

Swing Gate News

15th Jan 2018



Diary Dates

JANUARY 2018

Mon 15th Jan
Deadline for Reception
& Junior applications

Tue 16th Jan
YR screening by school
nurse

Thu 18th Jan
YR screening by school
nurse

Fri 19th Jan
FoSG KS1 disco

Thurs 25th Jan
EYFS Fruit workshop

Mon 29th Jan
Skipping workshop

Tue 30th Jan
KS1 PE coaching day

Wed 31st Jan
EYFS PE coaching day

FEBRUARY 2018

Thurs 1st Feb
KS1 Fruit workshop

Fri 2nd Feb
NSPCC Mathematics
Enterprise

Mon 5th Feb
FoSG Skip and bounce

Tue 6th Feb
Karate workshop

Wed 7th Feb
BMX workshop &
assembly

Thurs 8th Feb
EYFS PE coaching day

Fri 9th Feb
Speed stacking

Fri 9th Feb 14:00-15:00
Parent workshop -
Routines & boundaries

End of half term

Happy 50th

This week Swing Gate School is celebrating its 50th birthday.



This message has come from Victoria School who have looked into their school log book from the 1950's onwards and one of the entries was dated 9th January 1968 and said: "The weather is very bad with drifting snow, two members of staff unable to get to school owing to lack of public transport and other members of staff late. Attendance poor as a consequence. 12 new infants admitted. 31 children transferred to Swing Gate School which opened this morning."

The children sang Happy Birthday to Swing Gate in assembly and were questioned on how they would like to celebrate the 50th anniversary. They decided on a party in the summer – more details to follow. Happy birthday to us!

Christmas Card Recycling

Thank you for all for your kind donations for Christmas cards for recycling. This year the Eco Council have decided to use the cards in their arts and crafts, so they will not go to waste.

Attendance

The Attend and Achieve assembly was held last week. The proud winners of the cup for December were **Badgers Class** with an attendance of **95.4%**.

Rabbits	94.1%
Hedgehogs	93.9%
Owls	93.4%
Foxes	92.6%
Voles	92.5%
Squirrels	90.8%



I realise that this is the season of coughs and colds, however, the winner this month had an attendance level that would normally be associated with the loosing class.

Please bring your child into school unless they are obviously unwell. I would also like to remind you, that unless it is an emergency appointment, please book your GP and dental appointments outside of school hours and book your family breaks in the school holidays. There is a direct correlation between good attendance and academic and social achievement. The more sessions that your child attends the better their progress is likely to be.

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PAUSE for THOUGHT

"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

*Carl Bard
American poet*

Time Keeping

Sadly, our records indicate that children are arriving much later than usual. This impacts on more than just your child being late. Lesson time is being lost and classes are being disrupted. School begins at 08:30 for Nursery and 08:35 for the rest of the school. The class doors are locked at 08:40 and the gates at 08:45

School Uniform

A gentle reminder that backpacks are not part of the school uniform. Children should bring all belongings in their Swing Gate School book bag, except for water bottles. Backpacks can result in tripping hazards in cloakrooms. Regretfully, we have noticed school reading books are also being damaged. On occasion, children may use backpacks to bring a change of clothes for after school clubs.

Calling all Quantity Surveyors

We are looking to carry out some external works to improve the school grounds and would appreciate someone with a quantity surveying background to assist us (the Governors and me) with the proposed works. If you are, or know of a surveyor who is able to help, please contact the school office as soon as possible. It would be nice to draw on the experience of our parents

FoSG KS1 Disco

On Friday 19th January, Friends of Swing Gate are hosting a Magical Disco Party for KS1 children. The closing date for completed forms was Friday 12th Jan. If your child is attending the disco, please can you put their party clothes in a NAMED plastic bag and the teachers will try to ensure that the school uniform is returned to you in that bag.

Fund Raising

The staff and I would like to say a big thanks for the generous donations that you have made over the last few months. The monies raised have gone to some very good charities and they are more than appreciative.

We raised the following:

- Royal British Legion poppy appeal - £207.92
- Christmas presentations for the Hospice of St Francis - £212.88
- Christmas jumper day for Save the children - £34.00.

Reindeer Tea Party

The Nursery class have started their charitable efforts already this year. A wonderful turn out of parents and grandparents enjoyed the home made courgette and cheese muffins along side the homous and grated carrot wraps. All very healthy and for such a good cause. They have raised enough money to sponsor a reindeer. The children have chosen to sponsor North.



THANK YOU

The Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind wishes, cards and gifts at the end of last term.

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
Headteacher*

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