

The Swanmead Pen

Parents' Newsletter – Spring Term 2.1

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Dear Parents and Carers

My apologies that it has taken a while to get a newsletter to you at the start of this term. Happy New Year! I do hope that you and your children enjoyed a happy and restful time during the course of the Christmas Break.

A few things to draw your attention to as we enter the Winter months; firstly, and in terms of the weather, please see below the required information for school closure due to severe weather conditions. This is always an extremely rare occurrence but with the air getting colder, I felt it important to let you know the procedure. Secondly, in relation to the weather, a suggestion that your child, if not doing so already, brings a coat along to school to wear at breaktimes, lunchtimes and on their way to and from school.

Severe Weather Conditions – School Closures

Should the weather forecast tell us that we might be expecting some colder weather we will always endeavour to ensure that the school is open if it is safe to do so. If you suspect that there could be the potential that the school might be closed then I remind parents of the different options there are to check:

- a) Notices to be placed on the school website – www.swanmeadschool.co.uk and on the front door of the school.
- b) The following radio stations will pick up school closures for broadcast/publication on their website:
 - BBC – Somerset. 95.5 FM, 1566 MHz
 - Heart FM. 102.6 FM, 97.1 FM (Yeovil Area), 96.5 FM (Taunton Area)
 - Breeze FM. 100.8 FM, 102.4 FM, or 107.4 FM
 - Tone FM 107.8 FM (Taunton & surrounding areas)

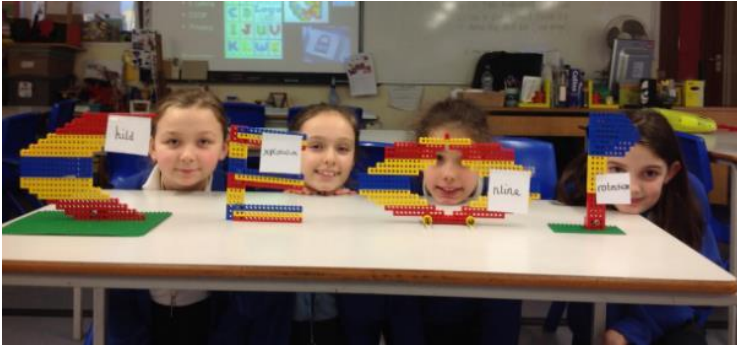
Finally, as we enter the Parents' Evening season, I look forward to seeing a full house at our Year 6 event this evening. Always so crucial to make the effort to come along to see us to support the work that we do with your children in school. A reminder too, that following the Parents' Evening at 6.45 p.m. it is our SCOFF Meeting. Do come along and join us.

Until next time, keep warm!

Mark Walker
Headteacher

PSHE Day 2 – another success!

We had another successful PSHE day last week. Year 5 explored feelings using the Disney film 'Inside Out' as inspiration for their work. Year 6 had a guest actor performing a play about on-line safety and worked on staying safe in the digital age. Year 7 looked at global communities and studied British Values, found out about China as a case study, festivals and the impact of terrorism. In Year 8 the children worked on peer pressure, the issues surrounding drugs, alcohol and tobacco. They finished with an inspirational speaker who spoke about the impact that drugs have on loved ones.



Numeracy Ninjas

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master – Ruler Prize (18 x Black Belts)

William Rees

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master – Rubber Prize (13 x Black Belts)

Amelia Smith Ethan Hughes-Humphries Emilee-Jade Phippen

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master – Pencil Prize (8 x Black Belts)

Leyla Tunç Ethan Heppell

Numeracy Ninjas – Grand Master - (3 x Black Belts)

Charlie Newbury Izzy Parsons

Success Shield Winners

Congratulations to the following pupils for winning the Success Shield for the second 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: Lilja Puhakka
- Year 6: James Lancaster
- Year 7: Andie Fade
- Year 8: Jordan Priddle



Sports' News

Cross Country at Holyrood on 15th January 2019

Well done to everyone who took part in the cross country race at Holyrood. We came 5th in the girls' event and 4th in the boys. Freya Davis and William Rees placed in the top 15 in their races so have qualified to run in the next round.



Year 7 Football on 17th January 2019

A brilliant effort by our year 7 girls many of whom were playing their first ever 9 a side game saw us come back from 1-0 down to win 2-1 against Maiden Beech. Goal scorers were Priscilla and Kayla!

Diary Dates

January 2019

22nd Tuesday

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. - Year 6 Consultation Evening

6.45 p.m. SCOFF Meeting – Room 5

30th Wednesday

Youth Speaks Event – 7 p.m. – Ilminster Rotary Club

February 2019

5th Tuesday

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. - Year 8 Consultation Evening

11th – 13th

Year 6 Cardiff Trip

14th Thursday

5.30 p.m. Meeting of The Governing Body – Room 5

15th Friday

INSET

Half Term- Monday, 18th February – Friday, 22nd February

March 2019

6th Wednesday

PSHE Focus Day

14th Thursday

5.30 p.m. Meeting of The Governing Body – Room 5

19th Tuesday

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. - Year 7 Consultation Evening

6.45 p.m. SCOFF Meeting – Room 5

21st Thursday

9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Rotary Young Chef Competition

28th Thursday

'The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty' at the Ilminster Warehouse Theatre
All day rehearsal and evening performance

April 2019

Easter Holiday - Monday, 8th April 2019 – Monday, 22nd April 2019

30th Tuesday

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. - Year 5 Consultation Evening



SPRING TERM 2019 - EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
 (started Tuesday, 8th January 2019)

	<u>Lunchtime</u>			<u>After School</u>	
	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>	Year 5 - ICT Club Homework Club Writers' Club Stage Crew Reading Club Art Club Language Club Year 5/6 Boys' Football Gymnastics (all years) Year 7 Boys' Football	CH-W <i>t.b.c.</i> AW HI JO AR JH Bob Brunt HK WS	Room 6 Library Room 8 Room 18 Room 9 Room 10 Room 5 MUGA Gym Field	3.45 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. Homework Club Room 6 DH/MR	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Year 6 - ICT Club Homework Club Singing Group Tables Club Year 5/6 Netball (mixed) Year 8 Boys' Football	CH-W <i>t.b.c.</i> HI JO HK WS	Room 6 Library Room 18 Room 9 MUGA Field		
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Year 7 - ICT Club Homework Club Chess Club LGBT Group Colouring Club Year 7/8 Netball (Girls)	CH-W <i>t.b.c.</i> AW MS/AA RC HK	Room 6 Library Room 8 Nurture Room 7 MUGA	3.45 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. 'Musical Rehearsals' – after auditions Hall HI	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Year 8 - ICT Club Homework Club Student Council Panel Meetings Lego KS2 Girls' Football (all years) Year 7/8 Boys' Basketball	CH-W <i>t.b.c.</i> HI JH HK WS	Room 6 Library Room 18 Room 5 MUGA Gym	3.45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. 'Arts Award' Room 18 HI 3.45 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. Homework Club Room 6 DH/MR	
<u>FRIDAY</u>	All Year Groups - ICT/Homework Club Homework Club Film Club Cricket (Mixed) Year 7/8 Year 5/6 Multi Skill Games (mixed)	CH-W <i>t.b.c.</i> HI HK Bob Brunt	Room 6 Library Room 18 MUGA Gym		