



20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**We all hope you have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

### **Uniform**

Over the half term, please do check on your child's shoes as they may have grown. The children should have black school style shoes. In these more challenging times, if there are any difficulties affording these, please do let us know and we will look to support you.

### **School Assemblies**

Y5N had their class assembly today and it was excellent! A huge well done Y5N, excellent effort and thank you for a thoroughly enjoyable assembly.

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!

### **Harvest Festival**

Southampton City Mission have sent a thank you letter for everyone's generous donations. Thank you again everyone for your support.

### **Y7 Applications**

As a reminder, if your child is currently in Y6 and will be going to secondary school, you can now [apply for your child's school place for September 2024](#). Secondary school applications are open until **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

Applications can be [submitted online](#), while paper forms can be requested by emailing [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk).

Parents who apply online can log back into the system to amend their applications at any time before the closing date on 31 October 2023. Applications must be resubmitted after making any changes. Anyone who needs to make changes to a paper application should contact [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk).

Parents who applied online and on time will be notified of the outcome of their application on 1 March 2024, and two to three working days later by letter if they applied using a paper form.

For more online guidance, parents should visit the [Education and Learning pages](#) on the County Council's website.

## **YR September 2024**

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2024. Applications open 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with the notification date of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. For support and guidance when you are applying for a school place you can contact the county admissions team on [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk), Hampshire County Council Children's Services Department, Elizabeth II Court North, Winchester SO23 8UG or by calling 0300 555 1377

## **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.

## **FOSPS**

Don't forget to grab your firework tickets before they sell out. Tickets are available via the FOSPS brand new website [www.pta-events.com/swanmoreprimary](http://www.pta-events.com/swanmoreprimary) the website can also be accessed under the FOSPS page on the school website too [www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk](http://www.swanmoreprimary.org.uk) Please take a look at FOSPS latest newsletter which is attached for some exciting updates!

## **Rotary Shoebox Scheme**

It has been great to see how many boxes have gone home this week for the Shoebox Scheme, if anyone would like a box, we have today been handed a few extras, so please do feel free to pop to the school office to collect one.

### **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

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

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May Early May bank holiday

## Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

<b>Monday, 23rd - Friday, 27th October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday, 30th October</b>	Inset Day
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	School Photographer
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Be Bright Be Seen Non-Uniform Day
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Fireworks Night
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y6K Worship Assembly
<b>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y1-6 Parents Evening
<b>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	FOSPS AGM
<b>Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Y1-6 Parents Evening
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y3MJ Class Assembly
<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y6 Visit to Southampton Art Gallery
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Y3G Class Assembly
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas is Coming Non-Uniform Day
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Sale and Drinks