



# MARY SWANWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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Week  
Commencing  
13<sup>th</sup> November

MON  
Balance Bikes  
Reception

TUES

WEDS  
Y6 residential  
Whitehall

THURS  
Y6 residential  
Whitehall

FRI  
Y6 residential  
Whitehall  
Children in Need

### News

#### Y5 visit the National Space Centre

On Wednesday this week, our Year 5 children went to the National Space Centre in Leicester as part of their learning for their theme, 'The Truth is Out There'. Whilst there, they went on a space simulator ride to one of Jupiter's moons and experienced a tour of the night sky in the planetarium amongst other things. They had a great time learning about the solar system and the planets, about life as an astronaut and about moon landings.

The children will use this inspiration for follow up work over the next few weeks.

#### Y3 visit the National Stone Centre

On Thursday this week, Year 3 children visited the National stone centre in Derbyshire as part of our learning about 'Gifts from the Ground'.

They gained first hand experience of spotting fossils like Brachiopods and Crinoids and even investigated the remains of an old leadmine.

They had great fun panning for gold and gems and even created their own earthquake shockwaves!

#### Balance Bikes

All children in Reception will be taking part in a 'learn to ride' cycling programme delivered by 'Wheely Fun Wheels'. There will be 3 weekly sessions starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The children will be using 'balance bikes' initially and then some will progress to two wheel larger bikes. All this will take place in the Sports Hall.

#### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We kindly ask if you could help with any donations of the following:

- Chocolates
  - Wine
  - Toiletries
  - Vouchers
  - New Toys/Games
- Any donations gratefully received!!

#### School Meal - Party Buffet – 19<sup>th</sup> December

On the last day of term, 19<sup>th</sup> December, the school meal will be a party style buffet. Children who normally have packed lunches are invited to have the buffet meal. The cost of the meal is £2.

Please order using this slip enclosing the £2 payment by 17<sup>th</sup> November. Children on dinners already do not need to order.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ £2 enclosed

## London Instalments

A reminder that the next instalment of £50 is due on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale next week mornings and end of school day.

## Jewellery

In support of Alzheimer's Society, we have started a collection of old jewellery to help in the fight against dementia. If you have an odd earring, a broken bracelet or an old necklace that you no longer use, please donate them to school so that we can pass them on (costume jewellery is valid).

## Children in Need



Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>

Children are invited to go 'Spotty' for the day - Non Uniform Day  
£1 donation for Children in Need Appeal.

## Year 5 visit Space Centre - Information

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

The visit will leave promptly at 8:30am. We would like the children to arrive at school and be in their classroom for 8:10am. Please arrive no earlier than 8:05am. We aim to return at 4:30pm. The coach will return to the bottom of Church Street North; please collect your child directly from the coach. A text message will be sent in the event of a delay.

Children will need:

- To be wearing school uniform
- A packed lunch and healthy snack/drink
- Spending money (if you wish) no more than £5 – there is a Space Simulator Ride for £1 which should be available for our group.

If your child requires travel sickness medication – please ensure this is taken at home which should cover both journeys (please inform us if your child will be taking medication).

## Year 3 visit Stone Centre - Information

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

The visit will leave promptly at 9am. We would like the children to arrive at school and be in their classroom for 8:45am. We aim to return to school at the later time of 3:30pm. A text message will be sent in the event of a delay in the return time.

A school sweatshirt must be worn along with suitable outdoor bottoms which can get muddy (no skirts please), a waterproof coat/jacket and suitable shoes/boots. The children will be outside for most of the day.

No spending money is required for this trip.

All children will need a packed lunch and a snack for morning break time.

If your child requires travel sickness medication – please ensure this is taken at home which should cover both journeys (please inform us if your child will be taking medication).