

Swan Lane First School

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Attendance

All of these children had 100% attendance throughout the entire school year. Well done for not missing a single day - what a fantastic achievement!

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| Joshua Atkins | Harry Palmer | Libby Walker |
| Tyler Atkins | Tilly Palmer | Thomas Wharrad |
| Lewis Bird | Katie Pettit | Kristian Wood |
| Louise Clements | Morgan Pritchard | Layla Wood |
| Oakley Cook | Justin Puchowski | Freya Workman |
| Hermione Danby | James Rees | Poppy Workman |
| Kezia Edwards | Robert Rees | Otilius Zabiela |
| Chloe Hall | Caitlin Simper | |
| Millie Hall | Megan Simper | |

Dates for your diary

Please see the 'Calendar' page on our website for a full list of upcoming events.

Thursday 1st September - Teacher Education Day

Friday 2nd September - Teacher Education Day

Monday 5th September -

Beginning of Autumn Term for Pupils

Friday 21st October - End of Autumn 1

Notices

Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and would like to thank you for all your support this year. Good luck to all our Year Five Leavers and to any other children who are leaving Swan Lane First School at the end of this academic year. We know they are all well equipped to cope with life in their new schools and that they will display the independence, confidence and outstanding learning we have seen here at Swan Lane First School.



Mrs Roberts

Don't forget - you can subscribe to this newsletter on our website in order to receive every issue directly to your email inbox each time it is published!

Thank you Mr Importante!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Importante for all of his hard work throughout the year. We think you will agree that our school grounds look absolutely

stunning; Mr Importante manages the entire site by himself and is responsible for all of the lovely flowers and plants which greet us on our way into school. The countless hours he puts in to making our school look as impressive as it does do not go unnoticed.



School Uniform

We would like to remind parents and carers to refer to the school prospectus to ensure your child attends in correct school uniform in September. You can now buy uniform from Tesco. Children should also attend school in suitable school shoes, **not** boots. Thank you!



Mystery at Magpie Manor



On Wednesday 13th July, Year 5 put on a wonderful production: *Mystery at Magpie Manor*. It was a fascinating evening full of mystery, drama and comedy, and it was absolutely fantastic to see such a wonderful display of talent. Such a lot of hard work goes in to putting on a successful production, and the children really did themselves proud. Hopefully Y5 have made some priceless memories that they will be able to treasure forever – I know the staff certainly have! It has been a pleasure working with all of the pupils in order to make *Mystery at Magpie Manor* happen; we would like to thank all the parents and carers for contributing to such an incredible atmosphere and the help you have given at home learning the lines. If you are anything like us, you will be able to keep singing the songs for weeks to come! It was a fitting and spectacular way for the Year 5s to conclude their time here at Swan Lane.

Finally, we would like to thank our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Dyers, for all of their tireless work behind the scenes.

Check the website for a full gallery of cast photos and video clips of both the production and the Leavers' Assembly.

Mr Bowkett

Staffing Notices

In September we are delighted to welcome Mr Tiller back to the teaching staff, as well as welcoming Mrs Vaqueiro to teach 2B in the afternoons. Also, we would like to wish the best of luck and congratulations to Miss Peakman for her wedding this summer.



Tales with a Twist

If you thought you knew all there was to know about traditional fairy tales, think again! KSI produced a wonderfully successful performance over two evenings, putting their own twist on some very well known stories, to great comedic effect. Congratulations to everyone involved: the children were absolutely brilliant and delivered their lines and performed their songs so naturally; all the members of staff in KSI for rehearsing lines, dances and songs; and Mr Davies, who produced a wonderfully imaginative and funny script.

Million Dots Challenge

It has taken several weeks, but the children across the school have managed to draw 1,000,000 dots between them. Well done to everyone who completed a sheet, including children, staff and parents. The children really rose to the challenge.



4W won the competition to complete the most sheets as a class, with 227,000 dots drawn between them. 1P, 3J and 4M also managed more than 100,000 dots each. Mrs Mullaly

was the staff member who drew the most dots as she managed 20,000 by herself! It was also great to see some beautiful designs including fantastic patterns, symmetrical images and even messages written using dots. Katryn Groult and Freya Goodlad produced some fantastic working, estimating that it would take over 5 days for one person to draw 1,000,000 dots by themselves, which shows that team work is much better!



This week we displayed the 1,000,000 dots. The year 5 children helped to lay them out in the hall and the sheets did fit in quite comfortably. Every class was then able to come and look at the dots and try to find their own sheets. It was a wonderful piece of maths work and also an excellent work of modern art! It should have given the children a greater sense of the scale of the numbers we use every day in maths.

Well done everyone!

Mr Jones

