kings Theatre, Southsea between 8th—12th April 2008. On Sunday, 27th January just turn up at 9.30am with a song prepared, and a recent photo of yourself. Also please be prepared to stay the whole day. For more information call Groundlings Theatre Company on 02392 737370.

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.

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