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Attendance

Congratulations to...

5K and 2D

who won this week's attendance award, both achieving 100%!

Dates for your diary

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

Monday 10th October - School Photographer

Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October - Parental Consultations

Wednesday 19th October - Harvest Assembly

Friday 21st October - End of Autumn 1

Monday 31st October - Beginning of Autumn 2

Wednesday 16th November - 5B Class Assembly

Wednesday 23rd November - 5K Class Assembly

Notices

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a brand new term at Swan Lane First School, and as you can see from our first issue of the year, we already have lots to update you on! We hope you all had a restful and productive summer break. Everyone has settled in to their new classes remarkably well and it's already feeling like we have never been away.

There have also been a few other appointments within school. Mr Batts is now the Deputy Headteacher, and will be released from classroom teaching in the afternoons; Mr Jones and Mr Forrester are Assistant Headteachers and are responsible for Lower and Upper Phase respectively. Together with Mrs Roberts they form our Senior Leadership Team. Mr Kent is now Maths Coordinator and remains as SENCO; Mr Bowkett is now Communications Manager and Mr Davies is Data Manager. Together they form our Middle Leadership Team.

Staff

First of all we would like to welcome Mrs Vaqueiro to the teaching staff - she will be working mainly in Year 2. We would also like to welcome back Mr Tiller, who will be providing extra support in Key Stage 2. Congratulations to Miss Peakman who got married this summer, and is now called Mrs Teague.

Uniform

We would like to remind parents that during the cooler months, children are allowed to wear jogging bottoms and sweatshirts for PE lessons. Please see our prospectus for more guidance on uniform.

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!



School Council

Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl. These two children will be called upon throughout the year to act as representatives for the rest of the children. Lots of children in Year 5 applied for these positions and also other roles of responsibility. Mrs Roberts, Mr Forrester, Mr Bowkett and Mr Kent had a very difficult job sorting through all of the applications. At the same time, the teachers selected those best suited to become members of the school council as well as all of the other important jobs around school : playground pals, toy monitors, recycling monitors, librarians and prefects!



Head Girl



Head Boy

Mr Thompson has also organised House Captains for sporting events this year. The children listened to Year 5 children explain why they should be elected a House Captain and then they all voted for their choice.



Mr Forrester and Mrs Morgan recently took a group of our Year 5 pupils to an RAF wreath laying memorial where they represented our school.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be collecting items again for our annual appeal; please start to think about what you could donate, and check the [Samaritan's Purse](#) website for more details.



Eek Batik

On Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September, our Year 1 and Year 2 classes took part in a batik workshop. The children drew individual pictures in the weeks leading up to the workshop to be made into seven large designs. During the workshop, the children were able to work in small groups to wax their designs and then use special dye to colour the scenes. The children had a fantastic time spotting their pencil drawings in the giant pictures and bringing them to life with the batik process. The finished batiks look spectacular and will be displayed throughout the school. *Miss Sinfield*



Morning Mile



Every morning last week, Mr Thompson was joined by up to 20 Year Five pupils to complete a Morning Mile. Children have come to school at 8.20am each morning and proceeded to run their mile, many have even carried on and pushed themselves to see just how far they can go! It has been a great success and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get some exercise before school. Hopefully the Morning Mile will return in the near future!

