

Swanmore Primary School

Newsletter

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CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

9.15am FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER

We would like to invite you to our Carols Round the Tree on Friday, 19th December. Unfortunately, due to Health and Safety regulations, we do not have enough room in the school hall for everyone who would like to attend this popular event.

After discussion with the Parent Partnership Group we have decided to distribute the 160 tickets on a "first come, first served" basis! Tickets will be available on Monday, 8th December from 9.00am in the school office - a maximum of two tickets per family. In order to allow as many parents/grandparents to attend as possible I'm afraid we will not be able to accommodate secondary school children.

I appreciate that if you work full time you may be unable to collect a ticket at 9.00am on Monday morning. I am, therefore, happy for other parents to collect them for you.

If, nearer to the time, you find that you are unable to attend the Carols please could you return your ticket to the school office as we will be keeping a waiting list.

Whilst we would like to welcome pre-school brothers and sisters, we do ask that you arrange child-care if you feel that they will not be able to sit still during the Carols.



FOSPS 50p PRESENT SALE

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated presents for the 50p present sale. The children had a great time choosing gifts and we hope you enjoy Christmas morning when you open the ones chosen for you!



Once again a big thank you to FOSPS for organising this event and many thanks to all the parents who helped out. We are delighted to announce that the event raised £375.75.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The post box will be in the hall from Monday, 8th December for your child to post cards to their friends in school.



Unfortunately every year we have a number of cards that cannot be delivered as they only have a child's first name on them. To ensure the cards reach the correct person, could you please mark the envelope with the recipient's first name, surname and class. Thank you.

FOSPS LUXURY HAMPERS

Any new and unopened luxury festive items for these would be very much appreciated, please bring them to the school office.

Tickets will be available to buy during the last week of term, more details to follow from FOSPS.

FOSPS will be drawing the winning tickets for the Luxury Hampers at Carols Round the Tree on the last day of term, Friday, 19th December.

SICKNESS

We have recently had children unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea. The new guidelines from Hampshire County Council state that children need to be free of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.



To stop the spread of illness in school I would ask that you keep to these guidelines. Thank you for your assistance with this.

ASSEMBLY LIST FOR SPRING TERM 2009

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

Year	Class	Date	Time	Place
Year 1	Mrs Hughes/Mrs Wills	Friday, 6th March	2.55pm	School Hall
Year 1	Miss Whitwell	Friday, 27th February	2.55pm	School Hall
Year 3	Mrs Doran	Wednesday, 4th March	9.15am	St Barnabas
Year 3	Mrs Mundy	Wednesday, 14th January Friday, 27th March	9.15am 2.55pm	St Barnabas School Hall
Year 4	Mrs Atkinson	Friday, 16th January	2.55pm	School Hall
Year 4	Mrs Toft	Wednesday, 4th February	9.15am	St Barnabas
Year 5	Mr Cook	Friday, 13th March	2.55pm	School Hall
Year 5	Miss Duckett	Wednesday, 18th March Friday, 6th February	9.15am 2.55pm	School Hall St Barnabas
Year 6	Mrs Dirks / Mrs Davies	Friday, 23rd January (with 6H) Wednesday, 11th March	2.55pm 9.15am	School Hall St Barnabas
Year 6	Mr Hughes	Friday, 23rd January (with 6D) Wednesday, 25th March	2.55pm 9.15am	School Hall St Barnabas

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Friday, 13th February at 2.55pm

Children in the infants will be holding a special assembly on Friday, 13th February. On this occasion they will be performing to the rest of the school only, and not to parents.

Friday, 20th March at 2.45pm - Mothers Day Assembly

There will be a special assembly by the infants to celebrate Mothers Day on Friday, 20th March held in St Barnabas Church. Parents of children in Years R, 1 and 2 are very welcome to attend.

Just a reminder that Friday assemblies now start at 2.55pm.

THE TIMES / SUNDAY TIMES FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

We are taking part in this promotion in The Times and The Sunday Times, enabling us to receive new books for our school library.

We have a collecting box in the school office, please send any vouchers in with your child.



RECENT LETTERS

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

- ◇ YR Nativity
- ◇ Y1/2 Christmas Production "The Donkey Seller"
- ◇ Y5 Homework
- ◇ Y4 Concert
- ◇ Parent Questionnaire
- ◇ Christmas decorations for Green Team

Y6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO WALES

Just a reminder that Friday, 12th December is the deadline to return the reply slip to let us know if you would like your child to go on the residential visit to Wales.



Could you also please let us have your initial deposit by this date. Thank you for your help.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Juniors - Wednesday, 17th December.
Infants - Thursday, 18th December

If you have ordered Christmas Lunch **please remember to send in the money in a named envelope on the appropriate day.**

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a hot meal for Infants on the Wednesday, nor for Juniors on the Thursday. Could you please supply your child with a packed lunch on these days. Thank you for your help.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder most of our after school clubs finish this Friday, 5th December.

As always, Choir and Orchestra will continue until the end of term.

The peripatetic music lessons are also still taking place. If your child takes part in these lessons please make sure their musical instrument is brought into school.

HEALTHY SNACKS FOR JUNIOR CHILDREN

We have had a good response to our offer of Healthy Snacks for Junior children.

