# Swan Lane First School

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## Dates for your diary

Tuesday Ist May - Tri-Golf for Year 4 Wednesday 2nd May - IG/H Class Assembly Friday 4th May - Year 5 Career Day Monday 7th May - May Day Bank Holiday Tuesday 8th May - Hearing Tests for Reception Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th May - Bikeability Wednesday 9th May - IJ Class Assembly Thursday 10th May - 4W Come Dine With Me Wednesday 16th May - RG Class Assembly

#### Wet Mornings

Following on from comments made on the recent parental questionnaire, we are making the following changes to procedures on wet mornings. The children will be able to access school from 8.45am through the doors by RJ and IJ. These are the doors at the front of the school. Teachers who are on duty in the morning will be supervising the children coming into school. Parents/carers should not come into school on wet mornings but leave their children at these entrances. This ensures that the entrances and corridors remain clear and we do not have adults in school who have not received the necessary clearance. If you wish to see a class teacher then please go to the main office as normal.

Thank you,

Mrs Roberts

#### Pupils Profit

Wow! What a first few weeks of selling it has been. Bendy and smelly pencils and 3D bookmarks are just a few of the items that have been snapped up. Swan Lane's young entrepreneurs have worked extremely hard over the last month or so to set up a business

Thursday 17th May - 2D Come Dine With Me Thursday 17th May - Year 4 Visit to Worcester Cathedral Wednesday 23rd May - RG Class Assembly, Walk in Wednesday Thursday 24th May - Clive Chandler Punch & Judy Y2 Thursday 24th May - 2K Come Dine With Me Friday 25th May - Last day of Summer 1 Monday 4th June - Teacher Training Day Tuesday 5th June - Pupils return for Summer 2 For a full list of upcoming events, check our website. You can now sync to your phone calendar using our mobile app.

from scratch. All of the children were invited to apply for a role within the business, and following the application stage, children were called



back to interview for the position they had applied for. It was a very difficult decision for the teachers



to make, but eventually the roles were appointed. The children have ordered stock, looked at profit margins on items, carried out market research, marketed the stationary shop and

finally set up the stall to sell a wonderful array of items. The shop will run in the last week of every

half term. A large order for bendy pencils has already been placed for next time!

Mr Johnson



#### Parliament Visit

Our school council members, head boy and girl and our chief Cygnet News reporter went to London last week to visit the Houses of Parliament to learn about the British democratic process.

We arrived at the Palace of Westminster to be greeted by our guide, Emily, who showed us around

both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and explained what the purpose of each house was.



We were even treated to a tour through the official

Queen's Robing Rooms and Gallery, following in Her Majesty's footsteps during the State Opening of Parliament. Finally, we went through the Great Hall, one of the oldest parts of the parliament buildings, over 900 years old!

We were also visited by the MP for Mid-

Worcestershire, Nigel Huddleston. He made us feel very welcome and answered lots of questions about

his job and what it was like to work in such a beautiful building.

After lunch, we were fortunate to be allowed to enter Downing Street.



We posed there for some rather special photographs.

After that, we paid a visit to Trafalgar Square,



walked along The Mall towards Buckingham Palace and read the official notice for the birth of Prince Louis.

Finally, we made our way across St James' Park towards the coach waiting for us on the Embankment opposite the London Eye. We arrived home, tired but having thoroughly en joyed our day in the capital city! Check out the School Council page on our website for more photographs of our busy, exciting day out.

# Music Cluster Event 2018

Friday 27th April saw the cluster music event at the Evesham Arts Centre, where several local schools joined together to sing for the morning.



Each school was tasked to learn a number of songs that would be sung together, but also learn a song to sing as an individual school. The morning was a thorough success, with all schools singing beautifully and with such passion.

Swan Lane as ever, were impeccably behaved and performed with enthusiasm and finesse. A very proud moment indeed!

Mr. Forrester

### Richard O'Neill - Storyteller Visit

We were fortunate last week to welcome a visiting

storyteller to support our literacy work, Richard O'Neill. Story -writing workshops were prepared for the children in years three, four and five. We used the scenarios



of 'Changing Places', where a reception child swaps roles with the Headteacher, and also interviewing something that does not usually have a voice. I wonder what a glue stick thinks about how it is treated by us? The writing produced in the session was most impressive – the children really responded to the fun delivery and produced chaotic tales filled with mayhem. The younger children en joyed storytelling sessions and the children in Reception were making stories about some characters called 'Tree Babies'. Many thanks to Mr O'Neill for his engaging stories.

Mr Batts