



Swan Lane First School Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary – Don't forget you can sync our school calendar to your phones using our app on School Jotter.

Tuesday 2nd July - Reports sent out to parents.

Wednesday 3rd July - Transfer Day & Vegetarian Day

Thursday 4th July - Discos & Year 2 trip to Batsford Arboretum and Healthy Fast Food Day Last day for orders 01.07.19 at 9.00 am

Tuesday 9th July - KSI Sports Day. Fife Assembly 4M

Wednesday 10th July - Year 5 Production at 6.30 pm.

Thursday 11th July - KS2 Sports Day

Monday 11th July - Year 2 Production at 6.30 p.m

Wednesday 17th July - Flute Assembly

Thursday 18th July - Leavers Assembly

Friday 19th July - End of Summer Term.

We will be selling sausage baps and burgers at our Sports Days. These will need to be pre ordered. Details will be sent out on Monday 1st July.

A Visiting Poet



On Monday 17th June, the children were treated to a visit from James Carter - a poet. The children enjoyed his poetry performances in an assembly in the morning and then they took part in a series of

workshops in classes during the day. The workshops really enthused the children and introduced them to styles and types of poetry they hadn't seen before. At the end of the day, children shared the poems they had been writing, with the whole school. It was a lovely way to kick off a week of poetry work across the school.

Book Donations and Donations of Board Games/Jigsaws etc.

If you have any children's books (fiction or non-fiction) or board games and jigsaws (that are in very good condition with no elements missing) and you have finished with at home, then perhaps you would consider donating them to school. The children use the board games and jigsaws during wet playtimes. If you send them in with your child, or hand them in at the office, we will then allocate them to the appropriate year groups.

Thank you



Year 1 spent a brilliant day at Warwick Castle at the start of June. The day was action packed and included walking up the towers and across the ramparts. It was brilliant to see children conquering their nerves and we were all very proud of them. After that, we learnt about the gunpowder plot and watched an archery demonstration which really helped teach us about warfare in medieval times. Whilst we had our lunch we watched the amazing Falconer's Quest Birds of Prey display. It was quite a spectacle and having the birds fly just above our heads was such a fantastic experience. Before we got back on the coach we went to the Princess Tower and met a princess who told us a story about a prince who had been frozen in time. We had to help her uncover the clues, find the missing cogs to operate the clock and free the prince. I think it's safe to say that we had the most amazing day at Warwick Castle and some of us were sad to leave.

Taking Charge

Some of the children in 5AB have been giving their own time during breaks and at lunch, to keep the books tidy in the reading scheme and the library. To remind the school about keeping these areas tidy, they produced a PowerPoint presentation, which they showed to the rest of the children in assembly. Well done to these children, for making a difference and helping the school to run smoothly. They showed real leadership skills and confidence when speaking in front of the whole school.

Mr Batts



Tudors Alive!

The children in 5AB had amazing time at Mary Arden's Farm on Tuesday 25th June, when they were transported back in time to the Tudor Period. They dressed for the day in Tudor clothes and took part in various activities, including: painting a wall hanging; Tudor dancing; a falconry display, learning about the Tudor use of herbs in cooking and medicine; and baking bread. They also watched butter being made by hand. The day was crammed full of activities. The children got such a lot out of the experience and they were a credit to the school, with their exemplary behaviour and thoughtful questions.



Year 3 had a wonderful day at Nature in Art in Twigworth, near Gloucester recently. The weather was incredibly kind to us as we visited the tranquil Georgian mansion and its fabulous, sculpture-filled grounds for a hands-on day of art and creativity. The children took part in three different activities during the day: making tissue paper bowls; making butterflies from wire and resin, and a visit to the museum and art gallery, including meeting the artist in residence, who was a specialist in Batik silk art. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and their behaviour was exemplary: both the staff and members of the public who were visiting the gallery commented upon how respectful and polite the children were during our time there. They were a real credit to the school.



Safeguarding

Reminder — Please could you make sure that your children are here for the start of school day which is 8.50 am. There are a lot of children who are arriving at school after this time. We also have quite a few children who are not collected promptly at the end of the day. Please make sure you are here for the end of the day, which is 3.10 pm. Thank you