



15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **The Children's Commissioner Survey**

The Children's Commissioner has released a new survey called 'The Big Ambition'. The purpose of the survey is to hear directly from children, young people, and parents from across the country about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. As we approach a General Election, the Children's Commissioner believes it is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6, up to 18. Alongside this, parents and other adults can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0, up to 5, to also hear from early years settings.

You can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

### **Absences**

Thank you for calling in if your child is absent, so we know they are safe. Please note, the office opens at 8.00 and closes at 4.30.

### **Playground Equipment**

As a reminder, please can we ask that you make sure your children are not using the playframe or gym equipment on the playground in the mornings before school. Whilst we appreciate that there are some families that have adults supervising their children, some children do come in by themselves, so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that children do not use the playframe or gym equipment in the mornings. These will be available for children to use at their usual break times. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

### **Staff Vacancies**

We currently have a 1:1 Teaching Assistant Support staff post available which we have further details on our website [www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk](http://www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk) and vacancies can be found under, Our School – Staff – Staff Vacancies.

## **Diary Dates for the Autumn Term**

<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
<b>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y4M Woods Visit
<b>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Y4S Woods Visit
<b>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	YR Family Picnic
<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Y6 Assembly
<b>Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	FOSPS Boot & Loot
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
<b>Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y3G Woods Visit
<b>Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y3MJ Woods Visit
<b>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	YR Bell Ringing
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
<b>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
<b>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Census Day
<b>Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October- Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Y4M Minstead Residential
<b>Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Y4S Minstead Residential

### **School Closures for the Academic Year 23/24**

Friday, 29th March Good Friday  
Monday, 6th May Early May bank holiday

### **Inset Days for the Academic Year 23/24**

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May