

Swaffham Bulbeck Church of England Primary School

Newsletter: 8th July 2019

A Message from Mr Buddle

This is our last formal newsletter of the year, and I want to thank all our parents and carers for the support you give to your children's learning and the school. Sorting out costumes for the play, driving children to sporting activities and reading at home are all vital to our school life. School reports and SATs results will come home soon. All of the children have worked hard and should be really proud of what they have achieved this year.

Sports Day

Thanks to everyone who came along to the School Sports Day on the Denny despite the chilly weather and change of date. We had a wide variety of races, including our traditional Owls ski race, egg and spoon races, sack races, dressing up races, obstacle courses and, of course, running. Special mention goes to our marathon winners – Charlie (boys' marathon), Grace (girls' marathon) and Kobe (mini-marathon), and to St Francis house for winning the overall cup in a very close competition.

Owls residential trip

Owls class had a wonderful 5-day residential trip at Gilwell Park, despite it being the wettest week of the summer. Activities included raft building, archery, tomahawk throwing, climbing, Jacob's ladder, crate stacking, zip wires and backwoods cooking. The food was reported to be excellent and they even managed some evening campfires with marshmallows in between the rain showers. Many thanks to Mr Lee, Mrs Freeman, Miss Thompson and special guest, Miss Bellwood, for giving the children such a brilliant week.

KS2 play : The Lion King

Rehearsals are going well and all the children are working hard to learn their words and songs. Scenery has been painted and many, many masks created - thanks to everyone for the donations of cardboard!. Our first full run-through in costume is on Wednesday 10th July, so please send your child's costume into school by then. KS1 and Early Years children will be able to watch the play in school at the dress rehearsal. Letters about tickets have gone home with the children. We are expecting all the performances to be full, so you will need a ticket for everyone who wants to come to them, including younger children.

Leavers Service and PTA BBQ

Please join us for the Leavers' Service in the church at 6pm on Monday 22nd July, to share memories of our Year 6's and celebrate their successes. The Leavers' Service is followed by the annual PTA barbecue in the school playground. Tickets are available in advance from the PTA website or directly from Sarah and Tam, and each ticket pays for the cost of a sausage or burger, with drinks and ice cream being on sale at the event. We also ask families to contribute by bringing salads for everyone to share.

There will be an informal gathering on the Denny after the last day of school for Year 6's and their friends – please do join us. We will have use of the pavilion and are asking everyone who comes along to contribute snacks or soft drinks. Parents/carers will remain responsible for their own children.

Dates for the Diary

Year 6 move-up days at BVC
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July

Move-up morning for all children
Tuesday 9th July

New reception children to visit
Tuesday 9th July

New reception parents info session
Thursday 11th July 6pm

End-of-year reports
Friday 12th July

Wrens open mornings
Monday 15th & Wednesday 17th July 9am

KS2 swimming gala
Monday 15th July (afternoon)

KS2 school play – The Lion King
Full run-through – Wednesday 10th July
Dress rehearsal – Tuesday 16th July

Performances:
Wednesday 17th July 1.30pm
Wednesday 17th July 6pm
Thursday 18th July 6pm

Swaffham Olympics
Thursday 18th July (morning)

Celebration Assembly
Friday 19th July 2.15pm

Leavers' service in the church, followed by PTA Barbecue in the playground
Monday 22nd July 6pm

Last day of school
Tuesday 23rd July

Children back to school
Thursday 5th September

Last day of school before half term
Friday 18th October

Children back to school
Monday 28th October

Last day of school before Christmas
Wednesday 18th December

Village candlelit carol service
Sunday 22nd December

Doves Grand Concert

Doves class have been reading Katie Morag and the Grand Concert. As part of their “Brilliant Bulbeck” theme they decided to put on their own Grand Concert, which they will perform to the Robins this week. They will showcase their musical skills and (probably) sing “You Cannae Shove Your Grannie off a Bus” in true Katie Morag style.

Kingfishers Sport for All Day

In the children’s own words:

When we went to the games we were put into groups. I was in group 3 and our first destination was rounders. I made friends with Ben when we played rounders, we both got a catch. (Ben C)

On Thursday we went to Sports for All and played multiple sports. My favourite was football and cricket. In football my team won 7:0 and I scored 6! (Lucas)

On Thursday I went to Sport for All. My favourite sport was capture the flag. (Isaac)

On Thursday 20th June our class, Kingfishers, went to the 2019 Sport for All event. This year, we had 12 sports instead of 3 sports. I enjoyed the event because there were so many different sports. I hadn’t tried before such as; football, capture the flag, rounders, cricket and endball. I also made some new friends at the event. There were many young leaders who were kind and helpful. (Emily)

Sports for All is a sports event that brings different year 3 and 4 classes together to take part in fun sports. The sports included; relay, cricket, endball and dance. The dance we did was to the Greatest Showman. We also took part in throwing, archery, Frisbee and volleyball. My favourite was relay races as we could work in a group. This was a really fun day and I hope everyone enjoyed it. (Lucie)

Yesterday was fun we did lots of different sports. My team won football because I scored all the goals! The second best bit was lunch. (Zoe)

Yesterday Kingfishers went to Cambridge School Sports Partnership Sport for All. We took part in fun sport activities. The first thing I did was football, I scored 4 goals! Then we did cricket and another school came and played with us, but I wasn’t able to do batting which I really wanted too! Then we played rounders and this time I was able to bat. Next up we had lunch. We finished our lovely lunch and went to dance on the field. The dancing ended and we did archery. After archery we played Frisbee. (Jack)

Gardening Club

Gardening Club have been very busy this term, planting flowers and vegetables in pots and raised beds at the front of the school. I hope you will agree that they have made the school look very pretty indeed! Many thanks to Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Thompson for sharing their gardening skills with the children.

Remember Ice Cream Fridays – 50p each!

Spotlight on the Towers & Hill Trust

The Towers & Hill Trust is a village charity which was established in 1721 at the same time as the school was first opened. The Trust continues to work to support the education of children in the village. They are the landowner of our Early Years Centre (the former village hall) and also provide funds each year to purchase bibles and other books of their choice for the Year 6 leavers.

This year we are very grateful to Towers & Hill for an additional donation of £950, which will be used to provide play therapy sessions next year, and also to pay for a mural in the new library which will show the school values and “Shine Brightly” motto.

We are also grateful for their support in our hosting of the new village defibrillator which you can see on the wall near to the Early Years entrance.

Thanks to our departing governors

The governors would like to give their heartfelt thanks to Lucy Beharrell and Susie Sugg for all their work as governors of the school. They have both made a huge contribution, and we are sorry to see them stand down. (Mrs Sugg will still be working at the school).

If you want to know more about the work of a school governor, please speak to one of us in the playground or contact our Chair, Amy Weatherup
chair@swaffhambulbeck.cambs.sch.uk

Parents and carers who are governors are:
Katharine Cantell
Steve Graham
Jo Latchford
Romain Poujardieu
Laurinda Vale
Amy Weatherup