

# Swing Gate News

10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016



## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER 2016

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am  
Rec Open Morning

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – 'Game On' Street Dance for Whole School

Purple Prem day – wear purple £1 donation

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm FoSG Quiz Night

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov  
FoSG - Dress down day – Bring a Bottle

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Occasional Day

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Festival of Light – Berkhamsted High St.

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Nov  
The Magic Castle  
Pantomime for whole school

### DECEMBER 2016

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Film Night

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Christmas Hampers Raffle at the EYFS/KS1  
Performances – **See letter in book bags**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Service at 2pm, St Peter's Church – all welcome

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>–Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Christmas Gift Shop

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1.30pm –  
End of Autumn Term

## Supporting DENS

Swing Gate School families along with those from Thomas Coram and Victoria joined together in October at St Peter's Church, in celebration of Harvest. The focus was to support a local charity - Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS). The families from Thomas Coram, Victoria and Swing Gate were very generous and provided much needed food and toiletries. The children were delighted to help local homeless people and those in crisis.



Eight of our children from Reception and Year 2 keenly walked to the church with me, to share our food parcels with those less fortunate than ourselves.

## Shoe boxes

We would like to say a really big thank you to all the families who filled one of the Rotary shoe boxes. They will all make lovely gifts.

## YEAR 1 CANAL WALK – GEOGRAPHY FOCUS



All Year 1 children had an exciting walk, within our locality, exploring the physical and human features seen on their way to and alongside the canal.

All children were very good at completing the activity to find as many human and physical features seen as possible. They were engaged, exceptionally well behaved and safe near to the water. Their teachers were very proud of them, such a credit to Swing Gate School.

Thank you very much to all parent volunteers whom supported Mrs Dean and Mrs Hopper; without whom such enriching opportunities cannot take place.

Today was the best day ever!

**Isla – Y1 Hedgehogs**

The starting grid for lifelong learning.

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## PAUSE for THOUGHT

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*'A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts it will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.'*

— Roald Dahl, *The Twits*

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## NURSERY TRAIN RIDE & PILOT VISIT

Additional to their field trip on the train to Leighton Buzzard, Year Nursery had a very exciting visitor to their class - a real pilot. All such wonderful experiential learning has developed their knowledge and understanding about people in the



community who help us. It has also supported and made clear links for the children about modes of travel and people who transport us.

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## THEMED LUNCHES

Last week the children were lucky to have a Bonfire Night themed lunch – the warm sausage and pizza options proved very popular! Our thanks to the kitchen and MSA Staff for their enthusiasm in planning these exciting lunches and making them possible for the children.

## FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

A big thank you to those of you who purchased your firework tickets in advance from the school office. We held an assembly and talked about keeping safe. I do hope that you all had a great time at the displays. We held our own Bonfire Party in our Foundation Stage Playground. We cooked baked potatoes, made bonfire cakes and drank Perky Punch. Yum!!



## PARKING

Please could we ask that all parents be courteous to the residents of Curtis Way when parking nearby to school. It is important that we do not restrict access to their properties or parking spaces. Many thanks in advance.

## Parent Help Please!...Library

We are looking for any volunteers to help with keeping our school library in good order please. If you are interested and could spare an hour or two a week for this, we would be very grateful. Please let the office staff know of your availability. Many thanks in advance.

*Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)*

*Headteacher*