

The Swanmead Pen

Parents' Newsletter – Summer Term 3.1

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays with your children and I welcome you all back to the final term of the school year.

Many thanks to all of you that have taken the time to email or telephone me to congratulate the school on the release of our Ofsted report. The school governors, staff and pupils feel your support and enthusiasm. From here on, we will continue to build and improve even further.



Next, I make reference to the email and flyer you received yesterday about looking forward to your company at our **Race Night on Friday 11th May**. There will be more promotion before the big race night but to summarise; admission is free with a licensed bar and food available for purchase. The event starts at 7.00 p.m. with the first race underway at about 7.30 p.m. We very much encourage the school community to bring friends and family along to enjoy a great evening for everyone at Swanmead. With the flyer that's been sent out there is the opportunity to own a race horse or sponsor a race. Please do all get involved and help support the SCOFF team in supporting your children.

Finally, many of you that drive or walk past the school on your travels will hopefully have noticed our new splashes of yellow! To celebrate the working life of Lyn Trott, our long serving Lollipop Lady who died in 2016, we planted daffodils at the front of school during the Autumn Term. We think 'Lollipop Lyn' would have been really pleased with how the flowers have bloomed into the early parts of Spring ensuring that she will always be remembered by us here at Swanmead.



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

Mark Walker
Headteacher

Success Shield Winners

Congratulations to the following pupils for winning the Success Shield for the second half of the Spring 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: Marley Winter

Year 6: Lily Tanner

Year 7: Cian Enright-Watkins

Year 8: Marcus Freeman



Keep uniform standards high

Very importantly, to continue the high standards we have for our young people at Swanmead is to maintain a strict policy when it comes to school uniform. Can I remind parents to refer to our school's uniform policy as we enter the summer months (available on the school website). A particular focus for our tutors will be to keep an eye on insisting that children continue to wear smart shoes and also to ensure that tight, jean-style trousers and leggings do not replace the necessary smart black or grey trousers. Please help support us by maintaining these high standards. It is essential all personal possessions are clearly named. An increasing amount of clothing is being donated to charity each half term. Please name your items!

Hooray for Henry!

Really proud to hear about the success of Year 6 pupil Henry Grice during the course of the Easter break. Henry competed in the Taekwondo English Championships in Worcester at the start of the holidays and was very proud to bring home a bronze medal in team sparring. A fantastic achievement and all at Swanmead congratulate you on this Henry!



Accelerated Reader Certificate

Platinum Award

Henry Grice

Friend of Swanmead getting them in a spin!

A quick mention to a friend of the school Jack Leach who has been doing so well recently. Jack, who was Swanmead's special guest at our Awards' Evening back in 2013, made his debut for England a few weeks ago in the 2nd Test Match against New Zealand. Jack played superbly in his first match for England and came close to leading them to victory. Jack is pictured at Swanmead back in 2013 and (nowadays with a little less hair!) celebrating his first test match wicket with Ben Stokes and wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow. Well done Leachy! Come back and see us again at Swanmead soon.



Small world or what!?!

We use the phrase 'small world' quite a bit I suppose: for times when we see friends out on a shopping trip to London or colleagues from work at a pop concert or sports event. However, the phrase was emphasised to its maximum during a chance meeting within the Easter Holidays. Whilst relaxing in a 'lounge' at Sao Paulo Airport in Brazil, our very own Mrs Spurway did not expect to 'bump into' the Watts family and our Year 5 and 6 pupils, Marcus and Isabella. Mrs Spurway, who was out visiting her son William in Peru, shared the flight home with Marcus and Isabella who were visiting family out in Brazil! You really can't go anywhere!



Dates for your diary

APRIL 2018

24th Tuesday Year 8 Photograph
 25th Wednesday 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Year 5 Parents' Evening

MAY 2018

3rd Thursday 5.30 p.m. Meeting of the Governing Body
 11th Friday 7 p.m. SCOFF Race Night
 21st – 25th Mon - Fri Year 7 Great Wood Residential
 25th Friday Final Day of the Half Term

Half Term Break – Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

A new menu will start the week commencing 4th June 2018.

