



# 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 7th January - Teacher Education Day

Tuesday 8th January - Spring 1 begins for pupils

Tuesday 15th January - Y3 Swimming begins

Thursday 17th January - Come Dine with 5RAB

Wednesday 30th January - 5RKB Assembly

Monday 4th February - Maths Day

Wednesday 6th February - 4M Class Assembly

Thursday 7th February - Come Dine with 5RKB

Tuesday 12th February - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 13th February - Parents' Evening

Friday 15th February - End of Spring 1

Week beginning 18th February - HALF TERM

Monday 25th February - Spring 2 begins

## Staffing Notices

We are sad to say Mr Patta, a cleaner at the school and part of the grounds staff with Mr Importante, has had to leave us recently. We wish him and his family well for the future and thank him for all the hard work he has given to the school over the last two years.

We would also like to congratulate Mr Morgan and his wife on the birth of their child, a boy called Albie!

A big welcome back to Mrs Teague, who has returned from her maternity leave. She is teaching classes throughout the school.

## Brilliant Bronze Medallists!

Swan Lane attended the annual New Age Kurling event at TDMS. Kurling is a form of the original curling game, but adapted so that it can be played indoors on any smooth, flat surface, such as a sports hall, rather than on ice.

Our team of 4 did exceptionally well. Having briefly played only once before, they showed excellent accuracy and precision to storm into third place and win the bronze medal.

As ever a big thank you to organiser Lisa and the young leaders for their hard work!



## School Games Award - Swan Lane Strike Gold



Last week Swan Lane First School were presented with a School Games Gold Award Plaque to celebrate their achievements in PE and School Sport during 2017/18.

Lisa Houghton (School Games Organiser) came to the school to present the award, and also spent time discussing many ideas with Swan Lane's Sport Council on how PE and school sport can be improved.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award

scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Mr Thompson commented: "We are very pleased to be recognised for our achievement in PE and School Sport. We have a fantastic school which has PE and healthy living very much at the heart of it. A big thank you to the school staff for all their efforts over the past year, and to Lisa who also puts a huge amount of effort into organising the many festivals and competitions that we are so lucky to attend".

## Pupil Profits



As part of the Pupil Profits Scheme, children have formed an enterprise group selling recycled stationery as part of the school's Eco Schools programme. The children were required to write an application form for a range of roles - from sales staff to marketing managers. Following this, children were then interviewed and job roles were allocated. The children decided to capitalise on the festive period and run their first week of sales last week! The market research team spoke to children at break and lunch times about what products they would like to see on the store, and in order to spread the word, the marketing team designed posters, leaflets and held an assembly to promote the business venture. Children were required to serve customers, advise them about products, handle money and apply their maths skills to give customers the correct change. The marketing team were on hand each day to talk to parents and pupils about the range of fantastic eco friendly products that were on offer. After a discussion between the directors of the enterprise team, it was decided that the money raised would go towards the cost of replacing the school stage lights. New eco friendly LED lights would be purchased to save money and help the environment. Over £350 worth of stock, was sold making a profit of well over £100. The whole process has given the children a real insight into running a business and they are all very excited about continuing the group next term.

*Mr Johnson*

## 3V Trip to Sandfield Farm

3V were lucky enough to be invited to spend the day on a local dairy farm earlier this month. The weather stayed fine for us as we visited Sandfield Farm, just outside Evesham, to meet some animals and find out all about life on a dairy farm.



The children were introduced to some of the cows and helped to feed them. We went for a walk around the farm and learnt how the farmers take care of the animals through the seasons. There was time for a play in the woods before we headed back to the barn for lunch and the chance to make some wooden Christmas decorations. We even harvested some mistletoe from the apple orchard, and everyone was given a sprig to take home.

We thank Emma and the team at Sandfield Farm for making us so welcome and giving the children such a fabulous day to remember.

*Mrs Vaqueiro*

## Healthy Snacks

Thank you for your support in providing healthy snacks for your children at break times. We now see lots of fruit and vegetables being eaten and around 70% of the children also have toast, which is especially warming at this time of year! This has allowed us to continue offering toast at 10p a slice and we plan to keep it at this price for the foreseeable future. The move towards healthier snacks was suggested and implemented by the School Council last year and this continues to be a very successful initiative.

*Mr Jones*