



Swan Lane First School



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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th November - 5RKB Class Assembly

Thursday 16th November - Y4 Come Dine With Me

Friday 17th November - Shoebox Appeal Deadline

Friday 17th November - Children in Need

Monday 20th November - Phonics Workshop RG

Tuesday 21st November - Phonics Workshop RJ

Wednesday 22nd November - 5RAB Class Assembly

Tuesday 28th November 2pm - Online safety workshop for parents

Wednesday 29th November - Stay and Play for Reception, Walk in Wednesday for Y1-5

Thursday 30th November - Y3 Come Dine With Me

Friday 1st December - Y5 Trip to Shakespeare's Birthplace

Wednesday 6th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting shoeboxes again this year for Operation Christmas Child; please contribute anything you can to our appeal. If you can fill a shoebox yourself, that would be fantastic. Alternatively, if you have a few items that you could bring in, then your child's class teacher would be happy to put it towards creating a box collaboratively. Please see the office for boy/girl labels, and if you are unsure on what items to include, you can find guidance by simply searching 'What goes in my shoebox?' Thank you for your support.



The last day to bring in a shoebox is Friday 17th November.

2-4	5-9	10-14	2-4	5-9	10-14
A "Wow" Item			A "Wow" Item		
Personal Care Items			Personal Care Items		
School Supplies			School Supplies		
Clothing and Accessories			Clothing and Accessories		
Crafts and Activities			Crafts and Activities		
Toys			Toys		
A Personal Note			A Personal Note		

Parent Governor Vacancy

Swan Lane First School has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This vacancy provides an opportunity for a parent to join the Governing Body of the school. If you feel you have the qualities and experience which would enable you to make a positive contribution to the school's development then you can find out more via the Governors section on the website or by enquiring at the school office.

Children in Need

The annual Children in Need appeal is on **Friday 17th November**. 'Spotacular' is again the theme, so we would love it if children could come dressed in spotty clothing on this day in return for a donation to the charity.

Reminder from our Catering Manager

We are now serving two roasts dinners a week, Tuesday and Thursday, as requested by the children.

The Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 12th December 2017. Details will follow shortly.

Class Blogs

You may have seen that on our website, our 'Class Books' have been replaced with online blogs. These are proving a great success, and already the hit counter on our website is evidence that they are becoming very popular. By using the blogs teachers can keep parents and pupils up to date with the latest news from their class. The blogs are much more interactive than before. Links can be shared with relatives and friends who may not always get the chance to see in person what we are doing in school. Hopefully you will find them interesting. A link to every class can be found on the home page of our website. There is also a School Council blog; one for school clubs and Mr Thompson has a PE blog. Don't forget to subscribe to them via e-mail or put them in your favourites!

Premier League Stars



Our football team have been awarded a brand new football kit from the 'Premier League Stars' scheme – an initiative which attempts to harness the appeal of the Premier League and use it to inspire children to learn, be active, and develop life skills. We can't wait to see them in action!

Question Time in Year 4

Before Half Term, Year 4 were visited by Mrs Stammers. She was evacuated during WWII to Overbury, which is near to Bredon Hill. Both year 4 classes joined together and heard lots of stories about the war, her evacuation experience and what the air raids were like! The children asked lots of great questions and hearing from Mrs Stammers really helped to consolidate their learning.



Safeguarding

- Karen Kempton, a Police Community Support Officer, visited school on 9th November to talk to Year 5 about E-Safety.
- The NSPCC E-Safety workshop for parents will now be held on Tuesday 28th November at 2pm.
- There is now a section on our website provided to us via West Mercia Police with very helpful advice on how to deal with cyberbullying. There are information leaflets aimed at both parents and children. Please take a look by going to 'Information -> E-Safety'.



Poppy Appeal

Members of the School Council and year 5 were invited to take part in the launch of this year's Poppy Appeal.



The children walked down to Abbey Bridge, where we were met by ex-service men and Mrs George, who is organising the appeal in the town.

The School Council have been selling poppies and other Poppy Appeal items this week before school. We will provide a total as to how much we have raised in our next newsletter.