

Training Days 2019/2020

Friday 25 October 2019
Friday 20 December 2019
Friday 22 May 2020
Monday 20 July 2020

23/9/19 - Being Healthy Week
24/09/19 - 8.15am Classroom Breakfast – Year 3
25/09/19 - 8.15am Classroom Breakfast – Year 4
27/9/19 - 2.30pm Being Healthy Special Assembly
1/10/19 - 2pm Year 1 / 2 House building workshop for parents
2/10/19 - 6pm Kingswood meeting for parents
10/10/19 – Individual / Family photographs
14/10/19 - 11am Harvest Festival
21/10/19 - 1.45pm Y3 & 4 Mosaic Workshop for parents
21-25th/10/19 - Y6 Kingswood Residential
23/10/19 - 2.30pm X table Parent Workshop
04/11/19 – Children return to school
6/11/19 - Parent Consultations 2pm onwards
11/11/19 - Anti – bullying Week
15/11/19 - 2.00 pm Y5/Y6 Learning Gallery Parent Workshop
18/11/19 - 8am Books for Breakfast
18- 22nd - Book Fair
21/11/19 - 9am - 10.30am Open morning
3/12/19 - 9am – 10am F1 (beg of the week) Christmas Parent Workshop
6/12/19 - 9am – 10am F1 (end of the week) / F2 Christmas Parent Workshop
6/12/19 - P@SS Christmas Fair
11/12/19 - Nurses in school for Flu jabs
12/12/19 - Christmas Productions KS2 (9.30 am) F2/KS1 (2.00 pm)
13/12/19 - Christmas Productions F2 /KS1 (9.30 am) KS2 (1.45 pm)
16/12/19 - Christmas Dinner
16/12/19 - KS2 Christmas party
17/12/19 - KS1 Christmas party
18/12/19 - F1/F2 Christmas Party (all children to attend in the afternoon)
19/12/19 - Carol Concert (11 am)
6/1/20 – Children return to school



Swillington Primary School

September, 2019: It's great to be back!

The children have made an excellent start to the school year and are all impressing their teachers by working hard and putting lots of effort into their work. Each Friday one pupil is chosen for working hard to improve the presentation of their work. They are always keen to show each other how they have made improvements and they are rewarded with a special pencil to take back to class.



Talk4Writing

At the start of term the teaching team all

attended a training day on 'Talk for Writing'. We will be using some of the new techniques alongside our well established format for teaching writing. The children have loved learning stories in class and use story maps and symbols to imitate good quality writing. Afterwards the children adapt these stories before inventing their own pieces along the same theme. We are already pleased with the results and look forward to sharing work with you at parent consultations in a few weeks.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the class breakfast sessions we have held so far. I have never toasted so many bagels in one week! I know for some it is tricky to get into school first thing so we will be looking at holding events at different times of the day so as many of you as possible have the opportunity to come into school. We look forward to seeing you at our parent workshops.

Ms. Sarah Grant
Head of School

Some important information:

Monday:

Choir (3.15–4.00) Year 1 – 6
Running Club (3.15– 4.00)
Year 4 - 6

Tuesday:

Gardening Club (3.15–4.00) Year 1 - 6
Ukelele Club (3.15–4.00)
Year 2 – 6
High 5 Club (3.15–4.30)
Year 5 & 6

Thursday:

Cooking Club (3.15–4.15)
Year 6 – Term 1
Year 5 – Term 2
Wildcats Football (Girls Only) (3.15–4.30) Year 1 – 6
Friday:
Cheerleading Club (3.15–4.30) Year 3 - 6

Statutory Tests:

Listed below are the dates for 2020 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 2020	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 11th May 2020	Key stage 2 test week
Week commencing Monday 8th June 2020	Phonics screening check week

General:

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking incredibly smart in their uniforms. Thank you for replacing hooded tops with jumpers and cardigans. Please can you make sure your child has the correct P.E. kit in school. As you can imagine when lots of children forget their kits we struggle to find enough 'spares' and this often delays the start of lessons.

Dojos

Hopefully by now you will have heard all about our Dojo reward system. The children are really enjoying learning their points in class and around school. The points are not just given out for work, but also for attributes such as showing positive learning behaviours and for acts of kindness. Our half term rewards will be based on the number of Dojos collected and the most improved Dojo earners! The app is also great for sharing class news so you will be able to find out more about what is going on in your child's classroom. If you have any questions or concerns that need a more in depth conversation then please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Lunchtimes

We are always looking at ways to ensure all our children enjoy their lunchtimes with us. This year we have planned additional activities indoors which the children can choose to join. In addition to colouring, drawing, traditional games, lego and Times Table Rock Stars practice the children will also have the opportunity to complete home work each Wednesday. We have also arranged for a Sports coach to offer a variety of different sports each Monday, Tuesday and Friday lunchtime.

Positive behaviour strategies in school

To follow up on the suggestions made from our Ofsted feedback we have put together a booklet explaining our approach to behaviour management and explaining our rewards and consequences we use in school. We hope you find it useful and we welcome any comment you would like to make. We will be inviting you to a short presentation about our positive behaviour approach and give you the opportunity to speak to Ms Grant, Miss Holyoak (Special Needs Coordinator) and Mrs Brown (Learning Mentor) in the next few weeks.

School Development Priorities

As you know, we are continually working to make sure that every child achieves the best that they can. Every year, we focus on a few areas for development.

In Maths - we will continue to work on our mastery approach to teaching, particularly to develop measures, geometry and non-numerical maths to the same standard as our arithmetic skills.

Key to children being able to succeed in Maths is having automatic recall of key addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. This then frees up their brains to be able to cope with more complex concepts. You can help your child by practising addition and subtraction facts up to 20 and learning their times tables with them.

Look out for our parent's meeting on multiplication tables, especially for Year 4's times table check in June 2020.

Reading -We will be celebrating and taking part in the Leeds Year of Reading. We are also busy setting up a newly organised library to help enthuse our children. If you would like to help with this, then please contact Mrs McEvoy who would love to hear from you. As always, regular reading at home is important to ensure your children are confident and fluent readers.

Writing- We already have a lovely buzz around school for our new Talk 4 Writing approach and it has been lovely seeing lots of children getting involved at home and sharing the class stories with their parents/carers and siblings. If you haven't already done so, please join your child's class Dojo account to see updates on this.

This year, spelling is going to be a focus for our school. Spelling patterns and rules are explored and taught daily for 15 minutes. Words that have the previously taught spelling pattern will be sent home to learn. In order to help build confidence, we would love it if you help support your child to learn their spellings at home.

Curriculum- As well as academic success, we are passionate about preparing our children to lead successful and happy lives. With that in mind, we are continuing to refine our curriculum to make sure our drivers (respect the environment, imagine the possibilities, be tolerant and keep safe) are at the heart of everything we teach.