

Swillington Primary School



Dates for your diary:

- Golden book assemblies will be every Friday at 3pm
- 21.12: Break up for Christmas
- 7.1.19: School re-opens

Dates for the rest of the year:

Parent's consultations:

14.11.18 and 13.02.19

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

Christmas Productions:

13.12: KS2 (am), KS1/F2 (pm)

14.12: KS1/F2 (am), KS2(pm)

Christmas Parties:

18.12: KS2

19.12: FS1/2

20.12: KS1

17.12: Christmas Lunch

20.12: Carol Service

21.12: Break up for Christmas

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

Parent information meetings:

Books for Breakfast/Spelling:

19.11.18

November, 2018 Autumn is here!



The first part of the year has gone so quickly and I have to say it has been a pleasure to get to know the children, staff and families here at Swillington. Thank you so much for your warm welcome – it really is a special place. One of the highlights from last half term has been the steady stream of children heading down

to my office to show me their amazing work. The teachers have had a strong focus on handwriting and spelling and the children are certainly trying their best to impress us all. Another highlight was the Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood where we all had a chance to face our fears (especially me!) I was incredibly proud of the team work and determination the children showed. Thank you to Miss Thirkhill, Mrs Kitchingman and Mrs Abbott for giving up their time to give the children such a fantastic experience.

Thank you to all of you who attended the workshops on Phonics, Handwriting and Maths. We hope you found them helpful in supporting your child at home. If you have any suggestions of further workshops we could run please let us know. Please join us for Books for Breakfast on Monday 19th November. Finally, we have heard from Miss Holyoak that she is beginning to walk on her injured foot. We hope you join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.
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) Gardening Club (3:30-4:30)

Thursday: KS1 Homework Club (lunch) 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:

Parking near school : We have recently had our local Community Support Officers visiting to talk about the parking issues before and after school. It can be incredibly busy at these times so we would like you to try and park away from school and walk some of the way to avoid congestion. Please park with consideration for our local neighbours and leave adequate space for parents with pushchairs.

Before school: There have been some incidents before school where children have not been closely supervised by an adult. For Health and Safety reasons, children are not allowed to play on the Trim Trail before or after School. Could we also request that children walk with their bikes and scooters in the school ground and refrain from playing ball games. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent Consultations:

We hope you have found our new online system for booking appointments easier than returning letters and waiting for slips back! We had an amazingly speedy response and would like to thank you for trying out the new system. Please ask questions if you need any of the information clarifying. If you were unable to make an appointment please see your child's teacher for an alternative time. It is important we have the opportunity to talk to you about how your child has settled into the new year and discuss their targets with you. Your child's teacher will be giving out booklets explaining the end of year expectations for each year group.

Curriculum theme week – Remembrance

We hope you have enjoyed hearing about the work we have been doing on Remembrance and WW1. We have received a lot of compliments about our beautiful display in the entrance and the children thoroughly enjoyed the visits from a historian and author.

Lunchtime loveliness!:

My assemblies last half term focused on working with the children to make sure they have enjoyable lunchtimes.

From spending time in the dinner hall I have observed that some of the children need reminding about using cutlery correctly and which food they can politely use their hands to eat! We would be grateful if you could support your children to follow some simple routines around eating, for example not speaking with food in their mouth and how to use a knife and fork correctly.

As part of our commitment to being a Healthy School please can I also ask you to carefully consider what you put in your child's packed lunch. Please avoid including too many processed foods like sausage rolls and pasties; crisps, sweets, fizzy drinks and chocolate are not suitable. I will be working with the school council next week to look at providing the most popular lunch time choices. If your child doesn't have a school lunch please consider trying them out – they really are lovely!

Finally, a reminder that we are a NUT free school. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children healthy and safe.