

Swanmore Primary School

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FOSPS - SUMMER FAIR

A big thank you to FOSPS for organising such a spectacular Summer Fair again this year. Well done to Becky Beard and her hard working team for making the evening such a success.

Also thank you to all parents and staff who helped set up and run the stalls and of course to everyone who kindly contributed items and those who attended. We hope you enjoyed it.

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the death of Pam Pynigar, one of our lunchtime supervisory assistants. Pam had been ill for the past few weeks and the exact cause of death won't be known until the post mortem is undertaken.

Pam worked at the school for six years and will be greatly missed. All our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

STAFFING FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

I am delighted to tell you that Miss Ward-Smith is getting married in the summer holidays and will become Mrs Coombes. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her every happiness in the future.

Just a reminder that we have appointed Mrs Swain to replace Mrs Danby, who is retiring at the end of term.

Your child will find out who their new teacher will be on 1st July and at this time I will let you know where all the teachers and teaching assistants will be based in September.

JUNIOR SPORTS

Once again we had a very exciting afternoon at the Junior Sports. Well done to everyone who took part and put such a lot of effort into the races.

Our thanks go to Swanmore College of Technology for allowing us, once again, to use their facilities, Mrs Atkinson for organising this event, the parents who kindly helped walk the children down to the College and, of course, to everyone who came to cheer on the children - your support was very much appreciated.



SCHOOL GROUNDS WORKING PARTY

Thank you to everyone who helped at our recent school grounds working party. We have now cleared an area near the play trail ready for a circle of seating. This will become our outside story telling area.



SWANMORE COMBINED SUNDAY SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Combined Church Service on Sunday. The children performed extremely well and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Bullard for helping to organise this event.



YEAR 6 BIVVY CAMP

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who kindly helped set up the Y6 Bivvy Camp. All the children had a great time.

Thank you also to all the Year 5 parents who very generously gave up their time to clean the bivvy equipment ready for next year - a vital job!

CLASS/TEAM PHOTOS MONDAY, 30th JUNE

This is to let you know that class and team photographs will be taken on the morning of Monday, 30th June, so could you please ensure that your child is wearing smart school uniform, including a school sweater/cardigan, on that day. Last year we also took a photo of the whole of Year 6 and the whole of Year R, which proved very popular. You are then able to have a photographic record of the children in their first and final years at Primary School.



If your child is in a school team, including the Morris Side, please make sure they have their team kit/costume with them.

The photographs will be available to buy before the end of term.

GOODBYE MRS DANBY

After 23 years at Swanmore Primary School Mrs Danby, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, will be retiring at the end of term. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for her please either call into the school office or send in a contribution in a sealed envelope marked "Mrs Danby's collection".

PARENTS PARKING

As you are aware parking is limited at the beginning and end of the school day and, unfortunately, we do not have marked parking bays in the car park. Could you, therefore, please park as efficiently as possible so that as many vehicles as possible can use the car park. Please do not use the staff car park. Thank you for your help.



EARLY ARRIVALS

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children arriving at school very early in the morning. Unfortunately we are not able to supervise children at this time. Could I remind you that children should arrive at school only 10 minutes before registration - for the infants this is 8.50am and for the juniors 8.45am. Thank you for your support.

SALE OF SECOND HAND UNIFORM AND DISPLAY OF LOST PROPERTY

The last sale, this term, of Second Hand Uniform will be held on Tuesday, 24th June at 3.30pm at the front of the school. We are always grateful for any good quality items of school uniform that children have outgrown, please hand them into the school office.

We will also be displaying lost property, including lunch boxes, purses, sweaters, etc. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

SCHOOL MEALS - NOW FREE RANGE!

We have been asked to pass on the following message from HC3S, our school caterers.

HC3S are working on increasing the number of local products used in school meals as those of you who watched our "Meal or No Meal" DVD will know.

We are, therefore, extremely pleased to have arranged a contract with a local egg farmer in the New Forest, for free range eggs. They are collected from the farm by our main distributor, 3663, on route back to the Salisbury depot which also ensures minimum food miles! The eggs are used in all our homemade items on the menu.



This was no easy achievement and we were delighted to receive a "Good Egg Award" from Compassion in World Farming for doing so—the first county council to ever be presented with this award.

These free range eggs join our increasing selection of local produce used in school meals: pork for our sausages, beef in meatballs and burgers, milk, fish, cheese and vegetables.

And, please remember no price change in September - regardless of food prices, the Hampshire school meal will remain at £1.90 until April 2009.

For more information about primary school meals, please contact Amanda Frost, Head of Catering Services or Sylvie About, Head of Primary Operations and Training. Both can be contacted via 0213 8062 9388 or email HC3S.Support@hants.gov.uk

SOPHIE'S GIFT

I'm sure you are all aware of the terrible road accident last October involving Sophie Wilkinson, who attended Swanmore Primary School between September 1994 - July 2001.

Since the accident Sophie's parents have set up a Charity - Sophie's Gift - to raise money for a mobile CT Scanner.

We would like to support this charity by holding a non-uniform day on Friday, 4th July and ask the children to bring in a donation of £1.00 or more in return for not wearing school uniform.

This is a very worthwhile cause and I hope you all feel able to support the event.

RECENT LETTERS

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

- ◇ Y2 Meeting for Parents re SATs and transition to Y3.
- ◇ YR Meeting for Parents re Transition to Y1.
- ◇ Y6 visit to Portsmouth Cathedral.
- ◇ Y6 Changes to Swimming Sessions
- ◇ Headlice letter from Parent Partnership Group.

DISTRICT SPORTS FIELD EVENTS

This event, which involves all the local primary schools, took place recently and I am delighted to tell you that Swanmore won the trophy. Very well done to all the children who took part for such a great effort. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support us.



CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL

(Children born between 1.9.97 and 31.8.98)

We have a limited number of leaflets in the school office which give a brief guide on choosing a secondary school. Please call in if you would like one. In September we will be issuing a guide to applying for a secondary school place and also an application form which needs to be completed and returned promptly.

APPLICATIONS FOR UNIFORM GRANT AND FREE TRANSPORT FOR YEAR 6 MOVING ON TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Uniform Grant

You are able to claim money towards new school uniform if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:



- Income Support,
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Support under part VI of the Asylum Act 1999,
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £15,575. Parents who receive Working Tax Credit in addition to Child Tax Credit do not qualify.
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.

Please call into the school office for an application form.



Free Transport

If you live more than three miles (by the nearest available walking route) from your designated catchment secondary school you are able to claim free transport. Please call into the office for an application form.



A little more information about the event is set out below.

The evening begins with a drinks reception during which the raffle tickets will be sold at a cost of £5.00 each. All funds from our raffle will be going to BRAKE. This year there will be a professional photographer who will be taking formal and informal photographs during the evening which can then be purchased direct from their website. 10% of the proceeds will be donated.

The wine ordered on the booking form will be put on your table together with bottles of Llanllyr Source Water and a bottle of Hill Farm's Apple Juice. Additional drinks will be available at the cash bar. You may want to bring something warm to wear for when the sun goes down. Parking will be available in the parents' car park but not on the school grounds.



Carriages 1.30am

Dress Code: Black Tie



We sincerely hope everyone has a lovely evening and wish to thank everyone who has contributed to this event.

The Ball Committee

ADVERTS:

WANTED

Help needed with flower beds and borders for about half a day once a month.
Please phone 01489 890933



CHILDMINDER - IMMEDIATE VACANCIES

Fully qualified NNEB NVQ Nanny living in Bishops Waltham has immediate vacancies.
Telephone Emma on 01489 895413 or mobile 07803 246289.

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