



DIARY DATES

December 2018

Mon 10th Dec

09:15 FS

Performance

14:00 Y2 Dress

Rehearsal

Tues 11th Dec

09:15 FS

Performance

14:00 Y1 Dress

Rehearsal

Thur 13th Dec

09:15 Y2

Performance

14:00 Y1

Performance

Fri 14th Dec

09:15 Y1

Performance

14:00 Y2

Performance

Fri 14th Dec

Save the Children
festive jumper day

17th Dec

FoSG Christmas Shop

14:00 Carol Service
at St Peters Church

18th Dec

FoSG Christmas Shop

17:30 Y2 Choir
evening sing-a-long

19th Dec

Christmas Lunch

20th Dec

Father Christmas
visits the School

21st Dec

13:30 End of term
School Closes

22nd Dec

INSET day

7th December 2018

Festive Performances

We are looking forward to all of our Festive Performances this season which started with the Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal today. The children have been working very hard learning their lines and songs so that they can give you their best performances! Today we welcomed lots of parents who brought their children down from Thomas Coram to watch their siblings take part in the play.

Whole School Pantomime



On Monday 3rd Dec 'Chaplins Mini Pantos' visited our school and put on a fun filled fantasy show 'Treasure Island'. The children were very excited as they watched and cheered 'Jenny Jiggles' and booed the evil pirate 'Long John Silver'. There was much giggling and sing-a-long participation!



FoSG Quiz Night

What a great night everyone had at the FoSG quiz night last month! With over £650 raised for our school. Thanks to everyone who came along. It was a tough competition but the overall winners were 'Vino nothing'. A fun night was had by all.

FoSG Festival of Lights tombola

The FoSG stall at the Festival of Lights raised £643 with the bottle tombola and delicious treats from Darvell and Sons Bakery.

Strictly Come Dancing Workshop!

A 'strictly' fun day was had by all the children on Wednesday 5th December. The children put on their dancing shoes and 'cha cha chaed' around the school hall for a FAB U LOUS! 'Strictly Come Dancing' Workshop run by Nick Jury, an award winning professional ballroom and Latin dance instructor. 'Keeeeeep dancing!'



Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the phonics session yesterday. We hope you learned a lot about how we teach phonics



and that it will enable you to support your children further at home.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

'It's not what we have in life but who we have in our life that matters.'

Margaret Laurence

Trips to the Library



Owls and Squirrels classes visited Berkhamsted library this week. They had a great tour around the library. They read stories together and even got a presentation pack to take home with them, containing a book and information about joining the library.



Karate Workshop

Mr Keegan visited our school last month to deliver a whole day karate workshop to the children. The children enjoyed getting physical and learning about the art of karate and tried out some of the different moves and actions.

Mr Miller – Getting Active!

Mr Miller visited school on the 15th November to teach the Foundation Stage different types of sports, games and ball skills and how to work together as a team.

Thank you to Parents

Parents support us in so many ways. A special thank you to Mr Page for treating the Voles children to a piano recital. He will also be accompanying us at the carol concert on Monday 17th at St Peters Church.



We would like to thank all parents who continuously support us by coming in to read with the children. We have even had people read in different languages, as did Mrs Page who read to the children in Moroccan!



If any parents have a skill, talent or interesting job that they would like to share with us at school please get in touch with your class teacher as we value working in partnership with you.

School and Eco Council

The School and Eco Council met with Victoria Schools' Council today. They discussed environmental issues including recycling and how to protect our planet. They had lots of ideas to make our school even more eco-friendly and how they could work together in the future.



Future dates for your diary :

Nursery Open days

10th and 30th Jan 2019 09:30

1st March 2019 2019 14:00

12th March 2019 09:30.

'Keep me Safe Online' Workshop

16th January 2019 (Westfield School)

The children would like to invite you to go along to the 'Keep me Safe Online' workshop being held at Westfield School and learn about different ways you can protect them whilst they are online. You will be taught how to set up your computers safely and securely, what children are doing online, online risks, when to say yes and how to say no and appropriate levels of control. Please refer to the parent mail sent out on the 10th October for further details and how to book directly with Westfield on 01442 862729 or admin@westfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk

Reminders :

Wise Pay

If you aren't already signed up to Wise Pay we kindly ask you to register as soon as possible. This helps our office staff process things faster and run more efficiently.

Twitter and Facebook



'We like you, Like us too!' Twitter and Facebook – it's a great way to find out about life at our school and what's happening 'behind the scenes'. Please support us by 'liking' what you see! If you aren't on Social Media, our website has lots of information and a calendar with dates for your diary.

<https://twitter.com/swinggateschool>

<https://facebook.com/Swing-Gate-Infant-School-and-Nursery>

I am looking forward to seeing you all at this busy time of year in the coming days either in the playground or during one of our many events. I've been impressed how engaged the children have been with their learning this term and how we have such a happy, active and inspired group of children.

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
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