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Swallowfield Primary

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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 theme this half term is Community Heroes, Festivals and Celebrations. Please take a look at our overview of the weekly themes that we will be learning about on the school website, which is found under the Reception section of the webpage.

Uniform

We would like to remind you that all children should now be wearing winter uniform. Our school uniform policy can be found on the school website or by clicking on the following link

<https://swallowfieldprimary.com/uniform-2/>

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 labels can sometimes become unstuck. We have had a lot of families looking for unnamed items which are difficult to reunite with its owner without clear labelling.

Our PE day will continue to be on a Tuesday. PE does still happen outside throughout this half term so please make sure that children come appropriately dressed for all weathers to take part.

Learning at Home

We really do hope you have enjoyed your introduction to Seesaw and hope that you have enjoyed sharing photos of the learning that takes place at school together as a family – we have been excited to receive some engagement in the activities we have posted so far. Home learning will begin this half term and activities will regularly be posted on Seesaw to support our learning in school. There are a range of activities for Reception children to complete during each half term. You can upload your child's completion of any of these activities onto Seesaw directly. Please refer to the instruction sheets send out via the communication system if you are having any difficulty in uploading.

You have already received your phonics sound cards in your book bags which are a learning tool to keep at home. We will update you on focus sounds and words to build as your children reach certain assessment points from our phonics teaching. Red word book marks and QR Code stories will begin to be sent out this half term and later on books for you to read at home with your child, when your child is assessed and ready for them. We would wish for children to read 4 times a week at home and in doing so they will earn a house point for their house team. Home reading sessions can be your child reading you their reading book, bedtime stories that an adult reads to them, QR code stories that your child listens to or alternatively practicing recalling phonics sound cards and reading/building words using their flashcards too. Completion of these activities can be recorded in the reading diaries that will be added to your child's bookbags in the coming weeks.



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Dates for your Diary

We hope you have taken the opportunity to book your child's first parent consultations which start this week. Please contact the school office if you are having any difficulty in accessing the new booking system or have misplaced any information regarding your timings or online access. 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. Dates for your diaries so far include:

- 5.11.24 Ash class face to face consultations
- 7.11.24 Elm class face to face consultations/Ash class online consultations
- 14.11.24 Elm class online consultations
- 15.11.24 - Children in need Mufti/non-uniform day
- 19.11.24 – Stay and play. Sessions will run 9am-9.30am or 2.45pm-3.15pm
- 25.11.24 – Reception phonics workshop 9.15am
- 10.12.24 – Reception carol service 2pm
- 12.12.24 – flu vaccinations/Christmas jumper day
- 20.12.24 – End of term

Our Stay and Play sessions begin this half term and we are really looking forward to you having an insight into the learning that happens every day in our classroom. Please see the separate letter that will be shared with you shortly with further information on the themes and how to sign up for a session at the start or end of the day of the dates we have shared with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wisson
Ash Class
EY Assistant Head

Mrs Cresswell
Ash Class

Mrs Harris
Elm Class

Mrs Davies
Elm Class