

## Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents

### YEAR 3

Welcome back to the new school year and the beginning of Key Stage 2 (KS2). I understand that although your child's journey continues through the school, there are some different routines in KS2 that you may not be aware of and I thought it might be helpful to share those at the beginning of the year. I acknowledge the end of Year 2 is perhaps more helpful and I will do this in future.

The classroom doors open a little earlier in KS2, at 8.45. We have the slight difference so if families have siblings in KS1, you can get to both classrooms, should you like to. We ask the children to wait by the fence outside the classrooms and the teachers will meet them there. At the end of the day the children will wait on the class side of the fence and be dismissed to you from there. If your child does meet you somewhere in the school please do let your teacher know so they let your child go to meet you.

In KS1, children had free fruit snacks as supplied by the government. Unfortunately, this stops in KS2. You are welcome to supply a healthy snack for break, or alternatively, HC3S do run a 'snack bar' for KS2 at first break. This is run from the kitchen and they sell a range of snacks. Children can bring some money in for a snack and a drink. Please don't give your child lots of money as they will eat too much as a snack and there is not enough time to eat a lot in the first break. The children are responsible for looking after any snack money they bring. Some items are:

Bread roll	30p
Fresh fruit	30p
Raisins	25p
Orange juice	25p
Milk	35p
Fruit Bread	35p

As I've previously shared, our cloakrooms are not big enough to store all the large bags and rucksacks that the children bring to school. Infant children do not need to have a school bag/rucksack as everything they need to take to and from school can be carried in a book bag. Junior children, in some cases, may need a small bag, but, in order for the cloakrooms not to become cluttered with bags falling on the floor, please only allow your child to use it when it is really necessary.

In KS1 school lunches are free as they are funded by the government. Unfortunately, this does not continue into KS2. Lunch can be paid through the scopay website, information for this was circulated before the holiday. In KS1 the children went straight into lunch, in KS2 the children's classes are on

a rota and they are called in a class at a time. This is rotated so a different class goes first/last over a period of time.

Throughout KS2 the children will visit Captain Phillimore's Wood and will need appropriate clothes and lunches for this and we will send further information related to this nearer the time of the children's visit. The children also have their first school residential overnight on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018.

On a Wednesday morning KS2 children attend Worship on Wednesday (WOW) in St Barnabas. This is led by either a class, Reverend Claire or representative or myself. When it is your child's class worship, you will be invited to come and share it. They begin at 9.15. We ask that families use the chairs at the rear of the church and not the pews, as the children will take up the space there. We do teach the children to treat the church as a special place and we invite families to wait quietly please.

Sports Day has a slightly different approach in KS2 and is held in the afternoon following the family picnics. This is focussed more on the track and traditional school sports day events and we will share more information nearer the time.

I am sure in the business of a school year there will be other things that will occur that I have not mentioned here and we will look to give you good notice of those. As always, should there be a worry, please do come and see staff as we do want the school to be as supportive as is possible. Thank you for your continued support and here's to another successful year!

Yours sincerely

J Paterson  
Headteacher