



Swallowfield Lower School

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Message from the Head Teacher

The summer term is always a busy time but with the additional preparations for year five the weeks are passing very quickly. The temporary building is scheduled to be delivered onto site early August so we will be able to prepare the new classrooms for September. The actual new build will start in July so we are involved in weekly catch-up meetings with Central Beds Council to ensure this process is communicated with us and with as little disruption to school life as possible. However, they have just informed us that they are proposing to implement waiting restrictions outside the school from September. Central Beds are consulting on this proposal which is on their website and you can respond by emailing highways.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 07th July 2022. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made and must quote unique reference number A00219. The children are very busy too with year one completing their phonics checks, year two have finished their SATs and year four are currently taking their multiplication tables checks. Everyone has enjoyed the use of the swimming pool and it was lovely to see a fun celebration day for the Queen's Jubilee. Hopefully the weather stays pleasant, and we can look forward to Sports Day.

Values Education

Our value for June is 'Caring'. At school we will be thinking About the different ways we can show that we care. We will emphasise the importance of recognising and looking after those in need. We will point out that we should care for our environment as well as our friends, relations, and pets. We will think about what would happen if we didn't care for our school and grounds. This is an opportunity for us to also think about caring professionals and there will be an emphasis on their work.



Busy Bees News

Welcome to the last half term of the school year! We have a very busy half term ahead with lots of exciting things to do.

We have a Fun Day planned and our Sports Day, also we have Leavers party for the school leavers and Graduation ceremony. We are in the process of finalising the details for all events and will inform you in due course.

Last term we started to have some great weather and if we could remind you that the children do need to have sun cream applied before they attend sessions along with a hat if they have one. Spares can be given.

Reception News

For this half term our main learning theme is based around minibeast madness. We are having an exciting time in Reception classes with our first swim happening this half term. You should have also received information regarding our school trip to the 'Little City' experience on Tuesday 6th July. We would like to remind all parents the importance of having a DBS check if you would like to help on future trips out with your child.

Key Stage 1 News

With the Summer term well underway, the children in Key Stage One have been very busy with their learning. Year 1 are enjoying learning all about the continent of Africa. They have been finding out about the country Kenya and they have also created some fantastic African inspired artwork. Over recent weeks, the children in Year 1 have also enjoyed working collaboratively with Year 8 children from Fulbrook to create their own storybooks.

Year 2 have enjoyed diving into their summer term topic Oceans and Seas. The children have been using atlases to locate seas and oceans of the world, as well as learning about the features of the seaside. Earlier this month, Year 2 also enjoyed taking part in World Ocean Day. It was lovely to see so many of the children wearing ocean colours and dressed as their favourite sea creatures. With a busy day full of activities, the children had lots of fun and also learnt about the importance of protecting the World's Oceans for future generations.

Key Stage 2 News

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year. As is always the case it is a busy and exciting term. We started our half term with some lovely Jubilee celebrations which all of the children really enjoyed. All year groups will be taking advantage of the more favourable weather to make use of our fantastic school grounds for PE, outdoor learning opportunities and of course, swimming. It is also the term for school based and external PE competitions.

Year 4 had an amazing Egyptian Day. The costumes were amazing, and the activities really brought their learning to life. They have also been working hard in preparation for their Multiplication Tables Check and we are sure they will do an amazing job demonstrating their skills. They are really excited about their forthcoming trip to PGL next month.

Year 3 are also working hard and are keen to learn about our new history topic - The Aztecs. In Science we will be learning all about Plants and how they grow and produce food.

As this is such a busy term, please make sure you check your ping messages regularly as this will always be our first line of communication.

News and updates

- ❖ **Hot weather essentials** Please ensure on warm sunny days you apply sunscreen to your child/ren before arriving at school. We recommend the once-a-day creams. Hats and water bottles are also essential on hot days.
- ❖ **Hay fever** Along with the warmer weather hay fever symptoms can also be high. If your child/ren suffer with symptoms, please give anti-allergy medication before school to ease their symptoms throughout the day.
- ❖ **Miss Papworth** Congratulations to Miss Papworth -Reception Teacher, who was married during half term. Miss Papworth is now Mrs Wisson. However, for ease her name in correspondence will not change until September.
- ❖ **Swimming lessons** The pool renovations have been completed. Please look out on school Ping for your child's lesson timetable. We do not supply spare kits for hygiene purposes, therefore without a kit your child/ren will not swim.
- ❖ **Parking** A polite reminder. Please do not use the car park to drop off or collect your child. These are busy times and school staff will need use of the car park. Please also be mindful not to park on staff allocated space. Thank you.



Finley in Year 4 nurtured and grew a selection of plants and sold them to raise money for the school. He raised a grand £40! The money raised will go towards the schools' resources. A big thank you and well done to you!



Governors Corner

Swallowfield Now

Following our family survey, the uniform for Swallowfield Primary has been confirmed for September. Please see the recent Ping and the website for full details. Children may still wear Lower School uniform next year.

Future Swallowfield

A busy time ahead as the Governing Board, School and Council finalise details for the new build and installation of the temporary classrooms.

We also have a vacancy for a **Local Authority governor**. Do you know anyone who may be interested and be able to offer their time and expertise? With an exciting future ahead, this is a great time to join our friendly Board.

Environmental News

A busy time of year! Firstly, the Eco-Committee were invited to plant bee friendly plants and seeds in a new planter at Woburn Sands station. We look forward to watching them grow!

After being nominated by visitors to Frosts, we were given a tree for the Queen's Jubilee. This was a lovely Hawthorn which we will add to the Queen's Green Canopy. This was planted on the edge of the wildlife area, by other committee members.

We were delighted by the number of entrants to the Woburn Sands Town Council Young Environmentalist Award. Prizes were presented at a Jubilee event in the village, with some still to come in school. Each entrant was given an Eco goody bag and a certificate, with personal comments about their entry.

Sadly, whole school vegetable growing is on hold to enable planning for the future of growing areas, due to the new build and location of the temporary building. Funding for the polytunnel came through a large grant. Having made great use of it, we would like to be able to sell it on to raise funds for future projects.

Fortunately, the orchard of 14 donated fruit trees, was moved by staff in half term, to create a new 'Jubilee/ 40th Birthday' orchard. We look forward to success in their new home!



YOU ARE INVITED TO

SUPER STANLEY'S BIRTHDAY BONANZA

16TH JULY 2022
1PM - 4PM
SWALLOWFIELD SCHOOL

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SWALLOWFIELD'S 40TH BIRTHDAY

ROBINS
KINGFISHERS
GOLDFINCHES
WOODPECKERS

- AMAZING FOOD AND DRINK
- GAMES, COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES
- FACE PAINTING, BOUNCY CASTLE
- LIVE CHALLENGES!
- AND MUCH MUCH MUCH MORE!!!

FREE ENTRY
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

House News

The Kingfishers are in the lead! Don't forget to run on Friday mornings where lots of house points can be won. Will they be beaten?

Robins



Total 858

Woodpeckers



Total 1008

Goldfinches



Total 992

Kingfishers



Total 1051