As this is a very busy time of year for you we have decided to extend the deadline for return of the form to Wednesday, 10th December.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the parent questionnaire. Just a reminder that it needs to be returned by next Friday, 12th December.

If you could please spare a few minutes of your time to fill it out - the more that are completed then the more realistic idea we have about parents' views of the school.

DIARY DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE AUTUMN TERM AND THE FIRST HALF OF THE SPRING TERM 2009

(We will send further details of events taking place next term nearer the date)

Thursday, 4th December	2.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Production	
Friday, 5th December	2.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Production Clubs Finish	
Wednesday, 10th December	2.30pm Y4 Music Concert for Parents	
Thursday, 11th December	pm Y6 Christmas Party	
Friday, 12th December	Choir performing at Day Centre, Swanmore pm Y5 Christmas Party	
Monday, 15th December	YR Dress Rehearsal pm Y3 Christmas Party	
Tuesday, 16th December	YR Dress Rehearsal Choir performing at Swanmore Village Hall pm Y2 Christmas Party	
Wednesday, 17th December	Y2 Visit to see Cinderella in Southsea Juniors Christmas Lunch 2,30pm YR Nativity to Parents in St Barnabas Church Y1 Christmas Party	
Thursday, 18th December	Infants Christmas Lunch YR Christmas Party	
Friday, 19th December	9.15am Carols Around the Tree Y4 Christmas Party School finishes for Christmas Holidays	

SPRING TERM 2009

Monday, 5th January	PROFESSIONAL DAY CLOSURE	
Tuesday, 6th January	School reopens for the Spring Term	
Friday, 9th January	9.15am Pantomime Hunchback of Notre Dame to whole school	
Monday, 12th January	Clubs restart	
Tuesday, 20th January	Y3D Swimming	
Wednesday, 21st January	Y3D Swimming	
Tuesday, 27th January	Y3D Swimming	
Wednesday, 28th January	Y3D Swimming	
Friday, 30th January	Charity Day	
Tuesday, 3rd February	Y3D Swimming	
Wednesday, 4th February	Y3D Swimming 3.40pm Parents Meeting re Wales Residential Visit in Y6H	
Monday, 9th February	Y4A Woods	
Tuesday, 10th February	Y3D Swimming pm Cross Country Race at Droxford Junior School	
Wednesday, 11th February	Governors' Day Y3D Swimming	
Tuesday, 12th February	Y4T Visit to the Woods Y5 Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace	
Monday, 16 th - Friday, 20th February	HALF TERM	

ADVERTS

REFLEXOLOGY



Have you considered trying reflexology?
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Stuck for a Christmas gift idea....?

Reflexology gift vouchers make a lovely treat!

For more information, please contact:

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- * Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham (Ladies only)
Monday 1.30-2.30pm and Friday 10-11am
- * Wickham Community Centre (Ladies only)
Tuesday 10-11am
- * Swanmore College: (mixed sessions)
Monday 7-8pm and Thursday 7.30-8.30pm

£4 per session



For info please contact John or Eiko 07724300965 or 01329 835274



NEW TAEKWONDO CLASS FOR ADULTS STARTING IN THE NEW YEAR!



Why don't you make it one of your New Year's Resolutions to get fit while learning a new skill?
From 14 January 2009 Powerhouse TKD club will be starting a new class on Wednesday evenings
(from 7-8pm) in Swanmore. This will be for adults only and aimed at beginners (£3 a lesson).

For more information please visit the club's website (www.powerhousetkd.com)

If you are interested in a **free** trial, please contact Darren Bailey on 07531 805642 or
at Darren@powerhousetkd.com



SPLASH KIDZ CLUB CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER 9.30am - 3.00pm



Christmas is on it's way! Stressed out about the Christmas shopping? The Kings Church can make it that little bit easier for you Drop your children off from 9.30 - 3.00pm to enjoy an action packed Christmas themed day with games, stories, crafts and get your shopping done whilst your children are having fun! (Ages 4-11). Drinks will be provided. £5.00 per child. Book now to ensure your child's place: The Kings Church, High Street, Bishops Waltham SO32 1AA. Tel 01489 895992, www.kingschurch.org



MAGICAL CHRISTMAS BAUBLE HUNT SUNDAY, 7th DECEMBER 12.00noon - 3.00pm



The above bauble hunt will take place at West Walk, Hundred Acres, Boarhunt on Sunday, 7th December between 12.00noon and 3.00pm. This is run by HOME START and will cost £2.50 per child, present from Santa included. Refreshments and stalls available.

ADVERTS

BOOK NOW FOR SPORTSCOACH SPRING TERM PLACES!

SportsCoach are now taking bookings for the Spring Term starting on 10th January 2009. The school takes place on Saturday mornings, between 9.00–10.30 for ages 4-6 and 9.30–12.30 for ages 6-16 at Purbrook Park School, Waterloooville and is open to all youngsters.

Over the year students will enjoy 18 different sports together with team building challenges. The students work in small groups of up to 16 students with supportive, professional coaches. All coaches have enhanced CRB checks.



The sports for next term include: netball, unihoc, American football, fencing and badminton.



Please call 02392 251116 for more details or see our website,
www.sportscoach.co.uk

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