

Swaffham Bulbeck Church of England Primary School

Newsletter: 1st April 2019

A Message from Mr Buddle

It has been a busy and active term for the children who have all worked hard and made great progress. They have brought their energy and enthusiasm to a wide range of challenges including sport, music and fundraising, which gave them an opportunity to “shine brightly” in different ways and demonstrate their capacity for endurance and resilience. We have been pleased to see many of you at the class Café sessions and are grateful to all our parents and carers for the support you give your children’s learning at home. I hope you all have a good Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Staff news – some fond farewells

Miss Bellwood, a trainee teacher who has been working in Owls Class this term, is now returning to Shirley Primary School for the last part of her teacher training. We wish her all the very best as she embarks on her career in teaching, and hope that she will come back to share in some of our summer term celebrations. We are also sad to say farewell to Katherine from the school kitchen. She has kept children and staff very well-fed and we wish her well as she moves to work in a different school.

Sporting successes



Swaffham Bulbeck is rapidly gaining a reputation locally as being an excellent school for sport. March’s successes were for our Owls team to win the Cambridgeshire Tag Rugby competition for small schools, and to come second in the first stage of the Cambridgeshire netball which means they will go on to play in the finals next term. Their successes have been highlighted in the Cambridge Independent newspaper.

Musical madness

Music is another strength of our school. The school choir attended the Circle Schools Choir Festival, singing “True Colours” by Cyndi Lauper, ABBA songs and other hits from the 1980’s. Our annual school music concert was very well-attended and featured saxophone, flute, recorder, clarinet, trumpet, cornet, violin, drums, guitar and piano, as well as the school choir and a wonderful solo rendition of “Smile”. The children are also very excited and practising hard for the school talent show which is on the last day of term.

Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who wore wild and wacky socks for Odd Socks Day, to raise money for Downs Syndrome research. Also, thanks to all who came to the PTA Easter Extravaganza on the Denny and participated in the Great Bulbeck Bake-Off – we hope you had a fun day. In addition, the PTA have secured sufficient funds to kick off the school’s library renovation project which we hope will be carried out over the summer holidays, and which will turn our library into an enticing brightly-decorated space for books and learning. The designs are truly inspiring and will be shared with parents next term.

Turn over for summer term clubs and more...

Dates for the Diary

Height/weight check (Robins & Year 6)
Wednesday 3rd April

PTA Easter Egg Bingo
Wednesday 3rd April (after school)

Easter service (in the church)
Thursday 4th April (1.45pm for 2.10pm)

Last day of school before Easter
Friday 5th April

Children back to school
Tuesday 23rd April

Bank holiday Monday (no school)
Monday 6th May

Kingfishers Café for All
Wednesday 8th May (1.40pm for 2pm)

Year 6 SATs week
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May

PTA Quiz Night
Friday 17th May

Last day of school before half term
Friday 24th May

Children back to school
Monday 3rd June

Owls residential trip (Gilwell Park)
Monday 10th to Friday 14th June

School sports day
Wednesday 19th June (am)
If 19th June is rainy, then 26th June (am)

Year 6 Bikeability course
1st to 4th July

KS2 school play
Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July

Celebration Assembly
Friday 19th July (2.15pm)

Leavers’ service and PTA Barbecue
Monday 22nd July (6pm)

Last day of school
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Summer term clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of clubs before and after school next term – please encourage your children to attend to keep the clubs viable. We have new athletics and Forest Schools clubs, and gymnastics club and gardening club are returning!

All clubs start from the week of April 29th (second week of the summer term) and are open to all classes from Reception to Year 6 unless otherwise stated.

Day and time	Club	How to book
Monday 3.15-4.30pm	Athletics Y1-6	Premier-education.com
Tuesday 8am-8.45am	Before school club	Premier-education.com
Tuesday 3.15-4.30pm	Forest Schools Y3-6	Cambridge Forest Schools
Wednesday 8am-8.45am	Before school club	Premier-education.com
Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm From May 22nd	Mr Lee's sports club Y3-6	School office
Wednesday 3.15-4.30pm From April 24th	Gardening club Y3-6	School office
Thursday 8am-8.45am	Before school club	Premier-education.com
Thursday 3.15-4.30pm	Gymnastics club	Premier-education.com
Friday 8am-8.45am	Before school club	Premier-education.com
Friday 3.15-4.30pm	Football club Y 2-6	Premier-education.com

Donations needed for Gardening Club!

Please help Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Thompson and our Gardening Club make the school look beautiful for the summer. They are looking for the following donations this year and even a single packet of seeds is helpful:

- Sunflower, vegetable and flower seeds
- Plant cuttings and plants, including tomato plants and lavender
- Garden canes
- String and/or garden wire
- Compost
- Small and medium plastic plant pots

School lunch changes

We are excited that we will have a new caterer, Chartwells, for our school lunches from next term. The new menus have been sent out separately, and a cold option will also be available. The School Council were keen to ensure that the caterer conformed to animal welfare standards such as Red Tractor. The cost has gone up slightly to £2.30 a meal, reflecting the increasing price of food.

Please encourage your children to try a school lunch from the new menu – we are very fortunate to be able to provide freshly-cooked lunches for the children. As before, please prebook your children's school lunches via Pupil Asset, if possible 2-3 weeks in advance.

Happy Easter!

Easter in school was off to a fine start on Tuesday with the annual Wrens and Robins Easter parade in their exciting home-made bonnets and hats. They all did very well, and their hats were all superb.

Please join us in the Church for our Easter service on Thursday afternoon. Coffee and tea will be available from 1.45pm. Please bring a flower with you to decorate the Church cross.

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