

The Swanmead Pen

Parents' Newsletter – Summer Term 3.2

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Dear Parents and Carers

So we're there, the end of another year. Although, I know we will all agree, the year of education feels somewhat unsatisfactory, I continue to be really proud of how the school has worked during the course of the year and, in particular, the last four months.

I have been overwhelmed by the work that has been done by children at home with your support as parents and can't begin to show my appreciation to you for all you have contributed to keeping that going – it must have been a real struggle at times! We have enjoyed the chance to look after around 50 key worker children over the last four months and, of recent weeks, have enjoyed the chance to welcome back 60 Year 6s and 57 Year 8s. A real team effort by everyone involved.

Staffing News

We congratulate Mrs Perkins and her husband on the news that they are expecting baby number two in September. Mrs Perkins, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, will take a period of maternity leave from the start of the term and her role will be jointly overseen by Mr Whitfield and Miss Cox.

We are fully staffed up and ready to go for September, we have appointed Mrs Hayley Rich to our Learning Support Team and also look forward to welcoming Mrs Jessica Sanders and Mrs Kylie Brister to Swanmead as Apprentice Teaching Assistants. We are delighted to have strengthened our support team with these appointments and look forward to welcoming them to the school.

Finally, we say our thanks and goodbyes to Mr Spurway. Despite leaving us and returning several times in the past, we are always sorry to say goodbye to someone that offers us so much in terms of covering lessons, organising games at lunchtimes, accompanying children on residential trips and becoming involved in many aspects of school life. Best wishes on your next adventure Will and thanks for your latest contribution to Swanmead life.

Thank you to the school community for 2019/2020

I must take this opportunity to, once again, thank you for the outstanding support that you give to the School. Your contribution towards our success is unrivalled and is fully appreciated by everybody at Swanmead.

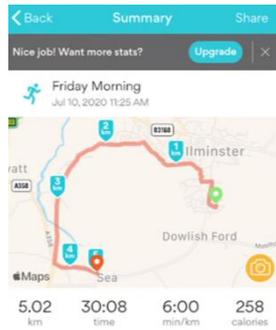
Our calendar for next year is already filling up nicely and we again look forward to combining the very best teaching and learning with those opportunities to experience, create, feel proud and develop happy children.

May I wish you all a pleasant Summer holiday with your children and, for all those that return, I look forward to continuing our work together in September.

**Mark Walker
Headteacher**

Herne win the virtual sports day

It was great to see all the pictures and watch all the videos of your children taking part in virtual sports day. I very much hope that you enjoyed supporting your children with this and maybe even had a bit of a go yourself. Our congratulations to Herne House on their victory.



Tutor Groups 2020/2021

Below is information about tutor groups for 2020/2021. A few minor changes and alterations but most children will follow into the next year with their tutor from this year. As our Year 6s move away from Mrs Oate, Miss Cox and Mr Whitfield, their new tutors are also detailed below.

	Year 5			Year 6			Year 7			Year 8			
2019/ 2020				5AW	5RC	5JO	6NB	6HI	6MH	7JH	7AR	7SSm	
2020/ 2021	5AW	5RC	5JO	6VSM	6PC	6MA	7NB	7HI	7HK	8JH	8MH	8SSm	
New Tutor!				Mrs Stacey Masters	Mr Curran	Mrs Aylward				Miss Kelly			Mr Hodder

Year 8 – The Class of 2020

The end is in sight for our Year 8. We have loved having them in for the last couple of days to celebrate their time with us at Swanmead. We have missed out on a couple of things due to the Coronavirus but we will have our year group photograph at some point and we will have that Leavers Party!

At times, this year group have been challenging! They've made us laugh and cry over the years, full of character and personality, a positive attitude to life and possessing a great sense of fun. The door is always open for our Year 8 to come and visit us and let us know how things are going in their new schools. Hopefully they look upon their time at Swanmead with happiness and affection. As a school we are proud of their achievements and as they leave us today, we wish them all the best for the future and look forward to hearing the many success stories about how their lives have continued to flourish. A few old photographs from when they were in Year 5 below to embarrass them slightly!



Good Luck Year 8!



Library Books

We have around 80 library books still outstanding. You will have received an email earlier last month about library books and the fact that we need for these to be handed back in at some point. Please hand books back to the School Office complete with a post-it note with your child's name and tutor group for easy identification. If you locate these books over the Summer do feel free to post them through the school letter box or alternatively let us have these back in September. Many thanks.

Awards Evening

Many of you will know that we normally end the school year with our annual Awards Evening. The most important event in our school calendar invites children from all year groups to come along to school with their families for an evening of celebration of their achievements. Due to the circumstances we have chosen to postpone this event until the Autumn Term when we hope it will be safer to have a full hall of applauding people! This will mean that we will have the opportunity to invite back to Swanmead our Year 8 award winners. Just to reassure all that this event will happen – just a little later than normal.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd September - INSET Day and Preparation

Thursday 3rd September - INSET Day and Preparation

Friday 4th September - Induction Day 1 - we welcome all our new Year 5s to Swanmead to spend time in their new school

Monday 7th September - Induction Day 2

On this day we would like to welcome all our new Year 5s back to Swanmead for their second Induction Day and to spend some time with other teachers across the school.

Welcome back to Year 6 (current Year 5s!)

It has been so long since we saw our current Year 5s and before they move on into Year 6 we wanted a chance for them to spend some time with Mr Whitfield, Mrs Oaten and Miss Cox. We would like to invite our Year 6s into school from between 1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. on this afternoon. I will send a separate email to our current Year 5 parents with details about this event.

Tuesday 8th September - Full school return to Swanmead

**Wishing our parents, children and community members a very happy
Summer Holiday from all the staff and governors at Swanmead**

