

# The Swanmead Pen

Parents' Newsletter – Autumn Term 1.1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

To all our School Community, a warm welcome back from all the staff, governors and children to the new school year and the next stage of your child's education with us here at Swanmead. I hope that everyone has enjoyed a pleasant time over the course of the Summer break and is refreshed ready for the year ahead.

Particularly to our new parents and carers, it is great to have you join us. We hope that your children will be very happy and successful during the course of their time at Swanmead. We make it our duty to ensure that they get the very best in terms of the education and opportunities they receive during their time in our care.

Last Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome a total of 87 new pupils across the school. The regular combination of excitement and nerves was present on this very important day of change for our young people. The school has enjoyed a highly successful couple of days back. The atmosphere is positive, fun and focussed. It is an honour and privilege to be Headteacher at this committed and forever-advancing school.

As well as our new children, we also welcome some new faces to our staff team. Two very experienced teachers start the school with Mrs Copleston the new face in our Maths department and Mr Curran joining us as our new teacher of Design and Technology. Making a welcome return to the school is Mrs Donkersley, who after a two year absence, is back at Swanmead teaching English – it's great to have her back! We are also delighted to welcome Miss Harber and Miss Storey to the school as our Apprentice Teaching Assistants and finally Mrs Ingram (not to be confused with our very own Miss Ingram!) joins the Admin Team as our afternoon School Receptionist. Like our new children, I know all the school community will welcome our new staff and wish them well in all they do to support your children.

Myself and my colleagues look forward to seeing you around the school throughout the course of the year as we continue our work together for your children.

**Mark Walker**  
**Headteacher**

### **New House Captains appointed**

Introducing to you all our three new House Captains for 2019/2020.

Year 8 pupils Noah B (Herne), Emma P (Minster) and Evan G (Isle) take the reins in leading their house and playing a huge part in helping improve and develop the school. These pupils have worked so hard during their time at Swanmead and very much deserve this opportunity to represent the pupils in their house. Our congratulations to them and their families on being selected. We all wish you good luck in your new roles.



### **Success Shields – Summer 2019**

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

**Year 5: Emma J**  
**Year 6: Cade E**  
**Year 7: Harrison R**  
**Year 8: Katie B** (not pictured)



### **Check us out on the web!**

I remind parents of our school website and this always contains updated information about the school. From policies and previous newsletters to staff information and news of our latest school performance, you can find us on:

**[www.swanmeadschool.co.uk](http://www.swanmeadschool.co.uk)**

Also online;

**Follow us on Facebook – 'Swanmead Community School'**

**Art Twitter Page: @SwanmeadArt**



### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is high priority at Swanmead. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupils' safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well both physically and mentally. The school follows the latest Government Guidance to ensure we are fulfilling our duties in this important area. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and contact at School is **Mark Walker** and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is **Jude Hattersley**. Our Safeguarding Governor is **Mrs Marian Gamper**.

The School's Safeguarding policy can be found online at:

<http://swanmeadschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/POLICY-10-Safeguarding-1.pdf>

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child you can phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

## **Parent App**



If you're not involved already then over the next week or so we'll be sending you an email to sign up for our 'Parents App'. This enables you to use your device in order to check your child's attendance and behaviour whilst in school and also to receive your child's report at the end of every term. We've had this for a year now and we encourage parents to sign up to get this free app onto their phones/tablets. Watch out for the email over the next few school days.

## **Swanmead as a 'host' kitchen**

Over the Summer holidays the school kitchen has had quite a substantial refurbishment in preparation for becoming a 'host' kitchen for our caterers BAM FM. Whereas previously, food was cooked and distributed to local schools from Taunton, the Swanmead kitchen now acts as a local Hub kitchen for local schools cooking 450 meals each day that are now transported from Swanmead. BAM FM has six staff working in our kitchen during the course of a working week and we look forward to working alongside them successfully with this project. Please do check out the menus later on in this newsletter and encourage your children to give the meals a try. They really are delicious!



