



AUTUMN TERM

7th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Building - Update - IMPORTANT

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Parents and Carers new building update meeting on 13th November. From the feedback I received, the meeting was agreed to be both useful and informative.

NB: PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING LETTERS IN YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG.

- Minutes of the Parents' and Carers' new building meeting held on 13.11.18
- A new building update letter from Oval CEO Mrs. Donna Moulds

Children's Achievement Assembly- Every Friday

When I visit the classrooms, I see the dedication and determination as children try their best to succeed in the challenges their teachers set them each day. When we celebrate together at Friday's Achievement Assembly, it is lovely to be able recognise and applaud some of the children's achievements across that week.

Across the classes, there is a range of items shared.

- **Certificates** awarded for maths, English, reading, Headteacher awards, Swannington Values awards and Positive Lunchtime Behaviour awards.
- **House-points** which are a particular highlight, with individual effort contributing to the overall points of the House team.
- **Birthdays** - forthcoming or recent birthdays are celebrated.
- **Any certificates or special interests** that children bring into school to share.

This has given me a good insight into how hard our children work and what they like to do in their spare time.

As we enter December, ongoing school work will be mixed up for the children with some of the Swannington special Christmas traditions and treats. I am looking forward to sharing these too!

SWANNINGTON NEWS!

<p>WINTER TEA PARTY Sunday 25th November</p> 	<p>The FOSS Winter Tea Party took place in the Village Hall with many stalls and a Santa for children to enjoy, and in doing so, raised money for school. Thank you to Hazel Benson and the FOSS team, who organised the event and to all who helped and took part.</p> 
<p>Christmas Dinner</p>  <p>3.12.18</p>	<p>Children and staff enjoyed a great Christmas dinner, with all the trimmings, on Monday - superbly organised by Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Causer, Ms Leer and Mrs. Broughton- and ably served to the children by school staff!</p> 

<p>Visit to Leicester Cathedral - Swannington CE School Council 4.12.18</p>	<p>It was a pleasure for Mrs. McMenamin and me to take the KS2 members of the School Council to Leicester Cathedral. The children were our representatives at the annual Advent Service for the Leicestershire Church of England Schools, organised by the Diocesan Board of Education. The service was led by Bishop Guli and included carols and readings and an opportunity for children to write a prayer or a wish for families at Christmas. These will be read out in the Cathedral over the Christmas period. Lutterworth College students also performed a memorable version of the Christmas story with the Angel Gabriel arriving on a scooter!</p> 
<p>Community Event - Swannington Village Hall 5.12.18</p> <p>Light 'Switch-On' Ceremony</p>	<p>It was lovely to take part in this event with staff, children and families from school. Children's laminated star wishes were hung in the trees at the front of the Village Hall and they sang 'Away in a Manger' as part of the light switch-on ceremony. Back inside, we were proud of our children as they sang more carols for the community, including 'Little Donkey' and 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem', led by Miss Cath Taylor, and then shared some of their Christmas wishes.</p> 
<p>FOSS Christmas Disco 7.12.18</p> 	<p>We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas Disco!</p> 



Celebrate! PE, Sport and Physical Activity at Swannington




I would just like to celebrate with everyone how active the children have been this term. **Mrs. Catherine Massie** is our PE Leader and works with other teachers in other schools and with NWLSSP to ensure our children have a great offer.

- All children have PE lessons timetabled for twice a week as a minimum.

As part of the North West Leicestershire Schools Sports Partnership, NWLSSP children have had the opportunity to take part in:

- Key Stage 2
- Play Coach training for Year 6 to support lunchtime play
 - Bronze Ambassador training for children to support sports across the school
 - Tag Rugby competition Y5/6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dodgeball Competition Y5/6 NB: Our valiant team are through to the final - 13.12.18! • All KS2 children had the opportunity to part in the Bikeability week. • Judo taster session
<u>Key Stage 1 and Reception</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1/Y2 Multi-skills festival • Christmas Multi-skill games festival for Y1/2 • Judo taster session.
School Clubs
Monday - after school -mixed skills YR to 3 Tuesday - Breakfast mixed sports club Tuesday - after school - mixed sports club Thursday - after school - Football club Our KS2 football team enjoyed a match against Whitwick St. John this term. Football matches with local schools will continue next term.
'Happy Lunchtimes Award'
We are also excited to share that the whole school will be undertaking the NWLSSP organised 'Happy Lunchtimes Award' on 13.12.18 with Steve Harris. This is to enhance our lunchtime play and involves <u>everyone</u> in the school. Mrs Massie will explain more about this when we have completed it!

With kind regards,
Adele Leadbeater

Swannington CE Primary School -Autumn Term 2018 Diary Dates	
Date	Event
10.12.18	KS2 (Chestnut Y3/4 and Sycamore Y5/6) Christmas Celebration at St. George's Church - 6pm start (Please arrive at 5.40pm.)
11.12.18	KS1 Nativity Performance - 2pm and 6pm - St. George's Church
17.12.18	Sycamore Y5/6 - Christmas Party afternoon
18.12.18	Whole School visit to the Pantomime - Loughborough Town Hall - morning
19.12.18	Acorn YR and Oak Y1/2 -Christmas Party afternoon
20.12.18	Chestnut Y3/4 -Christmas Party afternoon
21.12.18	Church Service led by Rev Liz Angell 9.30am start- Whole School - Parents and Carers are very welcome to join us at Church.
Last day of Autumn term	Christmas Jumper/T-shirt day Please note: <u>Pupils of the term</u> , <u>Lunchtime awards</u> and the <u>Achievement Medal</u> will be given out at this service.
24.12.18 to 7.1.19 inclusive	HOLIDAY (7.1.19 Teacher INSET day)
8.1.19	First day of Spring Term 2019 Welcome back!

Parents' Views: You can e-mail the school office at any time to share your views. E-mails will be forwarded to me.