

Swing Gate News

21st Dec. 2016



Diary Dates

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 for Key Stage 1

Fri 13th Jan – FoSG tea and
cakes

Tues 17th Jan – School
Nurse – Reception
screening

Fri 20th Jan – Nursery Open
Morning 9:30am

Tues 24th Jan – whole
school Karate

Thurs 26th Jan –
Foundation Stage PE
coaching

Fri 27th Jan – FoSG
Bedtime Stories

Tues 31st Jan – Nursery
Open Morning 9:30am

February 2017

Thurs 2nd Feb – Foundation
Stage PE coaching

Half Term 13th - 17th Feb

Worry Eaters

If children have anything that is troubling them, then each class has a Worry Eater. They can draw or write a message and share it with the Worry Eater and it will gobble it up or they can just give the Worry Eater a cuddle. Here are the Worry Eaters being introduced in Assembly to their classes. I have one too!



The children have also been helped by Tiny Ted and Tidy Ted in class. Tiny Ted helps them form the letters 'b' and 'd' correctly and Tidy Ted checks if the classrooms are kept neat and tidy.

Gardening

The Nursery children have been extremely busy gardening this week and trying to get the outdoor learning environment ready for the new year.



CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND CHISTMAS DINNERS



I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Christmas plays and I am sure that you would agree that both the children and staff worked very hard in order to produce such entertainment. Thank you to all.



The Kitchen Staff made a fantastic turkey out of sweets and crispy cake.



Thank you also for your **kind donations**, we managed to raise:

- £275 for the Hospice of St. Francis
- £50 for St Peter's Church
- £150 for Winter Jumper Day.

The starting grid for lifelong learning.

PAUSE for THOUGHT

'...may the spirit of love which comes at Christmas time fill our homes and our lives and linger there long after the tree is down and the lights are put away for another year.'

by Thomas S. Monson

Year 1 Calendars and Cards

As part of the Year 1 Science Topic on seasonal change, the children have made colourful calendars. They have used their colour mixing and printing techniques too.



They have also been constructing moving cards with pivots and levers. We hope that the Year 1 families will enjoy them.



Berkhamsted Family Services

Lisa MacGovern held a Coffee Morning in school on 14th December. We plan to hold two further events in the Spring Term:

- a Coffee Morning on Thursday 26th January, from 8.35am
- A Coffee Afternoon during one of the Parents Evenings on 21st March, from 3.40 pm

The family service is a confidential advice and support service for Berkhamsted families. Parents can drop in and meet Lisa and find out what she can offer for families at Swing Gate School. Come and join her for a coffee and a chat.

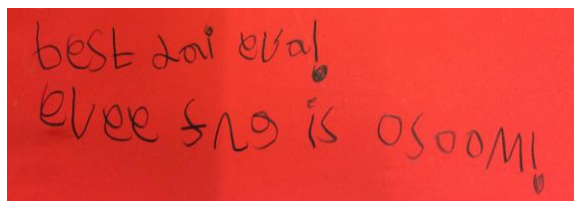
Parents Please Note

Thank you for all your continued support this term. If anyone is able to collect unwanted items and take them to the recycling center for us, please contact the office.

End of Year Message

The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind wishes, cards and gifts. I would also like to say a big **THANK YOU** to parents and children at Swing Gate School for making my first term, such an enjoyable and fruitful one. I hope that over the winter break you have time to enjoy the company of your family and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A message from Lucy in Reception on Christmas Dinner Day.



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