## **Diary Dates**

### **SEPTEMBER**

19<sup>th</sup> Thursday 5.30 p.m. Meeting of The Governing Body – Room 5

### **OCTOBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 6.45 p.m. SCOFF AGM – Room 5  
7<sup>th</sup> Monday PSHE Focus – Day 1  
8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. – 8.15 p.m. Open Day and Evening  
16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Year 5 Residential Trip - Osmington Bay  
17<sup>th</sup> Thursday Year 5 Residential Trip - Osmington Bay  
17<sup>th</sup> Thursday 5.30 p.m. Meeting of The Governing Body – Room 5  
18<sup>th</sup> Friday Year 5 Residential Trip - Osmington Bay  
25<sup>th</sup> Friday Final Day of the Half Term

**Half Term – Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

### **NOVEMBER**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday **INSET DAY**  
5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday First Day back after Half Term



## Tuning in to Kids Parenting Group

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 4-11.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

**Dates: Tuesdays October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

*(excluding half-term)*

**Time: 9.30am to 12 noon**

**Venue: Clare House, Chard**

For more information on this course and to book your place, please contact Parent & Family Support Advisers,

Jane Czerniak 07818580632

Or Emma Connolly 07825357613

We will give you tea/coffee support and a toolbox of strategies for helping you in your valuable and demanding role as a parent



## Triple P Parenting Group

This 'Positive Parenting Programme' is one of the only evidence-based parenting programmes available, with over 25 years of proven clinical research to back it up.

A free 6 week course for parents & carers

**Dates: Wednesday **October** 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
**November** 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

*(Please note that there is a break for half-term on October 30<sup>th</sup>)*

**Time: 9.30a.m. – 12 noon**

**Venue: Maiden Beech School  
Crewkerne**

For more information on this course and to book your place, please contact Parent & Family Support Advisers,  
Lesley Cable on 07825 054 695  
or Jane Czerniak on 07818 580 632



## PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU - Sept 2019 to Dec 2019



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Weeks commencing: 02/09/19, 23/09/19, 14/10/19, 11/11/19, 02/12/19</b>					
<b>Main</b>	Baked Sausages	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Savoury Pork Meatloaf & Gravy	Breaded Fish Fingers
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Quorn Sausage	Roasted Quorn Fillet	Vegetable & Tomato Ravioli	Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetable Nuggets
<b>Side</b>	Baked Jacket Wedges	Roast Potatoes	Baked Garlic Bread	New Potatoes	Chips
<b>Vegetable</b>	Baked Beans	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Carrots & Green Beans	Garden Peas & Tomato Ketchup
<b>Dessert Choice</b>	Buttered Sultana Scone	Fruit in Jelly & Cream	Banana Cake & Custard	Golden Syrup Flapjack	Ice cream Roll & Choc Sauce
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Weeks commencing: 09/09/19, 30/09/19, 21/10/19, 18/11/19, 09/12/19</b>					
<b>Main</b>	Beef Pasta Bolognaise	Roast Pork & Gravy	Mild Chicken Curry	Roast Beef & Gravy	Battered Fish Fillet
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Vegetarian Pasta Bolognaise	Roasted Quorn Fillet	Vegetable & Mixed Bean Ragout	Vegetable Sausage	Vegetable Burger
<b>Side</b>	Baked Garlic Bread	New Potatoes	Steamed Rice	Roast Potatoes	Chips
<b>Vegetable</b>	Farmhouse Vegetables	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn & Garden Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Garden Peas & Tomato Ketchup
<b>Dessert Choice</b>	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Cherry Shortbread	Apple & Cinnamon Crumble & Custard	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Fruit in Jelly & Cream
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Weeks commencing: 16/09/19, 07/10/19, 04/11/19, 25/11/19, 16/12/19</b>					
<b>Main</b>	Chicken Nuggets	Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Beef Hot Pot	Breaded Fish Cake
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Vegetable Nuggets	Roasted Quorn Fillet	Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Hot Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
<b>Side</b>	Baked Jacket Potato Wedges	New Potatoes	Steamed Rice	Parsley Potatoes	Chips
<b>Vegetable</b>	Baked Beans	Carrots & Green Beans	Sweetcorn, Peppers & Garden Peas	Farmhouse Vegetables	Garden Peas, Sweetcorn & Tomato Ketchup
<b>Dessert Choice</b>	Ice cream Roll & Strawberry Sauce	Raspberry Mousse	Pineapple Sponge & Custard	Fruit Yoghurt	Iced Carrot Cake



Jacket potato with cheese & baked beans available daily. Fresh drinking water & wholemeal bread are available daily. A fresh fruit bowl is offered as an alternative to the dessert options



CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 14th December Details to follow



# Meals & Deals

## **Main Meal Deal**

*Main Meal + 1 Choice*

## **Filled Jacket Meal Deal**

*A filled jacket potato + 1 Choices*

## **Baguette or Panini Meal Deal**

*Baguette or Panini + 1 Choice*

## **Deli Meal Deal**

*Any wrap + 2 Choices*

## **Pasta/Rice Pot Meal Deal**

*Any pasta or rice pot + 2 Choices*

**Choices:** Dessert of the Day, Fresh Fruit Portion or Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cake Portion or Drink

**All Meal Deals are £2.50**

**Allergen Information:** If you require information on allergens contained in any food and drink please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.