



Dear parents/ carers,



Welcome to the summer term. Let's hope for lots of sunshine and warm, dry days ahead. We have lots happening so please keep an eye on the school website and have a calendar handy!

Friends of Swing Gate



I would like to say a **big thank**

you for all the hard work that the

Friends of Swing Gate have put into organising so many events. I know that they, along with myself and the swing gate community, are very sad that our annual Spring Fair has had to be cancelled. It was not a decision taken lightly. A very small core group of parents spend quite a few weeks organising the biggest event of the year. This group has become smaller and smaller, with pleas for more volunteers and committee members resulting in some interest but not enough. Even though all the staff man stalls all day on the day, it still isn't enough. In September, we will only have one committee member as our stalwarts are all year 2 parents. Consequently the committee have had to cancel the Spring Fair before laying out further payments that the Fair entails. We will certainly miss this school event and the funds it raises for enhancing the children's learning.

If you have any spare time at all, I'm sure the committee would love to hear from you. We would love to keep the Friends of Swing Gate going! They have enabled so much to be accomplished within school



Healthy School



that would be impossible to achieve out of our school budget - new library, outside classroom, all weather foundation stage area, laptop suites, playground markings, visits into school from theatre groups. **PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP "FOSG" GOING! WE NEED YOU!**

Parent Forum



Parent Forum will be meeting in May and then again in June. Our meeting will be Wednesday 4th May. Your parent representatives on the forum will be attending. If you have any items for the agenda please could you e-mail these to head@swinggate.herts.sch.uk. The terms of reference can be found on the school website as can previous minutes. If you have an individual child issue to discuss, please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Class assemblies

Please keep an eye on the school website for all dates for events. Here are a few;

6.5.16 Owls class assembly 8.50

13.5.16 Squirrels class assembly 8.50

20.5.16 Hedgehogs class assembly 8.50

27.5.16 Rabbits class assembly 8.50

SATS

Year 2 will be sitting some tests in the week commencing the 9th May that will inform teacher assessments. It is very important that your child is in school this week. We have sent parents of year 2 the most up to date information we have. Please follow this link if



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you would like further information.
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/507259/Informationforparents_2016nationalcurriculumtestsattheendofkeystages_1and2_PDFA.pdf The "You Gov " site also gives examples of sample papers. Our Year 2 children have been encountering the format and lay out of these new style tests in their normal curriculum learning.

Parent survey



As usual at this time of year, we will be sending out a parent's survey compiled by Kirkland Rowell. Year on year we have published the results of this survey and used them to celebrate the areas where we are doing well, and seek to further improve any areas that require attention. This has included providing more workshops for parents and refurbishing the library. We would be really grateful if as many of you as possible complete the survey and return it to us at school by Friday 29th April. The survey is per child not per family so each child will receive a survey. The class that returns the most surveys will receive a prize! Please take the time to fill in your answers. The results provide us with year on year comparisons showing how we are doing

Transition

We have arranged a series of meetings for the second half of this term, for parents of those moving up to the next year group. We will be able to tell you all about life in the next year group and what to expect. The children will also be experiencing a taste of life in their new class on Thursday 7th July.

Those going to Thomas Coram School will be visiting for the day on Thursday 7th July. We hope to arrange a couple of afternoons of PE workshops with Victoria school Year 2 to take place at Thomas Coram School in the second half of the summer term. It was such a success last year and the children were able to make friends with children from Victoria who will be their classmates.

Class photos



Please don't forget to return your orders for class photos by Monday.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are still collecting if you shop in Sainsbury's!

FOSG Silent Auction



Please don't forget to let the friends know if you have any prizes for the Silent Auction.

Nursery Closure



Just a reminder to all Nursery parents that the Nursery is closed on Thursday 5th May. This is due to the Police and Crime Commissioner Election. The rest of the school remains open.

