

The Swanmead Pen

Parents' Newsletter – Autumn Term 1.2

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Dear Parents and Carers

Four weeks in already and I'm delighted things have got off to a positive start around the school. Lessons are focussed and books are already beginning to fill up with some good quality stuff. I hope that your children are enjoying their time with us and are discussing with you how they are doing in their days at school.

A reminder that next Wednesday (4th October) is our annual **OPEN DAY/OPEN EVENING**. As ever, we expect a full house with many local families (particularly of Year 3 and 4 children) coming to experience Swanmead for the first time. If you haven't been to see us for a while then, of course, you are very much invited to come along and see what your child has been doing over recent times. Year 5 parents in particular are encouraged and this could give you an opportunity to 'put names to faces' and chat with staff about how your child has been settling in during their first few weeks.



OPEN DAY

Wednesday 4th October
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 4th October
6.30 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.



Next, I'm delighted to announce to our school community that we have teamed up with Yeovil Town Football Club. We have entered into a joint venture to help and assist each other with getting greater links with the club, players and coaching set up. In return, from next week, the school will be aiding the club with ticket sales. The first game we are promoting will be the Yeovil Town v Stevenage Town game on Saturday 28th October. Tickets are available from the school at a cost of £15.00 for adults and £5 for children. For each ticket sold the school will receive a contribution. On the back of this newsletter are further details and a form to fill in to request tickets. Do try and support our new sports partners and support 'The Glovers' in supporting the school.

Finally this time, I wanted to give parents an indication of our whole school focus for this year;

- To develop all aspects of school activity so that they are collectively able to display a significant and sustainable improvement on the attainment and progress of Maths at the end of KS2
- To continue to collaborate both internally and externally to develop and promote high standards of teaching and learning
- To ensure that the percentage of pupils at expected or above for Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Year 6 is within 5% of the national average
- To engage fully in the 'Achievement for All' programme in order to impact the support and achievement of vulnerable learners
- To continue to action the PDBW plan (Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare) that aids the development of increasing confidence, promoting good health and improving the resilience of learners in the school
- To develop activities between schools in the local community in order to ensure that all stakeholders are at the forefront of opportunities that allow the school to be best placed for the future

I look forward to writing to you again later in the half term.

Mark Walker
Headteacher

SCOFF NEWS

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Swanmead Community School - Ilminster? There are over 3,300 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's, ready to give a free donation to Swanmead Community School - Ilminster every time you shop online through easyfundraising.



It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything. Plus sign up before midnight 10th September and we'll receive a bonus £2 donation when you place your first order.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/YE2VO1/PTOFT2>
2. Enter Swanmead Community School - Ilminster in the search box
3. Click Join Us and enter your details and click on Create My Account
4. Choose from over 3,300 retailers, do your online shopping as normal and our cause will receive a free donation at no extra cost to you for every purchase you make.

Thank you for your support.

Core Committee 2017/2018

Chairperson – Jo Gibbins

Treasurer – Tracey Lamb

Secretary – Ruth Moran

Committee Members:

Shaun Kent, Ellen Francis, Kirsty Lefeuvre
and Kate Murdoch

**SCOFF raised £3206.00
in 2016/2017!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Next Meeting

**Tuesday 10th October
at 6.45 p.m. in Room 5**

Sports' News

KS2 Runners enjoyed a fantastic evening of success at the opening Cross Country fixture of the year held at Kings College, Taunton on Monday. Spurred on by the school's continued support of the daily 'Golden Mile', Swanmead entered 3 teams. A staggering 82 teams participated and Swanmead came a very admirable 11th, 12th and 26th! Well done to Marcus Watts, Thomas Sainsbury, Jasper Clements, Becca England, Isabella Watts, Joseph Sainsbury, Luke A'Court, Noah Baker and Caelan Urquhart who all put in outstanding effort! Well done team! Thank you too for the support of the parents and we look



forward to the next race on November 13th 2017. If you would like to be considered for Cross country events come and join us at the Golden Mile club on Wednesday lunchtimes at 1.10pm.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Year 7/8 Hockey Fixture - Wednesday 4th October v Maiden Beech - home

