



22nd September 2023

Christmas Card Competition

The Conservative Member of Parliament for Meon Valley, Flick Drummond, is launching this year's constituency Christmas Card competition for primary school age children. The theme of the card should be 'Christmas in Parliament'. The winning design, as well as second and third place, will all feature on Flick's card this year which will be going out to people across the constituency.

Flick says she is always amazed by the standard of entries for the competition and last year's winner Tilly from Queen's Enclosure School produced a great design, so she looks forward to seeing the card designs this year.

There are only a few rules....

1. Please only draw your design inside the lines of the template
2. No collage or glitter designs
3. No digital designs
4. Design must be sent to my office before 3rd November for the entry to be accepted
5. Please write your name and full address clearly on the back of the design



The winners and runners up will each be issued with a book token and a copy of the finished Christmas card, as well as being announced officially on Flick's webpage and Facebook. On top of this the Prime Minister will look at the winning design!

If you would like to enter please print off the template attached, draw your design and send to Flick Drummonds office at this address:

Flick Drummond MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

For inspiration, the 2 last year's winner's designs have also been attached.

Good luck to all children!



Nasal Flu Spray

A parentmail was sent out earlier this week mentioning the date of the nasal flu spray, please note this was amended to Monday, 25th September. We apologise for any confusion.

School Assemblies

After a wonderful summer break, we are delighted to share that our much-enjoyed Friday class assemblies will be returning from Friday, 29th September beginning with Year 6H. These are shared across our year groups and classes so everyone gets a turn to get involved.

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The assemblies are shared across our year groups and classes so everyone gets a turn to get involved. Invites to attend are open to adults with children in the respective classes who are conducting the assembly for that week. These details are on the school calendar and sent out in each weekly bulletin, so keep an eye out for your child's class!

Getting in Touch With Class Teachers

We understand throughout the school year families will have questions for their child's class teacher and wish to chat with them about various things. At the start of the school day our lovely teachers across the school are in their classrooms welcoming your children in to start their day so a general rule of thumb is unless it is a brief note, to catch the teacher at the end of the school day when they have some time to do this. Alternatively if you need to get in touch with them sooner, the best way to do that is to email into the school using the email address, adminoffice@swanmore-pri.hants.sch.uk or by calling the office on 01489 894 555 as this method gets to the class teacher quickest as opposed to dojo or parentmail.

Bikes & Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many children starting the day off cycling or scooting to school! Great way for our brains to get working and for the environment too. Please can we ask that when your child approaches the school gate to enter the playground that they dismount and walk their bike or scooter to the Y2 bike/scooter rack where they can park it until the end of the school day. Thank you for your support.

Y4 Minstead

Thank you for those families that have completed and returned their Minstead forms to us. Please may we ask that any families that have not yet done so, hand these in as soon as possible.

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 and vacancies can be found under, Our School – Staff – Staff Vacancies.

Parking

As we have settled back into the school term, I wanted to write regarding parking and walking to school.

For new families, the community has kindly offered support with parking in an effort to reduce the amount of cars on the road. They are at:

- The village car park
- The car park by the pavilion in Broad Lane
- The village hall car park
- The car park behind the Methodist Church
- The Rising Sun Pub's 'car park

I appreciate that the weather is not as lovely as it has been, but as there is now so much parking available, we have a real opportunity to reduce traffic in the centre of the village and keep children safer. Therefore, please park in one of these places. We thank the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, the Methodist Church, and the Ring Sun for supporting your children, and we need to show our appreciation by using the parking provided please. All we have been asked is that the car parks are used for drop-off and pick-up rather than throughout the day, as they will be in use.

We regularly have members of the community contact us if someone has parked across their driveway and blocked them in. Please park respectfully and take care of pedestrians.

Please do support the children in this, use the car parks available, and reduce traffic by the school so it is safer for you and your children.

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, 30th October

Monday, 20th November

Tuesday, 2nd January

Friday, 3rd May

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Saturday, 23rd September	FOSPS Boot & Loot
Monday, 25th September	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
Monday, 25th September	Nasal Flu Spray
Tuesday, 26th September	Y3G Woods Visit
Wednesday, 27th September	YR Family Picnic
Thursday, 28th September	Y3MJ Woods Visit
Friday, 29th September	YR Bell Ringing
Friday, 29th September	Y6H Class Assembly
Monday, 4th September	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
Monday, 2nd October	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
Thursday, 5th October	Census Day
Monday, 9th October	Y3MJ Swimming Lesson
Wednesday, 11th October	Harvest Festival
Monday, 16th October- Wednesday, 18th October	Y4M Minstead Residential
Thursday, 19th October	Y2 Brickworks Museum Visit
Wednesday, 18th October- Friday, 20th October	Y4S Minstead Residential
Friday, 20th October	Y3MJ Class Assembly
Wednesday, 8th November	Y6K Worship Assembly
Friday, 20th November	Y5N Class Assembly
Friday, 1st December	Y3G Class Assembly