

Swing Gate News

1st Dec. 2016



Diary Dates

December 2016

Fri 9th Dec - Film Night

Wed 14th Dec – Coffee morning with Lisa McGovern – School Family Worker.

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Dec Christmas Hampers Raffle at the EYFS/KS1 Performances

Mon 12th EYFS performance 9.15am

Tues 13th EYFS performance 9.15am

Wed 14th Christmas lunch

Thurs 15th

Yr2 performance 9.15am

Yr1 performance 2pm

Fri 16th

Yr1 performance 9.15am

Yr2 performance 2pm

Christmas jumper day

Mon 19th Dec – am Class Parties, Father Christmas World

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

Mon 19th-Tues 20th Dec Christmas Gift Shop

Wed 21st Dec 1.30pm – End of Autumn Term

January 2017

Thurs 5th Jan – Start of Spring Term

Fri 6th Jan – Reception open morning 9.30am

Tues 10th Jan – Reception open morning 9.30am

Thurs 12th Jan – Game on ball skills KS1

Fri 13th Jan – FoSG tea and cakes

World Prem Baby Day

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for supporting World Prem Day by wearing purple. Swing Gate pupils and staff raised £187.77 towards this good cause, well done.

Remembrance Day

We are very proud of all the children and staff as we came together for a special assembly on Friday 11th November to honour all soldiers by listening to the Last Post and holding a two-minute silence.

Street Dance

The whole school had an amazing day of street dance on Thursday 17th November and everyone including Mrs Gallagher learnt some new moves.



PEOPLE WHO HELP US AND – FIRE ENGINE VISIT.

All children in EYFS had a visit from:

- a Police Lady
 - Carole the Lolly Pop Lady
 - the local Fire Station with a fire engine.
- They all had the opportunity to have a good look at the fire engine and saw the hoses in action. Mr Coverdale had the opportunity to dress up as a fireman.



The starting grid for lifelong learning.

PAUSE for THOUGHT

'Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more.'

From the Grinch by Dr Seuss.



Pantomime

The whole school enjoyed "The Magic Castle", performed by Chaplin's Mini Pantomimes. What a great start to the festive season.

Christmas/Winter Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December we will be supporting Save the Children by donating £1 to wear a Christmas or Winter jumper or T-shirt to school.



Swing Gate is now reactivating the school's Twitter account. We will be tweeting exciting news and events

... please follow us.

Berkhamsted Family Services

This is a free, confidential advice and support service for Berkhamsted families. A leaflet advertising the next surgery date is attached. Lisa McGovern, who is Swing Gate School's family support worker, will be holding...

... a **Coffee Morning** in school on Wednesday 14th December, for parents to drop in and meet her and find out what she can offer for families at the school. Come and join her for a coffee at morning drop-off.

Eco Friendly

As well as recycling batteries, printer cartridges, paper and card we are collecting **used stamps** for Guide Dogs for the Blind. We would be grateful if you could send any used stamps to the School Office.

Ms Rennie is Leaving

We are sad to be saying good bye to Ms Rennie, in the School Office, who will be leaving Swing Gate on Friday 9th December. She will be taking up an exciting new post at another school. We would like to thank her for her hard work and 'service with a smile'. We will miss her and wish her lots of success in her new job.

Parent Help Please!...

Thank you to all those parents who came forward and are sorting out the Library. We are always extremely grateful for offers of help especially those able to help regularly with reading. If you have some spare time and would like to join our volunteer register, then please pop into the School Office.

Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)

Headteacher