Year 5/6 Cross Country – Monday 13th November at King's College, Taunton

Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics - Tuesday 28th November at Yeovil 1p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Recognition of Effort	
Braxton Perry – Maths Shayla Male – Maths	Shawn Dyer – Maths Charlotte Pritchard - Maths
Numeracy Ninjas - Grandmaster	
Mimi Ward	
Numeracy Ninjas – Black Belt	Numeracy Ninjas – Brown Belt
Caitlin Parsons Liam Small Cam Walters Louie Webber Dominic Mason Anya Briggs Lily Broom Aurora Connett Charlie Lefeuvre Mimi Ward Emily Truong	Josh Lamb Marcus Freeman Molly Conway Joseph Baker Alice Gibbins Jasper Lefeuvre Laura Miller Caelan Urquhart Ethan Bailey
Second-hand Uniform Second-hand School Uniform is available from the School Office at £1 per item. Please stop by on a Monday or Wednesday between 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. to have a look.	

Diary Dates

OCTOBER 2017

4 th	Wednesday	9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. – 8.15 p.m. Open Day and Evening
10 th	Tuesday	6.45 p.m. SCOFF Meeting
11 th	Wednesday	Year 5 Residential Trip - Osmington Bay
12 th	Thursday	Year 5 Residential Trip - Osmington Bay
13 th	Friday	Year 5 Residential Trip - Osmington Bay
19 th	Thursday	5.30 p.m. Meeting of The Governing Body – Room 5 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. Halloween School Disco organised by Performing Arts

Half Term – Monday, 23rd October 2017 – Friday, 27th October 2017
INSET DAY

30th Monday

Year 5 nicely underway!

Our new young people to the school are hitting the ground running and are well underway with their lessons and learning. It's always difficult to start a new school but parents should be very proud of these young people who, as you can see by these photographs, are enjoying their first few weeks.





**Swanmead Community of Families
and Friends**

Invite the School Community to a

SCOFF

Family Barn Dance



Licensed Bar
Hot Dogs!

Date: Friday 10th November 2017

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Swanmead School Hall

Admission: £5.00 Adults, £2.50 Children

(Available from the School Office)



Raising money for the pupils of Swanmead



TICKETS for SCHOOLS

SKYBET EFL LEAGUE TWO

YEOVIL TOWN V STEVENAGE

SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER 3PM

Bring your family to Yeovil Town this season and you'll be supporting both the Glovers and your child's school with Yeovil Town's 'Tickets for schools'

Take advantage of incredible discounts on match tickets to selected Yeovil Town fixtures and the club will donate £5 of every Adult ticket and £2 for every Junior ticket back to your school.

Simply complete and return the bottom section of this form along with payment to SWANMEAD SCHOOL by no later than **THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER**

MATCH TICKETS ORDERED THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT ON THE DAY OF THE FIXTURE FROM THE WHITE COLLECTION BOOTH LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE TICKET OFFICE AT HUISH PARK.

For directions to Huish Park, Stadium Map and further information about attending Yeovil Town fixtures please visit www.ytfc.net. For all enquiries please call 01935 847 888



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YEOVIL TOWN V STEVENAGE

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2017 3PM



YOUR DETAILS

PUPIL NAME		PARENT/ GAURDIAN	
ADDRESS			
POSTCODE		TELEPHONE	
EMAIL			

TICKETS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
ADULTS - £15 PER TICKET (£5 per ticket donated to your school)		£
JUNIOR - £5 PER TICKET (£2 per ticket donated to your school)		£
TOTAL		£

*If you require a Wheelchair bay or have anyone in your party with any special requirements please call the Ticket office on 01935 847 888 to order your tickets directly. Please inform us of the school you are attending with when ordering.

Supporting the Glovers and your school