

Swing Gate News 27th April 2018



Diary Dates

Fri 27th April
Speed stacking
workshop

Fri 27th April 14:45
FoSG Tea and cakes

Wed 2nd May
African Jungle
workshop

Thur 3rd May 09:15
Rabbits Class assembly

Fri 4th May 08:30
Nursery street party

Tue 8th May
Karate coaching day

Thur 10th May 09:15
Hedgehogs Class
assembly

Fri 11th May 08:45
Parent Forum

Mon 14th to Thurs 24th
May SATs Weeks

Friday 18th May 09:00
Reception
Grandparents Morning

Friday 18th May
FoSG Bring a Bottle
event

Sat 19th May
School Spring Fair

Wed 23rd May
Year 1 Class trip

Fri 25th May
Year 2 Class trip

Mon 28th May
Half Term

Mon 4th June
Return to school

Tues 5th June
KS1 Hockey

First Aid Training

Last week 23 members of staff attended a two day paediatric first aid training course in order to update knowledge and skills and to continue to keep children safe. Staff took part in role play scenarios using props and also re-enacted emergency situations under timed conditions.



Reception Grandparents Morning

The Reception Class would like to invite their grandparents into school on Friday 18th May from 09:00 - 11:00. They will be sharing ideas about how current toys compare to toys their grandparents may have played with when they were young. More information to follow.

Attend and Achieve

The Attend and Achieve assembly was held this week. The proud winners of the cup for March were **Rabbits Class** with an attendance of 98.2%.

Foxes 97.4%
Squirrels 97.3%
Badgers 96.4%
Owls 95.8%
Hedgehogs 94.8
Voles 94.6%



Fish

We are pleased to have the new fish tank up and running. We consulted the children about the purchase and contents of the tank and we are delighted to see their ideas come to life. The fish has already proven to be a hit with the children and they find it calming and therapeutic.

We are offering four children the chance to be a "fish friend" each week. Those children who have 100 percent attendance and punctuality will be entered into the weekly draw. This was explained to the children in assembly this morning and they are excited about the first draw next Friday.



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PAUSE for THOUGHT

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its learner everywhere.”

Chinese Proverb

SATs and Phonics Screening

This term is an important term for statutory assessments. Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in Phonics Screening and SATs. Reception children will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals. We would like to remind parents that in line with National policy leave of absence, including doctor, dental and optician appointments, is strongly discouraged, especially during May for Year 2 and June for Year 1.

Dacorum family services drop in surgery

We would like to remind you that this service is available to all parents. The service offers support and advice on parenting, family wellbeing, routines and boundaries and managing feelings and behaviours. The next drop in surgery is being held at Ashlyns School on Wednesday 2nd May from 09:30 until 15:00.

Class Assemblies

This term each class will be holding a class assembly for parents and carers, to share what they have been learning. The assemblies will start at 09:15. The dates for the assemblies are as follows:

Thurs 3rd May – Rabbits Class

Thurs 10th May – Hedgehogs Class

Fri 8th June – Squirrels Class

Fri 15th June – Owls Class

Thurs 5th July - Voles Class

Tues 17th July - Badgers Class

Wed 18th Julv - Foxes Class.

Nursery teddy bears picnic

The Nursery Class have been thinking about caring for others. They brought their teddy bears into school and shared a picnic with snacks made in class. They talked about caring for others and showing concern, as well as looking after their bears in school.



Game On PE

All children have thoroughly enjoyed PE coaching from Game On this week, learning ball skills and playing small basketball games. These extra PE coaching sessions take place in addition to weekly PE provision and are funded with our school sports premium money.



Can you help us?

Reading volunteers

We are looking for parents to help with reading. If you can spare an hour or more each week to listen to children read, we would really appreciate the support.

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