



Swallowfield Lower School

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To Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term – and it is set to be a very busy one! Our main themes this half term are Julia Donaldson and Winter. Please take a look at our overview of the themes that we will be learning about on the school website, which is found under the Reception section.

Please may we remind you to regularly access your child's google classroom account. On there you can find online learning opportunities, additional materials that may support learning at home, as well as news and exciting things to share at home. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are having problems logging on. If you stumble across any technical issues while using the classroom, we would initially recommend googling your difficulty as it is created by the same company and has many useful help pages.

Please keep an eye on additional letters and the monthly newsletter for more information regarding the half term and possible events and activities to look out for. This week we will be starting to practise our Christmas performance - please look out for details on how to access the performance nearer to December. Any changes to the routine and messages will be shared with you via the SchoolPing app so please keep checking it for the latest updates and new information.

Unfortunately, with the return to school further guidance has been put in place to support everyone's safety at school as far as we possibly can. This means that all parent consultations that will start from next week will all be completed through a virtual meet. You should have already received information on how to book your time slot on SchoolPing, but please contact us if you are having any difficulties.

We would also like to ask that we create a one-way system in our Reception area playground to ease people traffic and to support social distancing on our site at drop-off and collection. Please follow the one-way system that is chalked onto the floor, and try not to congregate near the door or classroom windows for periods of time to eliminate a large collection of people in a small space.

A few gentle reminders:

Please remember to name all items of uniform and other belongings. If using a pen, this needs to be checked regularly as names wear off and iron on label can sometimes become unstuck. Please ensure children do not bring in toys or other items from home, as these often get lost or damaged which can be upsetting. With the changing weather, we ask that all children have their wellie boots in school for their environmental session and they are brought into school on the day each week which is as follows:



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YRP – Tuesdays
YRG - Wednesdays

Please continue to ensure both classes wear PE kits into school each Friday. As it gets colder jogging bottoms and jumpers will be a necessity as children will still have playtimes outdoors. We would also like to remind you to ensure all children have a complete spare uniform including underwear and socks on their peg for accidents and falls – particularly now we are into the wet winter months. Please also ensure this change of clothes are clearly named.

Children should now be wearing winter uniform. If you are unsure whether certain items fall into this category check with your child's class teacher. The main changes are that girls can no longer wear their summer dresses, but instead have the option of pinafore dresses with tights or socks or navy trousers and boys can no longer wear their shorts, but instead opt for grey trousers.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Papworth
Early Years Leader

Mrs Galloway
Foundation Teacher

Mrs Garratt
Foundation Teacher