



Swan Lane First School



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Dates for your diary

Monday 4th December - Y5 Welly Week

Wednesday 6th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am

Thursday 7th December - KS2 Trip to Swan Theatre

Thursday 7th December - Discos

4.30-5.30 (KS1) 5.30-6.30 (KS2)

Monday 11th December - Y4 Welly Week

Tuesday 12th December - School Christmas Meal

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Party Day with Clive Chandler Puppets

Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18th December - KS2 Round Robin Day

Tuesday 19th December - End of Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 - TED day for staff (no pupils)

Thursday 4th January - First day of term for pupils

Reception Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who filled out a questionnaire recently; we had a great response. It is very important to us that every child settles in quickly and has a positive, happy start to their time at school. Your feedback helps us to monitor how well we are achieving this goal.

We are very pleased that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive (based on 31 responses), and we are particularly happy that the children have settled in well and enjoy school, which is our primary concern. We try to build positive links with families, so it is great to see that parents/carers feel able to talk freely to the Reception staff.

The comments at the bottom of the questionnaire were also very positive and we were pleased to hear that you feel that your children are happy at school.

If you have any further suggestions or comments, please let your class teacher know so that we can continue to provide the best start to school for every

child in our care.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Jones

"The teaching staff are so helpful and approachable. My child has grown in confidence so much, it really has been a fantastic start to school."

"Our son has settled in really well. On behalf of me and my husband I wanted to say thank you for helping him to feel so settled."

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for all of your contributions to Operation Christmas Child. We managed to collect 67 boxes!

Poppy Appeal

At Swan Lane First School we raised a grand total of £491.36 for the Poppy Appeal. A fantastic amount for a brilliant cause. Thank you to all of the School Council members who gave up their time to sell products every morning.



Class Blogs

Thank you for all of your interest in the class blogs on our website. It is great to see so many parents clicking on to see what everyone is up to!

Refreshments for Sale at the Nativity

Parents of Reception children are invited to see this year's nativity on Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am. The doors will be open from 9.00am and we will be selling hot drinks and mince pies to get you into the Christmas spirit! A mince pie and a drink will cost £1.00. All profits will be going towards the purchase of new stage blocks to be used in future productions.

Eco Week

On the week beginning 6th November, Swan Lane First School held their very first Eco Week. Children across the whole school had a chance to take part in a wide range of activities linked to the 9 Eco School topics. On Tuesday, Severn Trent Water kindly delivered an assembly all about how to save water and how precious water is. Children from Years 1 to 5 took part in a variety of water activities from building water butts to filtering water. The Eco Council felt that Eco Week would be an ideal opportunity to raise money for a charity. Water Aid was selected and children kindly donated silver coins around a magnificent coral reef created by Reception. A fantastic £190 was raised on the day! During the week, KSI got the chance to make and taste a healthy smoothie, whilst KS2 looked at eco friendly power methods. This involved creating solar ovens, potato power and building wind



Safeguarding

Year 3 have been learning all about how to search the internet safely. They were taught how to use the 'Safesearch' function on Google, as well as dedicated, child friendly search engines such as Swiggle and KidRex.

It's also important to 'read before you click', and to learn how to distinguish between adverts and the content you want to see!

powered toys. The week ended with 'No Paper Friday', class teachers were set the task of creating engaging lessons that challenged children but did not require paper. KSI focused on building eco friendly homes and some KS2 teachers created a very successful Harry Potter Diagon Alley where children's mathematical skills were put to test.

Thank you everyone for your support!

Mr Johnson

Parliament Week

As a school we celebrated Parliament Week by showing the children how democracy works. Mrs Vaqueiro did a special assembly on how our parliament works, decisions are made and how everybody has their say.

We decided to let the children have a say in an important decision we needed to make as a school. The Quiet Area is in the process of being refurbished, with a prominent water feature. We gave the children 4 designs to choose from and they all cast their vote into a special ballot box. The votes were counted by Mrs Vaqueiro (and verified by Mr Importante). The winning design was this wonderful sphere!

