



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.

Tuesday 5th March – Scholastic Book Fair arrives

Wednesday 6th March – 3F Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th March – Hot Dog & DVD Evening

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (not dressing up)

Monday 11th March – Visit of poet James Carter

Wednesday 13th March – 3V Class Assembly

Thursday 14th March – Come Dine with 3F

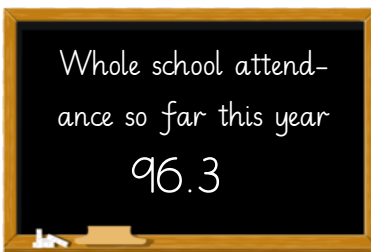
Friday 15th March – Comic Relief – **wear red to school!**

Tuesday 19th March – Professions Afternoon Year 5

Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd – Y5 Malvern Residential

Thursday 21st March – Come Dine with 3V

Wednesday 27th March – Walk in Wednesday



Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day is a great way to bring the school together.

We would like the children to come to school on Friday 15th March wearing something red and as part of our fundraising efforts everyone will have a chance to show off their dance moves in the hall during the day. For this privilege we are asking that you send in a voluntary contributions to the charity. Please give what you can.

The School Council will be selling Red Noses from Monday 4th March before school. We have limited stock so make sure you purchase yours as soon as possible. Thank you



The Poscars

On Thursday 14th February, the children took part in the fourth Swan Lane poetry Poscars. These are our very own performance based 'Poetry Oscars' and this year's entrants were judged by Mrs Roberts and two governors, Mrs Magowan and Mrs Jones.

The standard was extremely high – the best yet – and the children enjoyed reciting their poems 'by heart'. It was great to see the children having such fun with poetry. Well done to everyone for the outstanding performances, but a special mention must go to the winners – 4M and IGH.

Congratulations to the children who found, wrote, learnt and recited their poems either individually or in pairs. It was encouraging to see that many more children are planning to do their own recital next time. Mr Batts



Safeguarding Advice: MOMO

You may have heard recently about a concerning internet trend called 'Momo'. On the 'News' section of our website we have a useful advice leaflet for concerned parents and would encourage as many parents to read it as possible.

White Socks Theatre Company

Many thanks to the 'White Socks Theatre Company' who gave an excellent interactive show to help the children in KS2 learn about money management. The



children took part in a game show, to find out about how the money that people earn gets spent and saved.

Differences in income were looked at, as well as spending on both essential and non-essential items. The actors also talked about times when people may need to borrow money, and the pitfalls that they may encounter.

Mr Batts

Year Five Mosque Visit

To support our work on Islam, year five visited a new mosque in Redditch. The tour at the mosque provided the children with lots of valuable information. We learnt about Muslim worship, including how Muslim people prepare for prayer. Some of the children wanted to follow the prayer rituals, led by some of the teachers at the mosque. We learnt about how a mosque is a centre of learning, and we looked at the Arabic alphabet. The visit was a learning experience which brought our lessons to life. Many thanks to the staff at Redditch Central Mosque.

Mr Batts



Scholastic Book Fair

From Wednesday 6th March until Wednesday 13th March the Scholastic Book Fair will be open after school. Please come along and support it. Each child will be given a £1 voucher which can be exchanged as part payment for a book.

Please note that we are not dressing up this year for World Book Day.

Children's Mental Health Week

We had a busy week exploring this year's theme 'Healthy: Inside and Out.' Mrs Gent kicked off the week with an assembly to the whole school, making us think about what makes us healthy and telling us that being healthy isn't just about looking after our bodies but it's about looking after our minds too.

Back in our classes, we had a great time sharing our Show and Tell with our friends. Thank you so much for helping us at home by completing the Show and Tell information sheets and for all of the generous donations too. We raised a total of £66.07

Lastly, we all took part in a poster competition. We had to design a poster about something we had learned during Children's Mental Health Week. A winner and runner-up was chosen in each class and they were awarded with a certificate and a prize in assembly.

Mrs Hurst



Core Value Nominations

The teachers asked the children in their class to consider who consistently displays all of the core values. They then held a class vote and the votes were counted and shared with the class. The winner of the vote received a certificate and special enamel badge in assembly and were also fortunate enough to be invited along for afternoon tea with Mrs Roberts and Mrs Hurst.

Mrs Hurst