



# Swan Lane First School Newsletter

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## Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd February - Welly Week for Year 4 & 5  
Wednesday 5th February - 4W Class Assembly  
Thursday 6th February - 4W Fife Concert  
Thursday 6th February - Come Dine with 3V  
Tuesday 11th February - Parental Consultations

Wednesday 12th February - Parental Consultations  
Friday 14th February - The Poscars (Poetry Competition)  
Friday 14th February - End of Spring 1  
Monday 17th February - Half term begins  
Monday 24th February - Start of Spring 2

## Ofsted

As you are aware, Ofsted inspected our school last week. Until the official report is published, we are not allowed to share their findings and the result with you, however, we are very pleased with the outcome.



## Caring Children

Children at Swan Lane First School have been thinking about how they could help their community especially at Christmas time. A number of children in Year 5 applied and were interviewed for various roles needed to start a new business selling eco-friendly stationery. In the run up to Christmas, they ordered stock and carried out marketing campaigns within the school to promote the business. They held a week long sale selling items after school to parents and children.

The project was overseen by Mr Johnson who leads the school's Eco Club. Children at Swan Lane have previously raised money from sales to fund school projects but this time they wanted to give something back to the community. After a discussion, it was decided that any profit made should go towards an Evesham charity, "Caring Hands." The sale raised £10+. Well done to all the children involved!

## World Book Week 2020

This year, **World Book Day will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** and we will be doing lots of fun activities during the week. Our focus will be 'Our Love For Reading'. This year, staff and children will be dressing up as a character from a book on World Book Day. Please do not spend lots of money buying costumes – it is often possible to turn your child into a character by using clothing and other items around the home. Please start to talk to your child about what they read outside of school. Also, they can think about when, where and with whom they read. The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be arriving during the week and you will be able to browse through, and buy a range of books at the end of the school day. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled week.

Mr Batts

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**BOOK**  
DAY

## Oracy

It was great to see so many parents and carers at the Oracy Workshop on Wednesday. As suggested in the feedback, we will send out a summary of the presentation and what we aim to achieve with our Oracy Work. Don't forget that the Oracy Afternoons are running next week (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February), from 2:30-3:00pm. Sessions will take place either in the hall or in your child's classroom, depending on the activity.

## Oracy Afternoons

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 5 and Year 1

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3

The Reception classes will have a Stay and Play session on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February (9:00-9:30am).

## P.E Cross Country

Swan Lane once again entered the annual School Games Cross Country Competition which was held at Prince Henry's High School. Due to the recent wet weather the track was a tough one! Lots of mud and lots of water, combined with the distance made it a tough race for all involved. Both of our teams did well, with the girls finishing 6th and the boys 7th in their respective categories. There were some great individual performances too, with Natalia finishing 9th and Thomas 11th.



## Dinosaurs

Across the school there is always a range of fascinating lessons taking place. This has been especially evident in Year 1 recently. Their new History topic focuses on Dinosaurs and the children have been out on the playground creating a timeline that stretched the length of the field and also pretending to be palaeontologists by digging, carving, and cleaning to find fossils!



## Friends Fun Run

The final amount raised by The Friends Fun Run is £1718.25! Once again, thank you to all those who helped plan the event and ensure the day ran smoothly. **ADVANCE NOTICE—there will be a cake sale at the end of school on 14<sup>th</sup> February**

## Staff Updates

Mr Smith has joined Swan Lane First School and is teaching in Year 5. He has fitted in to life at Swan Lane seamlessly we are delighted to welcome him as part of our team. Mrs Teague will be going on maternity leave after half term and we wish her all the best! We are pleased that Mrs Lee will be joining 4ST after half term.

## Newspapers wanted!

Year 2 need lots and lots of newspapers for a project they will be doing next week, So, if you have any newspapers lying around that you no longer require, it would be great if you could bring it in by Wednesday 5th February Thank you!