

The Swanmead Pen

Parents' Newsletter – Autumn Term 1.4

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to you all following the half term break. I trust you enjoyed a positive time with your children.

The school's SCOFF team is gearing up for our **Family Barn Dance** on Friday evening. A reminder to all our parents, children and school community to come along and join us for the event that starts at **7.00 p.m.** Tickets are available from the School Office priced at **£5.00 for Adults** and **£2.50 for Children**. A licenced bar will be open and hot dogs available for purchase. Please do come along and support the school by raising money to put back into the activities and resources that your children use whilst at Swanmead. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, at the back of this newsletter, is the next opportunity to purchase tickets through the school for Yeovil Town football matches. **Yeovil Town** take on Swindon Town at Huish Park on **Saturday 18th November** with all the information about ordering your tickets on the back of the newsletter. Again, fantastic value and a chance to support the school through cheering on The Glovers!

Finally, with the weather starting to get a little colder, a reminder to parents to encourage your child to wear a coat to school in order to stay warm.

I look forward to writing to you again in a couple of weeks.

Mark Walker
Headteacher

Success Shields

Congratulations to the following pupils for winning the Success Shield for the first half of the Autumn term for their year group. This award is made each half-term to a pupil in each year group who makes significant progress:

Year 5:	Malachi Hall
Year 6:	Ethan Bailey
Year 7:	Reuben Sartin
Year 8:	Erin Pattemore



Macmillan Bake Sale and Non-Uniform Day

A fabulous event was organised by 6MS, Millieanne Higgins and Felicity Van-Trump in September where the school raised £325.00 for Macmillan. The school is a huge supporter of the charity and Mrs Sharman is pictured with those that helped raise this magnificent amount.



Accelerated Reader Certificates

Gold Award

Edie Hawkrige Noah Baker Izzy Parsons Caelan Urquhart

Silver Award

Laura Miller Caitlin Parsons Leyla Tunç Kathryn Owens Heulwen Simpson

Bronze Award

Hugo Clemas-Turner Kaito Nakayama Kathryn Owens Heulwen Simpson Joseph Baker
Flora Godfrey Martha Godfrey Joseph Sainsbury

Numeracy Ninjas

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master (Pencil Prize)

Caitlin Parsons Lily Broom

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master

Molly Conway Josh Lamb Aidan Upshall

Numeracy Ninjas – Black Belt

Joseph Baker Joe Skelsey Annie Ashdown Frankie King Izzy Lawrence Toby Ward

Come along to 'Show your Work' Evenings

Parents will have received a letter this week to invite them to our annual 'Show your Work' evening. The events occur over two consecutive Wednesday evenings when parents, accompanied by their children preferably, can come into school, pop into classrooms, chat with teachers and look at their children's work so far this year. With the formal parents evening not until the Spring this is a good opportunity to come along and do that. We look forward to seeing you there:

**Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday 15th November
4.00 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.**

**Years 7 and 8 – Wednesday 22nd November
4.00 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.**

Year 5 boys enjoy the Bear Grylls Life

A group of Year 5 boys have enjoyed life outdoors over the last few Thursday mornings. In all weathers, Malachi, Marley, Cameron and Charlie have enjoyed the challenges of working as a team, making and maintaining small fires and cooking some fantastic breakfast foods! Well done boys!



Maths Day

Parents will be aware that a big focus for us this year is to get Maths all across our school. In mid-October a non-uniform day with a number theme and Maths in every lesson provided us with a good platform to continue with this work. Enjoy the pictures below.



Cakes for Dementia Support

A group of Year 7 pupils led by Emma Spooner arranged a highly successful Bake Sale just before half term. The group wanted to raise money for Horses Helping People, a charity specialising in supporting young people who develop Dementia and whose therapy it has been proven is aided by relationships with horses. The group did a great job and raised £74.00.



Sports' News

Isabella the best in the West!

I was thrilled to get the news about Year 6 pupil Isabella Watts last week. In the recent South West Championships that took place on 29th October in Sherborne, Isabella was crowned the South West Level 2 Tumbling Champion. The highly talented gymnast, who has already collected many medals, performed a series of seamless tumbles to win the illustrious title. Truly fabulous news. Many congratulations Isabella!



Upcoming Sporting Events

Year 5/6 Cross Country – Monday 13th November at King's College, Taunton – pupils leaving Swanmead at 3.15 p.m.

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



TICKETS for SCHOOLS

SKYBET EFL LEAGUE TWO

YEOVIL TOWN V SWINDON TOWN

SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 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 Wednesday 15th November.

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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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