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10th January 2019

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year and welcome back to school in 2019! We hope that you have all had a great holiday. The children have quickly settled back into school life and we are all looking forward to a busy Spring Term.

Absences from School in Exceptional Circumstances

Please see attached a letter from Swanland Education Trust (of which Swanland Primary School is a part), reminding parents about the requirements in respect of any request for a child to be absent from school during term-time.

Years 2-6 – Few Remaining Places at New Musical Theatre After School Club

There are still a few places available at the new Musical Theatre After-School Club, run by Northern Lights Drama Theatre School, which is due to start on Monday 14th January 2019 from 3.30-4.30 pm. Originally offered to Years 3-6, the club has now been opened up to Year 2 children as well! A booking form is attached – if your child would like to join this club, please return your completed booking form to the School Office by 9.30 am on Monday 14th January.

PTA Disco – Friday 18th January 2019

Tickets are now on sale for the PTA Winter Disco, to be held in the Great Hall on Friday 18th January 2019 at the following times:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 3.30-4.40 pm (the children may bring their party clothes into school and get changed before the disco)
- Years 3-6: 4.50-6.00 pm

Tickets cost £4.00 each (including a drink and a snack) and payment (cash or cheque, made payable to 'Swanland Primary School PTA') should be sent into school in a named envelope, please.

NB As this is a PTA event, tickets cannot be purchased via ParentPay.

Reception – Nativity DVD Now on Sale – £5.00

We are very pleased to offer for sale a DVD of the Reception children's Nativity performance and we should like to thank Mrs Wainman, one of our parents, for her help in recording and editing it. The DVD is available to purchase online, using ParentPay, and costs £5.00. Once paid for, the DVD will be sent home with your child.

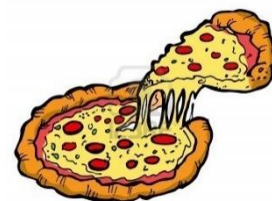


NB School newsletters, school news and events calendar can be found on the website: www.swanlandschool.co.uk

School Census – Thursday 17th January 2019 – Change to School Dinner Menu

Three times a year the school takes part in a Census, as requested by the Department for Education (DfE), when the DfE collects statistical information about our school. One of the pieces of information collected is how many Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) children are having Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM); either a hot meal or a salad. This figure is then used to calculate how much money the school receives in respect of our UIFSM grant – the funding we receive to cover the cost of all the free Key Stage 1 meals provided throughout the year. For each additional child having a free school dinner on the School Census days, the school receives an additional £437 for the year!

In view of this, may we ask that you encourage your child to have a school dinner next Thursday. Following a recent survey amongst the children, where Pizza was declared the preferred meal for school dinners, there has been a change to the school dinner menu next week, with Pizza and Chips followed by Jelly and Ice Cream, being the menu for Census Day! Thank you!



Set Menu 2 - Weeks commencing	10/09/2018, 01/10/2018, 22/10/2018, 19/11/2018, 10/12/2018, 14/01/2019, 04/02/2019				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Fishcake	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Chicken Wrap	Margherita Pizza	Roast Ham & Yorkshire Pudding
Vegetarian	Cheese Pasta Bake	Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw	Margherita Pizza	Quorn Fillet
Carbohydrates	Chips	Creamed Potatoes	Rice	Chips	Creamed Potatoes
Vegetables/ Salad	Peas/Sweetcorn	Carrots/Broccoli	Sweetcorn/Peas	Peas/Beans	Carrots/Cauliflower
Desserts	Apple Flapjack & Custard	Chocolate Krispie Slice	Orange Shortcake & Custard	Jelly & Ice Cream	Marble Sponge & Custard

Children in Need – Thank you!

Through your kind donations and item sales, the school has raised a fantastic £452.20 towards Children in Need. Thank you everyone!

What To Do In Case of School Closure

The weather forecasts keep predicting colder weather on the way, so we thought we would update you on the procedures in place, should the school have to close.

1) If the school has to close prior to the start of a school day:

Text: We will text all parents (Emergency Contact No 1) to advise of the closure so please ensure you keep the School Office informed of any changes to your mobile telephone number.

Website: There will be an update posted on the school website at www.swanlandschool.co.uk – under Parents/Information/Notices.



Telephone: There will be an emergency closure message on our telephone answer machine, directing parents to the website.

Radio: As in past years, we will advise local radio stations of the closure and you will be able to hear those reports on the morning radio (please see attached poster from KCFM).

2) Should the school have to close early during the school day:

Text: We will text all parents to advise of the closure (as above), asking that your child be collected early.

Website: There will be an update posted on the school website www.swanlandschool.co.uk – under Parents/Information/Notices.

Telephone: Should any children remain uncollected, we will endeavour to telephone any/all of your child's contacts in order for him/her to be collected safely from school.

School Book Amnesty!

Did you find any of our school books amongst your child's books during the Christmas holiday? If so, please do bring them into school and either pass them to your child's class teacher or leave them at the School Office. Thank you for looking!



ParentPay Reminders

- Musical Instrument Tuition Invoices – **NOW OVERDUE**
- Year 6 Haworth Residential 2019 – Second Payment of £50 – **NOW OVERDUE**
- Year 2 Scooter Training – £2.00 – **NOW OVERDUE**
- Year 5 Cycle Training – £15.00 – payment due by 1st February 2019 – thank you.

Spring Term 2019 Diary

Friday 18th January – PTA Winter Disco (KS1 3.30–4.30 pm and KS2 5.00–6.00 pm)

Monday 21st January – PTA Meeting (evening)

Friday 1st February – Vision Nurse in School for Reception classes

Friday 1st February – Year 4/3 Performance Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 5th February – Year 4/3 Performance (2.00 pm and 6.30 pm)

Thursday 7th February – Year 4/3 Performance (6.30 pm)

Friday 8th February – PTA Race Night (Adults Only) (evening)

Monday 11th February – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

Wednesday 13th February – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

Friday 15th February – School Closes for Half-Term (3.30 pm)

Monday 25th February – School Re-opens after Half-Term (8.50 am)

Thank you for your continued support, now and into the future.

Handwritten signature of Chris Huscroft in black ink.

Chris Huscroft
Executive Head Teacher

Handwritten signature of Hannah Stephenson in blue ink.

Hannah Stephenson
Head of School