



Swallowfield Primary

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Thursday 4th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We are excited about the term ahead and have lots to look forward to.

Curriculum

Our learning in the Spring Term is focused around the theme 'Castles'. Please see Google Classroom for our medium term plan which outlines what we will be covering week by week. We are hoping to have a Castle workshop later in the term to enrich the children's learning. More details to follow.

PE

The children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on their year group's PE day. Our PE day is a **Friday**. Please therefore send your child to school in their full PE kit every Friday. They do not need to bring any other clothes with them, except for a coat if it is cold or wet. A full PE kit should consist of a royal blue polo shirt and navy-blue shorts, along with navy joggers or leggings and a navy sweatshirt or fleece. Shorts are safer and more practical for some lessons (e.g. gymnastics) so we would suggest that in colder weather the children wear their shorts underneath their jogging bottoms or leggings. Socks and trainers also need to be worn. Due to the expansion of the school and limited use of the school hall, we will be making use of outdoor areas for some of our PE lessons so it is essential that your child is wearing appropriate (and warm in the winter) clothing for PE. **No jewellery should be worn on PE days, including earrings.** Long hair should also be tied back please.

Equipment

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day and a morning fruit snack. We ask that the children only have water in their bottles please. They are provided with a piece of fruit in the afternoon. As you are already aware, there are several children at Swallowfield with **severe nut allergies**. With this in mind, please ensure that no food containing nuts is brought into school.

Homework

A selection of homework tasks will be uploaded termly to Google Classroom. If you choose to complete some of these, please upload photos or videos to your child's Google Classroom account for us to see. Spellings will resume next week. They will be uploaded to Google Classroom on Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday.

Home School Library will resume on Tuesday 9th January. Please ensure your child's book bag has been returned to school prior to this date. Reading can have such a huge impact on your child's academic progress. We really encourage daily reading at home when possible. Bookbags will need to come into school every **Tuesday** to be changed.

Going Home Arrangements

If your child is going home with someone else please let us know **prior to pick up**. Without parental consent, we are unable to release your child to anyone else. If your child will be going home with someone other than yourself on a regular basis (grandparents, childminders, after school club etc.), it would also be useful to have this in writing via email. For on the day arrangements, please contact the office when notifying us about pick up because teacher's emails may not be checked until after school.



Head Teacher: Mrs K Brewer NPQH
Email: enquiries@swallowfieldprimary.com
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Staff

We're excited to welcome Miss James to the Year 1 team. She will be teaching Birch Class for the remainder of the academic year. We continue to be supported by Mrs Tkaczuk, Mrs Cowdrill and Mrs Janki.

If you feel that you need to come and talk to us about anything concerning your child, please do. Communication between home and school is important and please feel that you can approach us. With that in mind, the best way to contact us is to email us directly on the following email addresses. Please note that we will endeavour to respond to you within 2 working days. If the matter is more urgent please contact the school office on enquiries@swallowfieldprimary.com or 01908 582101.

Birch Class - f.james@swallowfieldprimary.com

Pine Class – g.ballinger@swallowfieldprimary.com

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ballinger
Year One Teachers

Miss James