

Newsletter



Term 6

Busy Busy Bees!



Crikey it is hard to believe we have reached the end of the academic year. This past term has been very busy indeed. The children have been an absolute delight! There have been so many different events taking place at the school - it felt like a rollercoaster ride! In addition we have been blessed with a wonderful heat-wave and an amazing run in the World Cup!

Year 5 and Year 6 PGL Residential Trip



Year 5 and year 6 had a fantastic time during their residential trip. We were so proud of all the children. Not only did they cope with being away from home for 3 days but they stepped up to every challenge that was presented. From raft building, canoeing, treetop climbs, giant rope swings and much more. It was a real pleasure to see the children grow in confidence over the 3 days. They demonstrated a lovely caring side towards each other and also a very large appetite for mischief! Can I take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Mrs Charles and Mrs Robinson-Bane who came on the trip. It was wonderful to see both teachers stuck high up a tree!

The trip was so successful we are considering repeating this every year. We are aware that it is expensive but the children really benefitted from all the challenges, being together and amongst lots of other schools. We would welcome your feedback on this. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs Results

Subject	National Average in 2017	Met or exceeded the Expected Standards 2016	National Average in 2017	Met or exceeded the Expected Standards 2017	National Average in 2018	Met or exceeded the Expected Standards 2018
Reading	66%	77%	71%	100%	75%	100%
Writing	74%	44%	76%	85%	78%	73%
SPAG	72%	33%	77%	100%	78%	100%
Maths	70%	33%	75%	72%	76%	91%

We would like to congratulate Year 6 on their excellent SATs results which are significantly above national average. We are all very proud of them indeed. As teachers it was an absolute pleasure to see them rise to the challenge. Their hard work both in school and at home certainly paid off. They demonstrated determination, perseverance and fantastic self-discipline. These are all important life skills that will carry them a long way in life. Congratulations year 6 and well done!

Year 2 SATs Results

Subject	National Average in 2016	Met or exceeded the Expected Standards 2016	Met or exceeded the Expected Standards 2017	Met or exceeded the Expected Standards 2017	National Average in 2018	Met or exceeded the Expected Standards 2018
Writing	65%	80%	68.4%	74%	Tbc	81%
Reading	74%	100%	75.8%	82%	Tbc	81%
Maths	72%	100%	75.3%	74%	Tbc	72%

Year 1 Phonics Results

2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
National	School								
74%	58%	77%	81%	77%	83%	81%	83%	tbc	77%

Across the school, all the children have enjoyed their learning and continue to make good progress. It is a privilege to visit the classrooms and share in their learning. Their natural curiosity and enthusiasm in lessons is wonderful to see. During a recent visit, our school improvement officer commented on how he was impressed to see every child in the school engaged in their learning, demonstrating enthusiasm and a desire to do well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole teaching team at Swainswick Primary for all of their hard work, dedication, passion and belief in the children. As you are aware, all of the staff are incredibly committed to the pupils - their well-being, progress and most importantly their happiness. Behind the scenes, they work tirelessly to plan and implement an engaging curriculum - ensuring every child's individual needs are met. I am sure you will join me in saying thank you to them and wishing them a relaxing summer.

In addition, the school would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their support with their children's learning. As the expectations of the curriculum continue to increase - it is of paramount importance that parents support the class teachers with the children's home learning as the school cannot do it alone. Thank you for your support with this and again we wish you all a relaxing summer.

New Reception Children



It was lovely to meet all of the new reception children and their families during moving up day last week. The children settled very quickly indeed and enjoyed an engaging morning with the Apple team. Thank you to 'Friends' and all the parents who were able to attend Café Swainswick - it was a lovely way to welcome all the new families to the community.

We are delighted to say that we are over-subscribed for next year's intake of reception children.

Sports Day



Despite the baking heat, it was a delightful sports day this year. The children were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed participating in all of the races. Well done to Langridge who came out with the most points and won this year's trophy. The children looked very smart in their new house group P.E tops. Can we please ask that all the children bring these tops in for P.E each week.

Thank you to all the parents who came early and helped put up the gazebos. We all appreciated the shade! Also thank you to Friends for hosting 'Pimms on the Lawn' for all the parents after the event. A lovely afternoon.

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Apple Class Music Performance



Hazel Kite Making Workshop



Hazel Kite flying



Judo Olympic Gold



Apple Class enjoyed an exciting trip to Bristol zoo



Oak Class first Aid Training



Lyson Zulu & Jade



Ironworks Workshop



Pilgrim Day



Wells Cathedral Study



School Disco



Our New Bumble Bee Residents

Having been in contact with the British Bees Society and also two local bee keepers, we have been advised to embrace our new bee residents and informed that we have nothing to fear.

As the bees are high up in the tree, the children are not in danger as they are not in the flight path. We have been informed that the bees are not interested in human activity and that they do not explore and pollinate in the same location as their hive.



Having made these observations ourselves, we are therefore excited by our new residents and see this as a wonderful learning opportunity for which we are busy planning for next year. If you have any concerns, please do approach the school. We would like to assure you that the children's safety is our number one priority, we have sought the necessary advice and carried out the appropriate risk assessments.

Parental Support



Thank you to all the parents who continue to help the school in so many different ways. We really do appreciate your incredible support:

- Fund raising,
- Building mud kitchens,
- Packing up Apple Class and moving furniture (ready for the new build),
- The numerous social events organised by Friends,
- Moving castles,
- Café Swainswick,
- Assembly & Class visitors, ,
- Donating hundreds of brand new reading books,
- Sorting the library books,
- Bath literature trips,
- Links with Zambia
- Tending to the flowers,
- Running lunchtime clubs,
- Printing Materials,
- Lifts for school trips,
- Incredibly generous donations.



