

Dear Parents/Carers,

Blink and we are at the end of another half term!

This half term we have hosted parent workshops, family learning, parents' evening and Halloween disco. Children, as ever, have represented our school in a positive light during trips and sporting events within the surrounding area.

Around school, children are settled and enjoying time in their new classes. I continue to be immensely proud of the children and staff.

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend parents' evening; I hope you found it a useful meeting and managed to share some of your child's achievements.

Next half term, we will turn our attentions to more family events and celebrations. You will see dates as part of this newsletter.

Grab a cup of tea and spend 5 minutes reading the contents of this newsletter which shares some reminders, celebrations and upcoming events.

As this half term comes to an end, I wish you all a restful break. Enjoy family time and all the calendar events this time of year brings.

Stay Safe. Take Care.

Mrs Rachel Hocking.

## Diary dates



**30th October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Half term

**7<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception & Year 6 height & weight check

**8<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception vision screening


**16<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5 playground leaders visit

**16<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception admissions parent open evening @ 5pm

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu nasal immunisations

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – non uniform

**29<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception admissions open day @ 9:30am



**PLEASE CAN WE  
REMINDE PARENTS  
THAT LAST ENTRY  
TO BREAKFAST CLUB  
IS 8:30AM**

# Christmas Dates



Date	Time	Event
30 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Decorations morning – parents invited.
7 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30pm	Christmas Fayre
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Nursery & Reception sing along
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Year 1 & 2 performance
14 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm	Key Stage 2 panto
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Nursery & Reception party
18 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm	Year 1 & 2 party
19 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm	Year 3 & 4 party
20 <sup>th</sup> December	9am-12pm	Whole school pantomime visit
21 <sup>st</sup> December	1:30pm	Year 5 & 6 party
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	All day	Christmas jumper/ pyjama day (children's choice of either)

## Wonderful news!

Congratulations goes to Miss Graham and her partner who are expecting their second child next year. We look forward to seeing her bump grow!

Mrs McAvoy has now started maternity leave and we await the arrival of baby McAvoy any day now! Watch this space!

## After School Provision

PEAK sport provide paid after school care until 5:30pm daily (5pm on a Friday). Peak Sport provides a service fully independent of Swalwell Primary and all bookings, questions and queries can be directed to their website, email or telephone number. [www.peak-sport.co.uk/swalwell](http://www.peak-sport.co.uk/swalwell), info@peak-sport.co.uk or 0191 704 2022.

## Timings of the school day

Our FREE breakfast club begins at 8am until 8:40am (last entry at 8:30am). The Key Stage 1 gate will be opened at 8:45am and **School begins for all children at 8:50am** and ends at 3:20pm. Children who arrive later than 8:50am, will be marked as late. Nursery children who attend for 15 hours should attend from 8:50am to 12pm.

## Parking

Parents/carers must not pull into the school carpark unless using the marked disabled bay with a disabled badge. Can we please also remind parents that you must not park in the marked turning bays outside of school. The council monitor these and you could be issued with a fine.

## Reminders

- **Earrings** -As it was advised that children had their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays, it is expected that all earrings will be removed after October half term. Only those that have been recently pierced must be covered by plasters.
- **Water bottles** -We know of the importance of keeping hydrated throughout the day as this helps us to learn; however, we ask only water is in bottles not juice.

## Lunch theme days

**8<sup>th</sup> November – Vegan/plant-based taster day.** The normal menu will be available. Children will be offered tastes of quorn meatballs, quorn nuggets, veggie fingers and veggie bakes.

**10<sup>th</sup> November – National school meals week – Happy 30<sup>th</sup> birthday!** To celebrate there will be a special menu on this day. This will be a choice of:

- Pizza slice, sausage roll\* or chicken goujons\* with potato wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks. (\*vegetarian alternative available)
- Selection of wraps (ham, cheese or tuna)

**6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch** – Roasted turkey, chipolatas, gravy and trimmings will be served with a variety of festive dessert options. The vegetarian meal served will be cheese and tomato tart with roasted potatoes and mixed vegetables. There will be no jacket potatoes or deli options available.