

# Swillington Primary School

Dates for your diary:

- Golden book assemblies will be every Friday at 3pm



## Dates for the rest of the year:

### Parent's consultations:

13.02.19

(School will close @2pm on these days. Please speak to Ms Grant if you have any problems with childcare).

### Training Days:

18.1.19, 24.5.19, 22.7.19, 23.7.19

### Sports Day:

24.6.19 KS1(am), KS2 (pm)  
25.6.19 Back-up: KS1 (am), KS2(pm)

### Musical Extravaganza:

12.2.19: Y2, Y4, Y6  
9.7.19: Y1, Y3, Y5

## January, 2019 Happy New Year!



Happy New Year!  
We were very excited to welcome the children back to school this week after the Christmas break. It was lovely to hear what they had been up to over the holidays. It's great to be back!  
Behaviour in school has been very positive both in lessons and on the playground. Visitors

to school are always impressed with the children's engagement in their learning, their excellent manners and willingness to share thoughts and ideas. We have started the week off thinking about New Year's Resolutions and we have had a whole school focus on Healthy Eating. Our whole school question has been 'How can we live until we are 100 years old?' and each year group has investigated their own question linked to the theme. All classes have prepared food – learning cooking techniques and trying new flavours. We have also been considering healthy eating choices in school and

discussing why some foods like fruit winders and crisps are not appropriate to eat during the school day. I would also like to say a BIG thank you to all the P@ss members who helped us with our Christmas activities, including providing refreshments, buying and wrapping presents and organising the amazing Christmas Fair. Thank you to you all for your continued support. This partnership and the strong relationships we all share, enable us to work together to provide the very best for our children.  
Ms. Sarah Grant  
Head of School

## Some important information:

### School clubs this term:

**Monday: KS2 Homework Club (lunch)**  
**Monday: Street Dance (3.30-4.30)**  
**Tuesday: KS2: High 5 (3:30-4:45) Uklele (3.30-4.30) KS1 and KS2 Gardening Club (3:30-4:30)**  
**Thursday: KS1 Homework Club (lunch) KS1 and KS2 Art & Craft Club (3.30 – 4.30)**  
**Friday: Cheerleading (3:30-4:30)**

### Statutory Tests:

Listed below are the dates for 2019 tests for both KS1 and KS2. School has a statutory obligation to undertake these tests. Please do not book holidays in the lead up to or during the test periods. Thank you for your co-operation.

DATE	ACTIVITY
May 2019	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 13 May 2019	Key stage 2 test week
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2019	Phonics screening check week

## General:

### **After school club (formerly Tea time club)**

This half term we are trying some new ideas out for after school care. In order to make our after school sessions more enjoyable and increase numbers attending we have organised a different theme for each evening including cooking, arts and crafts and a film night. We are keen to offer affordable options for after school care alongside our clubs. More information has been sent in a separate letter, but please call in at the office if you have any further questions.

As you will be aware our extra-curricular clubs are very popular. If your child doesn't already attend one then please can we ask you to encourage them to give one a try. We also ask that children show commitment to their chosen club and as many activities build skills week on week, please can you make sure your child attends every week if at all possible.

### **Music**

In addition to the whole class music lessons we offer in KS2 we also have the opportunity for children to learn to play the clarinet in school. If your child would like to give this a go please call at the office for further details. We are looking forward to sharing some of our musical talents in the Musical Extravaganza later this term.

### **Parent Consultations:**

We look forward to meeting with you on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. In order for all parents to have a 10 minute appointment school will close at 2pm to allow teachers to accommodate everyone. If you feel that you need a longer appointment then please arrange a follow up meeting with your child's class teacher.

## **World Book Day**

*"The more that you read, the more that you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go"*

*Dr Seuss*

### **World Book day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Advance notice!**

This year we have been developing the children's vocabulary by introducing new words each week. The children learn about the word in the context of a sentence and are challenged to use the new words in their writing. To link with this and because we know our children enjoy dressing up we would like the children to celebrate World Book Day by dressing as a word. Please do not spend money on shop bought outfits – homemade ones are always the best! Some good examples would be 'scrumptious' – wearing a t-shirt covered in wrappers, 'investigate' – dress as a scientist or 'camouflage'.

Many thanks to those of you who purchased books at our Book Fair. We managed to get £370 of free books for school which is amazing!