The list goes on and please forgive me if I've missed any.

I often find myself saying to visitors that this is not the school next door and therefore not the easy choice. As a result, the families that choose Swainswick believe in the ethos of the school, are passionate and incredibly supportive. The drive and commitment that you bring make this a very powerful community indeed!

Parent Readers

Next year, we are hoping to increase our parent readers and grandparent helpers to come into school and support the children with their reading and times-tables. As you are aware reading and basic number calculations underpin all aspects of learning and the sooner we can get all the children fluent in reading and calculation the sooner the children can access the whole curriculum. If you are able to help the school each week then please do let the office know.

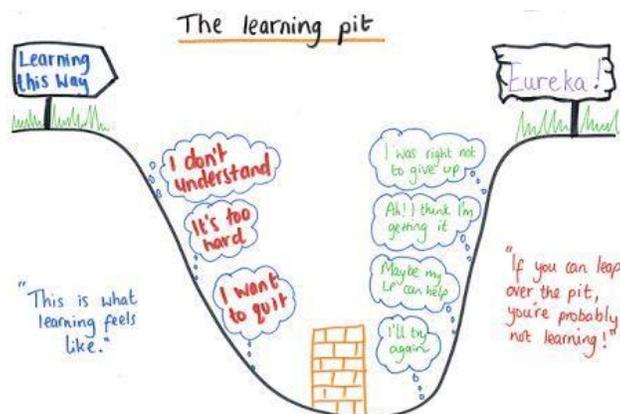
Our Christian Values

This term our Christian focus is 'Thankfulness'. We have been discussing what we should be thankful for? The importance of appreciating what we have and what people do for us? How we can help others who are less fortunate than ourselves.



Good Homework Habits

- Find a quiet place at home to use as a homework area. It needs a flat surface, a good light source and the right equipment e.g. pens, pencils, ruler.
- Create a homework timetable and agree on when your child will do their homework (this is particularly important for Year 6 children in preparation for secondary school).
- Discuss any homework tasks with your child and how it connects with what they are studying at school.
- Turn off the TV, but you could have music on if they find it helpful.
- Don't give your child the answer in order to get a task finished. Instead, explain how to look up information or find a word in a dictionary.
- Don't let homework become a chore. Keep it fun and make it a special time that you both look forward to.



If you have any questions or need some advice please speak to your class teacher.

Attendance

Congratulations - Well done to **Oak Class** who had the highest attendance this year with **96.8%** attendance!

Reminder - If your child is not well and unable to attend school please ring and let the office know. Also if there are exceptional circumstances and you need to request an authorised absence, please complete an authorisation request form from the office. Thank you for your continued support.



Start of the day

Please ensure children arrive on time for the start of the school day. Children need to be on the school playground for 8.55am when the school bell rings. Arriving late to school, by even a few minutes, impacts on the children's start of the day and can have a significant impact on their morning learning and that of others.

School Dates Term 5 & 6

Date	Event
Monday 3 rd September	Inset Day
Tuesday 4 th September	Inset Day
Wednesday 5 th September	Children's first day
Friday 7 th September	Forest School - Apple & Hazel
Monday 1 st October	Bath literature festivals - Apple
Wednesday 3 rd October	Bath literature festival - Oak and Hazel
Thursday 4 th October	Tag Rugby Festival
Wednesday 10 th October	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Friday 26 th October	Term 1 End
Monday 5 th November	Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 4 th December	Rondo Christmas Performance
Friday 21 st December	Term 2 Ends
Monday 7 th January	Term 3 Begins
Friday 15 th February	Term 3 Ends
Monday 25 th February	Term 4 Begins
Friday 5 th April	Term 4 Ends
Tuesday 23 rd April	Term 5 Begins
Friday 24 th May	Term 5 Ends
Monday 3 rd June	Term 6 Begins
Tuesday 23 rd July	Term 6 Ends

WSMS Transported Meals Menu Term 1, September 2018

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN IN Yr 0 – Yr 2 ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

	MEAT FREE Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Homemade Pizza Dough topped with Mozzarella and Organic Rocket	Homemade Mild Indian Chicken Curry	Homemade Beef Ragu Penne Pasta Bake topped with a Cheesy Crumb Topping	Farm Assured Chicken Breast marinated with Garlic, Coriander and Turmeric	MSC Jumbo Cod Fish Finger
Vegetarian Option	Roasted Vine Cherry Tomato and Roasted Red Pepper Risotto	Organic Roasted Vegetable Penne Bake	Organic Spinach, Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry served with Wholegrain Rice	Mini Quorn Toad in the Hole	Cheese & Onion Swirls
All of the above served with	Freshly Baked Bread Fresh Salad Bar	Freshly Baked Bread Fresh Salad Bar	Freshly Baked Bread Fresh Mixed Salad	Roasted Herby Potatoes, Fresh Organic Seasonal Vegetables & Veggie Gravy	Chips, Beans & Sweetcorn
KS1/KS2 Lite Bite	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese served with Fresh Salad	French Baguette filled with Ham, Egg or Tuna & served with Fresh Salad	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna or Cheese served with Fresh Salad	French Baguette filled with Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese & served with Fresh Salad	French Baguette filled with Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese & served with Fresh Salad
Dessert	Fruit All Butter Shortbread Fresh Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	Chocolate & Raspberry Sponge Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly Crush Fresh Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt	St Clements Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit Pots Organic Yoghurt	Vanilla Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Platter Organic Yoghurt

Please Note: Any child with food allergies or intolerances will be offered an alternative Main Course and Dessert to meet your child's needs. Allergen menu from displayed in all serveries and available for parents to see if requested.

Water and Milk available with lunch everyday Fresh Bread Baked Daily