WEEK 1

WEEK COMMENCING: 26.02.18, 19.03.18, 23.04.18, 14.05.18, ~~11.06.18~~
~~03.07.18~~, ~~03.07.18~~, ~~17.09.18~~, ~~09.10.18~~

MONDAY
 Main: Baked Pork Sausages
 Vegetarian: Baked Quorn Sausages
 Side: Mashed Potatoes Vegetables: Baked Beans
 Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

TUESDAY
 Main: Savory Minced Beef & Tomato Sauce
 Vegetarian: Savory Vegetable Mince & Tomato Sauce
 Side: Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn & Peppers
 Dessert: Sultana Flapjack

WEDNESDAY
 Main: Macaroni Cheese
 Vegetarian: Vegetable & Tomato Ravioli
 Side: Baked Garlic Bread Vegetables: Farmhouse Vegetables
 Dessert: Vanilla Sponge & Custard

THURSDAY
 Main: Beef Burger & Floured Bun
 Vegetarian: Vegetable Burger & Floured Bun
 Side: Onion Relish Vegetables: Carrot Sticks
 Dessert: Fruit Jelly

FRIDAY
 Main: Breaded Fish Fingers
 Vegetarian: Vegetable Nuggets
 Side: Chips Vegetables: Garden Peas
 Dessert: Fruit Cake

WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING: 05.03.18, 09.04.18, 30.04.18, 21.05.18, ~~18.06.18~~
~~09.07.18~~, ~~03.09.18~~, ~~24.09.18~~, ~~15.10.18~~

MONDAY
 Main: Bolognese Pasta Bake
 Vegetarian: Vegetable Bolognese Pasta Bake
 Side: Baked Garlic Bread Vegetables: Farmhouse Vegetables
 Dessert: Strawberry Mousse

TUESDAY
 Main: Roast Pork & Gravy
 Vegetarian: Quorn Fillet & Gravy
 Side: Roast Potatoes Vegetables: Carrots & Green Beans
 Dessert: Banana cake

WEDNESDAY
 Main: Chicken Strips in Tomato & Pepper Sauce
 Vegetarian: Vegetable & Mixed Bean Casserole
 Side: Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn & Garden Peas
 Dessert: Fruit Jelly

THURSDAY
 Main: Cheese & Tomato Pizza
 Vegetarian: Cheese & Tomato Pizza
 Side: Jacket Potato Vegetables: Baked Beans & Coleslaw
 Dessert: Chocolate Sponge & Custard

FRIDAY
 Main: Battered Fish Fillet
 Vegetables: Vegetable Sausages
 Side: Chips Vegetables: Garden Peas
 Dessert: Fruit Yogurt

DAILY EXTRAS
 Jacket potatoes & cheesy beans are available daily, as the alternative to the main menu, BAF's FM recommends choosing the jacket potato option no more than twice a week. Fresh drinking water available

WEEK 3

WEEK COMMENCING: 19.02.18, 12.03.18, 16.04.18, 07.05.18, ~~04.06.18~~
~~15.06.18~~, ~~10.07.18~~, ~~10.09.18~~, ~~04.10.18~~

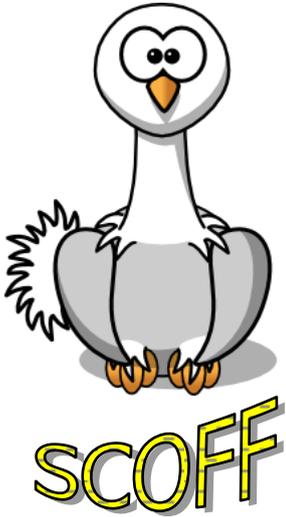
MONDAY
 Main: Ham & Cheese Pasta Bake
 Vegetarian: Cheesy Pasta Bake
 Side: Baked Garlic Bread Vegetables: Garden Peas & Carrots
 Dessert: Sultana Sponge & Custard

TUESDAY
 Main: Pork Meatballs & Tomato Sauce
 Vegetarian: Vegetable Meatballs & Tomato Sauce
 Side: Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn & Peppers
 Dessert: Raspberry Mousse

WEDNESDAY
 Main: Hot Dogs
 Vegetarian: Vegetable Hot Dogs
 Side: BBQ Beans Vegetables: Tomato Sauce
 Dessert: Golden Syrup Flapjack

THURSDAY
 Main: Chicken in a Creamy Sauce
 Vegetarian: Jacket Potato & Cheesy Beans
 Side: Mashed Potatoes Vegetables: Farmhouse Vegetables
 Dessert: Fruit Jelly

FRIDAY
 Main: Breaded Fish Fingers
 Vegetarian: Vegetable Burger
 Side: Chips Vegetables: Garden Peas & Sweetcorn
 Dessert: Carrot Cake



**Swanmead Community of Families
and Friends**

invite the School Community to a

Family Race Night



Date: Friday 11th May 2018

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Swanmead School Hall

Admission: Free

Tote: 50p to win betting stake

Licensed Bar

Hot Dogs!

**Raising money for the pupils of
Swanmead**

