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Dates for your diary

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

Monday 14th November - Y3 Trip to Hindu Temple

Wednesday 16th November - 5B Class Assembly

Friday 18th November - Children in Need

Monday 21st November - Friday 25th November - Healthy Lunchbox Week

Wednesday 23rd November - 5K Class Assembly

28th & 29th November - Brain Blaster Workshops

Attendance

Well done to

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for having the highest attendance last week!

Notices



Children in Need - Non Uniform and Cake Sale

Next Friday (18th November), we will be asking children to bring in a donation for Children in Need in return for wearing non school uniform (the theme for this year is spotty clothing). Katryn from Year 5 is also



organising a cake sale to help raise money. The cakes will be on sale to parents and carers from 2.30pm onwards outside the front of the school.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for three lunchtime supervisors. This role involves working 1 hour a day, 5 days a week, term time only. Further details can be found on the website under the heading, 'Information' and 'Vacancies', or alternatively you can pick up a pack from the school office.

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. If you are able, please can you bring in a box to school by **Wednesday 23rd November** at the latest. Please also indicate whether it is for a boy or a girl - we have ready-made labels which will be available for collection from school. If you are unable to fill a box but would like to bring in any items we will be making up a few boxes here at school. Useful items to include are:



Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, small ball), puzzles and dolls, hygiene items (soap, toothbrush, comb, flannel), and school supplies (pens, pencils, notepad, sharpeners).



A Letter from Nick Gibb MP

Recently, we received a letter from the Minister of State for School Standards - Mr Nick Gibb MP.

He chose to write to us because he had seen our results from the Year 1 phonics screening check. Our results this year show that we are in the top 8 per cent of schools in the country!

In his letter he said:

"I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for your school's very high standard of achievement in the 2016 phonics screening check.

I am pleased to hear that you have ensured your Year One children at Swan Lane have a firm foundation in reading, from which they can develop further and become increasingly fluent readers. This will help them develop a lifelong love of reading. Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved."

It is lovely to get such wonderful praise from someone responsible for the improvement of schools across the country.



Healthy Lunchbox Week

Our School Council has decided in their meetings that they would like to do a 'Healthy Lunchbox Week'. They are encouraging children to come into school with a lunchbox packed full of healthy food, for the week beginning Monday 21st November. This week will also mark the beginning of 'Fruit Friday', where we will encourage children to all bring fruit for their morning snack on Fridays.



Netball Festival



Year 5 girls attended a Netball Festival at Bengeworth Academy on Friday 4th November. The girls had a chance to learn the rules of Netball and apply their skills against other schools taking part, Bengeworth, Badsey, St. Richards and St. Andrews. Swan Lane performed superbly, playing 4 games and winning all of them! Other school staff even commented on our style of play, and how good our girls were to watch. Mr Thompson and Mrs Whitehouse were very impressed indeed! A big WELL DONE and thank you to everyone involved. We look forward to return to Bengeworth later on in the year to play some more Netball!

Mr Thompson

Busy Things

Pupils can now use 'Busy Things' at home to help with their learning! This is especially helpful for children in Reception and KSI (although there is a KS2 version coming soon!)

To access Busy Things, go to:

busythings.co.uk and click 'Log in'.

Username:
home2126
Password:
street47

