

# Swing Gate News

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018



## Diary Dates

### September 2018

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Breakfast Club  
commences

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Sept  
After School Clubs  
commence this week  
Whole School

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Sept  
New term coffee  
morning start after  
drop off

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Be Inspired  
workshop EYFS

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Sept  
School Photographs  
Whole School.

### October 2018

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Census day

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct  
15.40-18.00 Parents  
Evening

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Be Inspired  
workshop KS1

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Oct  
16:00 – 20:00  
Parents Evening

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
PE Workshop KS1

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> October  
PE Workshop EYFS

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October  
INSET Day

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Half term

## Welcome

Welcome back to the new year. I was delighted to meet the new Reception and Key Stage One children in assembly Tuesday. They were introduced to the school and were warmly welcomed. As I have walked around the school it has been great to see the children happy in their active learning.

I would also like to share the good news that six new baby fish were born just before we broke up for the summer and they are thriving in our wonderful fish tank.



The Golden jubilee sunflowers have bloomed just in time for our return to school.

## Year One Outdoor Learning Environment

During the summer holidays we have been very lucky to have the new outdoor learning environment built for us and ready to use. The children and staff are looking forward to using this new colourful area.

A heartfelt thanks to:-

Derek Bennet of Green Home Ltd,  
Dan Naylor of Naylor Building Services,  
Chris Ash of Ash Carpentry,  
Oliver Hick of Acorn Plumbing,  
Alex Bennett of Acorn Plumbing and  
McLean Groundworks Ltd.



## Stamps

Thank you to parents that have brought their postage stamps to the school. We have just received a lovely letter of thanks as the stamps have gone to raise funds for guide dogs for the blind. Should you have any postage stamps from birthday cards etc, please bring them to the school office for this great cause.

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## PAUSE for THOUGHT

*"A smile is the universal welcome."* Anon

## UNIFORM

I was pleased to see the children so smartly dressed. I am trying to ensure that the correct uniform is worn by all children at all times, as can be seen in the photos below. I have asked the class teachers to send home notes when items of uniform have been forgotten.

I would also like to remind you that backpacks are not to be used. The children's PE bags or a reusable bag can be used as an alternative.

I am aware that many of you use keyrings to quickly identify your child's book bags, but can you please limit this to one keyring only in order for the bags to be stored correctly during the school day.



## New Term Coffee Morning

I hope to meet you at the New term Coffee Morning on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September after drop off. This is a chance to meet new parents and talk to Friends of Swing Gate. Lisa MacGovern our Family Support Worker will also be there to talk to parents.

## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday saw the start of our new breakfast club, what a pleasure it is to see children enjoying their breakfast and having fun before the start of the school day.

The After School club with Little Deer's commences on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. I have been advised that lots of fun activities have been devised for the children who will be attending.

There are still places available, please come to the office for a registration form.



## PARKING

As a new term begins we would like to remind parents to park safely while visiting the school. Please do not park on the pavements or close to the corners and neighboring driveways. We have been given permission to use 'The Old Mill' car park for parent parking

## Meet the Teacher

Parents are invited to meet their children's new teacher on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at pick up time. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## How to Grip a Writing Tool

I have attached a very useful information sheet showing how to grip a writing tool. We will be using this method throughout the school.

## Can you help us?

### Fundraising Expert

Plans to improve the external landscaping and learning areas of the school have been progressing and we are now looking for someone with fundraising experience to join the working group. If you are interested in helping the school in this way then please let the office know.

### 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.

### MSA Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Mid-day Supervisory Assistant. If you are interested could you please contact the School Office.

### Donations

Any donations of books, dressing up clothes, pots and pans, or musical would be welcomed for use throughout the school.

We are also collecting for plastic, wipe clean toys for Watford Hospital children's department.

If you have any items, please bring them to the school office

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)*  
*Headteacher*