

# Swillington Primary School



Dates for your diary:  
 • Golden book assemblies will be every Friday at 3pm

## Easter holiday 2019

School closes Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
 Reopens Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

**World Book day –**  
 Thursday 7th March –  
 Dress as a word

**Training Days:**  
 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:**  
 9.7.19: Y1, Y3, Y5

Online Safety  
 For your information:

## February, 2019 Finding the talent in everyone.

It was lovely to see the children return to school this week in the lovely sunshine. We are continuing to focus on our 4 drivers which are the golden threads that run through our curriculum. Imagining the possibilities, respecting our environment, staying safe and being tolerant are key values that we would like the children to understand and demonstrate. As ever we have lots of exciting things planned including World Book Day a whole school Science week and an NSPCC visit.

Introducing Mrs Brown....



Some of you have been asking about Mrs Brown our Learning Mentor and about her role in school. She works with children during the afternoon sessions looking at topics such as friendships, resolving conflict, self-esteem, bereavement and supporting children with their emotional wellbeing.

She is also available to support you with family issues that you feel may be impacting on your child and their attendance at school. She works closely with the Guidance and Support team in our Cluster of schools and can help to refer to other agencies such as Family support and Debt Advisory services. She is part of our Child Protection team. If you would like to discuss any concerns with Mrs Brown please call at the office and make an appointment.  
 Ms. Sarah Grant  
 Head of School

## Some important information:

### School clubs this term:

- Monday:**  
**KS2 Homework Club (lunch)**  
**Street Dance (3.30-4.30)**  
**Choir (3:30-4:30)**
- Tuesday:**  
**KS2 High 5 (3:30-4:45)**  
**Ukelele (3.30-4.30)**  
**Gardening Club (3:30-4:45)**
- 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

**Who's talking to your child online?**

**Who's making friends with your child online?**

**A five minute chat with your child about their online activity could save a lifetime of hurt**

For help and advice:  
[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/yourchild](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/yourchild)  
**#YourChild**

NSPCC

## General:

### **Breakfast Club**

We have been very fortunate to receive a grant from the National Breakfast Programme to support our breakfast club. We now only charge £1 per day to cover child care costs. This is an ideal way for your child to start the day with a healthy breakfast – one less thing to sort out each morning!

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

We have a new timetable of activities for this half term. There are lots of fun things going on – please take a look!

Our after school club is £2.50 for the first hour and £5 until 5.30pm. Please book your child in at the office if they would like to attend.

### **Parent Consultations:**

We had a very pleasing turn out for our recent Parent Consultations. If you were unable to make that date please make alternative arrangements to see your child's class teacher.

### **Donations**

Some of the children have asked us if they can have a colouring/games station at lunchtime. We would be really grateful of any donations of colouring pads, pens and games that the children no longer need at home. Please drop them into the office.

### **Mother's Day Gift Sale**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March all children in school will make a small gift to celebrate Mother's Day with member of P@SS. Children will be able to buy an item with all proceeds going towards our fundraising for extra enhancements that the school budget doesn't cover.

## **Daily Mile**

This term we will be introducing the children to the **Daily Mile**

You will probably be aware of recent concerns around physical inactivity and childhood obesity. As they go through primary school, many children put on weight and, across the UK, around 35% of pupils in Year 6 are categorised as overweight or obese. In addition, many 10-year olds lack basic fitness. Each class will go 3 times a week in the fresh air to (run or jog at their own pace for 15 minutes). It is not competitive though some will compete and that is fine.

Most children will average a mile in the 15 minutes, with some doing more and some doing less. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but physical activity in a social setting which is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional and mental health, and wellbeing. The children run in their ordinary school clothes with trainers being ideal but not essential. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment.

Most importantly, the children really enjoy it. We are really looking forward to giving it a go!

