



# Swan Lane First School Newsletter

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**Dates for your Diary** – Don't forget you can sync our school calendar to your phones using our app on School Jotter.

Monday 2nd September – Teacher Education Day (no children in)

Tuesday 3rd September – First day back for children.

## Goodbye and Good luck!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 5 leavers the very best of luck for the future. They have been a brilliant group of children to work with and it has been fantastic to see them grow and develop during their time here at Swan Lane. During their time at Swan Lane they have all matured into polite, thoughtful, hard-working and resilient children, children we are proud to have a part of our school. We are sure they will be very successful as they embark upon their careers at their new schools and we are sad to see them go. A special mention must go to Ellie & Lewis for their efforts as Head Girl & Head Boy this year.



## Thank you & Goodbye!

It is with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mr Morgan today. Since joining in 2015 he has been a brilliant member of staff – one that has inspired those in his class, contributed to many memorable moments in the staff room and more recently has been a brilliant SENCO. We will all miss having him at Swan Lane, but wish him all the best going forward.



As well as Mr Morgan, we are also saying a fond farewell to Mrs Parkinson, Janet

Archer and Mary

McKallin. Mrs Parkinson

has proved herself to be a wonderful Teaching Assistant and over the 12 years

she has been with us, she

has constantly been caring,

kind and helpful to children and staff.

Janet Archer & Mary McKallin are both

retiring. Janet has worked hard ensuring

the school remains clean and tidy whilst

Mary has been at the heart of providing the children with cooked meals.



## Staff News:

A huge congratulations to Mr Johnson & his wife who recently welcomed baby Griff to the world. Also, Mr Warren & his fiancée are getting married in August and we wish them all the best for their big day.

# A Big Eco Thank You

Swan Lane Eco Warriors would like to thank everyone for their kind generosity shown recently for the campaigns that have been running. All of them have been a great success due to the support received from parents and children. Members of the eco team recently paid in around £280 raised during Shoesday. This money will help make the roads safer for children. This week the school's recyclable stationery shop raised its target to purchase a new greenhouse ready for September. Children will directly benefit from this by being able to plant a wider range of plants and vegetables and in the process develop their knowledge. As a school we have also collected over 1000 crisp packets to be recycled, this will earn the school money which can be used to purchase new equipment for eco projects. Once again thank you!

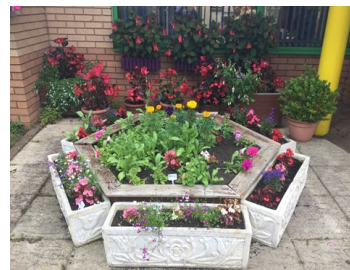
Mr Johnson and the Eco Warriors.





### Swan Lane in Bloom

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, the school welcomed the judging panel from Evesham's 'Bloom' committee. The school will be judged on its floral displays and how the children have become involved in creating their school environments. Children from years four and five showed the judging panel what has been achieved this year. We have made good progress in the areas of 'Working with the Local Community' and also 'Bringing Nature into the School Grounds'. As always, the school grounds look stunning, but the greatest reward is seeing how much the children value what they have helped to create here. Our entry is supported by: the children's work during planting day; Nature Club; The Gardening Clubs; EcoClub. We must not forget the hard work from Mr Importante, who works tirelessly to make Swan Lane look so special. *Mr Batts.*



### Productions

A huge well done to Year 2 and Year 5 for their end of year productions. It was brilliant to see the children perform, and credit must go to the staff involved for creating two magnificent productions. Year 5 took us on a Magical Mystery Tour to the land of The Beatles and impressed us all with excellent singing & acting. Year 2 retold the story of Robin Hood and similarly to Year 5, there was some superb singing - including two great solos! The children involved should all be very proud of how they performed, as we all are of them. Thank you to the parents & carers who came along to support during the evening performances.



### Year 4 Poetry Competition.

Every summer in Year 4 we hold a poetry recital competition. The children had four weeks to research, find and learn a poem ready to perform. Well done to all the children who learned a poem at home and recited it in front of the whole year. Kyra, Erika & Alicia claimed 1st prize while Erin was a close second.



### Adventure Playground

The new adventure playground has been finished and was officially opened by Ellie & Lewis. We are all thrilled with how it looks and hope the children will get a lot of enjoyment out of it.



### Have a brilliant summer!

From everyone here at Swan Lane, we hope you have a lovely summer, one that is relaxing and enjoyable, with lots of great memories made. We are all looking forward to the new school year, and hope you are too!