



Swan Lane First School



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Dates for your Diary – Don't forget you can sync our school calendar with your phone's on our mobile app.

Monday 26th November – Year 1 Welly Week

Wednesday 5th December – Reception Production to Parents

Tuesday 11th December – IJ visit to Sandfield Farm

Wednesday 12th December – 3V visit to Sandfield Farm

Wednesday 12th December – Flute Assembly

Thursday 13th December – School Disco

Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17th December – KS2 Party Day

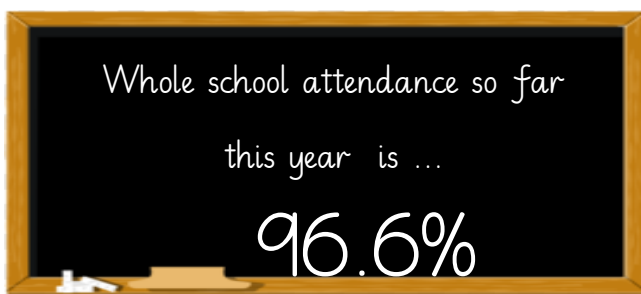
Tuesday 18th December – KS2 Swan Theatre Visit

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 20th December KSI Party Day/Clive Chandler Puppets

Friday 21st December – Last Day of Term

Attendance



Smartphone Amnesty



Do you have a smartphone sat in a drawer that you no longer use? **If you do**, then we could make use of it. As long as phones are factory reset and the SIM card is removed, we can use them to support lots of our lessons. We would like to use them in virtual reality headsets, to create our own apps and to send code to robots via Bluetooth.

All we require is a phone with a screen which is intact and the charger to go with it. If you have a phone you are willing to donate, please see Mr Bowkett. Thank you.

Reception Nativity



Parents/carers of Reception children are invited to see this year's nativity on Wednesday 5th December at 9.30am. The doors will be open

from 9.00am and we will be selling hot drinks and mince pies or a shortbread biscuit to get you into the Christmas spirit! A mince pie and a drink will cost £1.00. All profits will be going towards the purchase of new lighting to be used in future productions.

Maths Wizards at Work!

On Monday 5th November, four children from Year 5 represented the school at the Explore Learning Maths regional challenge.



The children travelled to the Explore Learning centre in Redditch – inside Sainsbury's Supermarket! Here, we were met by none other than Mr Batts – Mr Batts junior, that is! Jason Batts welcomed us and explained how the challenge would take place.

Then, the children were put through a gruelling hour of calculations, reasoning and logic problems. We were up against two other schools, one from Droitwich and one from Redditch, for a place in the regional finals. Eventually, the children had to present their answers, explaining their reasoning and logic, to a panel of judges who had been scrutinising their every move throughout the challenge.



We now have to wait a few days for the result – hopefully we will have made it through to the next round. We will keep you posted!

Computing Morning at Bengeworth Academy



On Thursday 25th October, four Year 4 children attended a fun filled morning at Bengeworth Academy, along with pupils from St. Mary's School, Harvington School and Bengeworth.



We were introduced to the wonderful Mr Delorenzo, (Mr D) who showed us how to use

and program some loveable little robots called 'Spheros'. We could make them race, play skittles and even play football!

After playtime we then learned how to program the Sphero and make it flash, wobble and burp! We were even able to make it write out our names on the floor.

Our thanks go to Mr D and Mrs Morgan at Bengeworth school for organising the event.

Gymnastics Festival at St Andrew's First School

On Thursday 15th November, four Year 3 children



represented our school at the gymnastics festival at St Andrew's School. The children travelled with Mrs Whitehouse to take part in this cluster schools event.

After an hour of some pretty intensive body conditioning, stretching and instructions, the children then learnt a routine to be performed in front of the whole ensemble.

The boys did a lovely routine which included running dives, forward rolls, star jumps and press-ups! The girls were a bit more flexible, showing some lovely running leaps, forward flips and cartwheels.

Mrs Whitehouse said " They really tried their very best and stood out from the crowd. I was so proud of them - they are all so bendy!"

We're in it Together!

Wednesday 21st November saw the class assembly for 5AB.

The production was a frothy extravaganza of acting, song, dance and a mix of jokes (both old and new). The theme was the 'Swan Lane Core Values', namely: Resilience, Curiosity, Loyalty, Compassion and Respect.

The children had lots of fun learning their roles and produced a polished performance, of which they can all feel particularly proud. Mr Batts



Opening of New Waitrose Store

One of our pupils, Tai, was chosen to cut the ribbon at the opening of the new Waitrose Store in Evesham on Thursday 22nd November. He was chosen because his birthday was the same day as the grand opening!



Cleaning Vacancy

We have a vacancy for someone to join our cleaning team in January 2019. The hours are 3.15 - 5.45pm. If you are interested, or know someone else who may be interested in this position, then please contact the school office for further details