



# Swan Lane First School Newsletter

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

**Monday 4th February** – Pirate Theme Maths Day

**Wednesday 6th February** – 4M Class Assembly

**Thursday 7th February** – Come Dine with 5RKB

**Tuesday 12th February** – Y5 Visit to Redditch Mosque

**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

**Tuesday 26th February** – Dogs Trust to visit Y1 & Y3.

**Wednesday 27th February** – Theatre Group to visit KS2 to promote financial awareness.

Whole school attendance  
so far this year is ...  
**96.3 %**

Welcome to 2019! Christmas seems so very far away now as we throw ourselves into the hustle and bustle of a new year and a new term! We have lots of exciting things coming up this year, here is news of what we have been up to recently.

Members of the School Council visited St Lawrence's Church in December to decorate a Christmas tree. The decorations were all made by children from Swan Lane during their Art Lessons and they looked amazing! All of the decorations were based on a snowman theme and were available for visitors to view and even buy! Congratulations to everybody for producing excellent decorations and a big thank you to Mrs. Manion who helped organise and lead the event!



## Winter Handwriting Competition

Congratulations to all the winners of our competition. The standard, as always, was particularly high and it was extremely difficult to judge. Sometimes, the standard was so close that just one letter or join separated the winners. It has been satisfying to see the steady improvement



in handwriting; presentation standards in children's books are particularly high.

## Coming Soon –

### The Oscars!

Your child will be bringing home a poem to learn 'by heart' and the subject this year is 'The Natural World'. In the week before half term, each class will present their poem to the rest of the school and some of the school's governors. Please look out for the poems that the children bring home and help them to learn them – eventually 'by heart'. This year, we are also inviting children to do a solo or group performance with a poem of their choice. So get practising those poems!

Mr Batts



## Rewarding Core Values

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, we held an 'Honesty' tea party. One child from each class was chosen on the theme of 'Honesty'. Many thanks to the kitchen staff, who produced a wonderful fruit platter as well as a selection of flapjacks. Everyone loved it! We talked about many interesting things as we served soft drinks to our guests. Lewis (Head Boy) Ellie (Head Girl)

### Swan Lane Gardening

The school is looking for a polycarbonate greenhouse so that the children can grow more of the plants we use 'from seed'. This is a costly item but the children would benefit greatly from learning how to grow plants for the school in this way. If any parents work for a company that could help the school with (or towards) the cost of this type of greenhouse, please contact Mr Batts. We would be happy to acknowledge the company's support on the newsletter and website. With thanks, Mr Batts



### The Newsletter is going paper-free!

Beginning with our February issue next month, we will not be publishing a paper copy of our newsletter to every pupil, in order to save on printing costs. **You will be notified by text and via the mobile app** when a newsletter is published and you will then be able to access it online. If you prefer a paper copy then you will be able to obtain one from the office. Thank you!

### Core Values Assembly

Well done to all of those children who were awarded with a certificate and enamel badge for demonstrating loyalty in last week's Core Values' Assembly. You should be very proud for being nominated by your class teacher to receive this award.



### Change4life

Change4life has launched a new campaign to encourage families to "make a swap when you shop" to help them cut back on sugar. Further information can be found on the Change 4life website.



### Pupil Interviews

Last Thursday, Mrs Wall, one of our school governors came in to interview some children to find out what they thought about the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural ethos of our school. She was so impressed by how the children conducted themselves and how open, honest and positive they were about their school. She said the children were an absolute credit to their teachers. Well done children.

