



Swallowfield Primary

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To Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to the first half of the Spring term – it is set to be a very busy one! Our main themes this half term is the Elmer Stories by David McKee. 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 information will be shared through the SchoolPing app.

We are pleased to announce that Reception and Key Stage One classes will be returning to sharing Teachers Awards in front of parents and carers from the week commencing 16th January 2023. If your child has shown great progress/working hard within specific curriculum areas or impressed staff outside of classroom teaching we as a school award a special certificate. If your child is awarded this specific certificate we will send an invite via School Ping to invite you to join us at our celebration assembly which this term will take place each Monday at 3pm. This will be an opportunity to watch your child be awarded their certificate in front of their peers. We will endeavour to send the invite SchoolPing out by the Wednesday before to give you the best opportunity of being available to attend the assembly.

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.

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 in a named bag including underwear and socks on their peg for accidents and falls – particularly now we are into the wet winter months. Please also ensure all items in the change of clothes are clearly named. Children should be wearing winter uniform the rest of the school week.

Yours sincerely,

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