



AUTUMN TERM



12th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all those who were able to attend the Parents' and Carers' meetings for your children this week. The teachers reported that they had enjoyed meeting with everyone to discuss the children in their classes. The parents and carers I spoke with said that they found it very informative. As we now approach the half term holiday, and after a day in PJs and Onesies, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely break before we start the next half of the Autumn Term at Swannington School.

Oval Learning Trust - UPDATE FOR PARENTS - Letter

You will hopefully all now have received the communication regarding updates from Oval Learning Trust and an update about the building project. The date of the informal meeting to talk about the current situation with the building project, and views about next steps, will be communicated after the half term holiday.

A Statement From: Canon Carolyn Lewis, Diocesan Director of Education

Over the last few months there has been a transition of leadership at Swannington CofE Primary School. In addition to this, there have been difficulties in completing a planned building project. We understand that this has been unsettling for some parents and the wider community.

Some reports in social media imply that the school is at risk of closure. We are pleased to confirm that there are no plans to close the school. The Diocesan Board of Education values the contribution made by all of our schools and particularly recognises the value local communities place on village schools such as Swannington.

It is a credit to the staff team at Swannington, led by their new Headteacher Adele Leadbeater, that they have remained focused on the job in hand, i.e. the education of the children at the school. The Diocesan Board of Education would like to thank all the staff at Swannington for their unwavering commitment to the children and families of the school.

If parents are at all concerned about any aspects of their child's education, please do raise this with your child's teacher or Mrs Leadbeater. They are ready and willing to listen to any concerns you have and to work with you to address them.

We have asked Mrs Leadbeater to meet with parents to bring you all up to speed with the current situation with the building project and to gather your views about the next steps. Further information will be sent to you in due course.

Opportunities to come into school and take part in the life of the school

We are now planning a number of opportunities for you to visit the school during the next half of Autumn Term, to see what happens during the school day. These opportunities are being timetabled and details will be given after the half term holiday.

Happy Children -Successful Learners

Harvest Festival - Thursday 11th October - Swannington Village Hall

Thank you to all who were able to join us in the Village Hall for our Harvest Festival. Led by Year 6 children, it gave us an opportunity to think about all there is to be thankful about. Sycamore, Y5/6 children performed a short play about Joseph and the dreams he had. Chestnut, Y3/4 children entertained us with a harvest poem, accompanied by children on recorders and Miss Taylor on guitar. Oak, Y1/2 children told us which foods they really liked and Acorn, Reception children, told the story of the Little Red Hen. They really were excellent - reciting it in unison and with actions and different voices too.

The singing was fantastic - from 'Mr Scarecrow' to 'Harvest Samba'. Finally, Reverend Liz Angell led us in a prayer of thankfulness.

Harvest Baskets - 'Thank You'

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for the Harvest Baskets this year. The making up of the baskets was led by Mrs. Julie Jones and they were distributed to Swannington Village residents by the children.

Term Dates - Confirmation of dates 2019-2020

Please find attached the term dates for next year 2019 to 2020. Leicestershire schools will be more aligned in our area.

	Autumn Term 2019
Schools Open	Thursday 29 th August 2019
Mid-term Break	Monday 14 th October 2019 to Friday 18 th October 2019. School re-opens Monday 21 st October 2019
School Closes	Friday 20 th December 2019
	Spring Term 2020
Schools Open	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2020.
Schools Close	Friday 3 rd April 2020
	Summer Term 2020
Schools Open	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2020
School Closes	Friday 10 th July 2020

Jewellery - Reminder

Please note the following paragraph from our school's prospectus.

'For reasons of health & safety, children must not wear necklaces, brooches, rings or bracelets to school. Children may wear watches, but must be responsible for them. Children with pierced ears may wear plain stud earrings only, but these must be removed for Physical Education. This is the children's responsibility and staff will not be able to assist with the removal and replacement of earrings.'

Thank you.

PE AND SPORTS NEWS

Children have taken part in two sporting competitions in the last 2 weeks.

- Y5/6 Tag Rugby The children played extremely well and played in the semi-finals in their group. Miss Taylor is proud of the teamwork shown.
- Football Match - Whitwick St. John's

With kind regards,
Adele Leadbeater

Swannington CE Primary School -Autumn Term 2018 Diary Dates	
Date	Event
15.10.18 to 19.10.18	Half term holiday
25.10.18	Stay, Play and Pray 3.15pm
26.10.18	Leicestershire Life Education Bus - all classes
26.10.18	FOSS Film Night
30.10.18	School Nurse drop in session 8.30am
16.11.18	Flu Immunisations
25.11.18	Winter Tea Party at the Village Hall 2-5pm
29.11.18	School Nurse drop in session 2.30pm
7.12.18	FOSS Christmas Disco 6-8pm
17.12.18	Sycamore Y5/6 - Christmas Party
18.12.18	Pantomime - Loughborough
19.12.18	Chestnut Y3/4 -Christmas Party
20.12.18	Acorn YR and Oak Y1/2 -Christmas Party
21.12.18	Last day of Autumn term

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