

# Swing Gate News

25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017



## Diary Dates

### JANUARY 2017

#### **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Coffee Morning with  
Family Support Worker

#### **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan**

FoSG –Bed Time Stories

#### **Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan –**

Open Morning for  
prospective nursery  
parents

### FEBRUARY 2017

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Foundation  
Stage PE coaching

#### **Half Term 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

#### **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb –**

Music event in school

### MARCH 2017

#### **Date tbc**

FoSG Coin Weigh-in.

#### **Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Mar –**

Open morning for  
prospective nursery  
parents

#### **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Book week

#### **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Film Night

#### **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Mar**

FoSG Skip & Bounce

#### **Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Mar**

Parents Evening

#### **Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar**

Parents Evening

## Vacancy

There are currently  
vacancies for MSAs,  
please see adverts in  
classroom windows for  
details.

## WELCOME

There are a few new additions  
to our Swing Gate family. The  
new Nursery children have  
been settling in very well in the  
care of Mrs Hardwick and her  
team.

I would also like to welcome Mr  
Buss, our new Site Manager,  
who started work with us this  
week. He has worked in  
schools in Hemel Hempstead  
and we are fortunate to have  
such an experienced person  
join our staff.

## Winter Wonderland

Thank you to Mr Gottlieb who  
provided the tree in the play  
(back drop to the  
performance) and the  
wonderful winter display in the  
foundation playground.



## Road Safety

We try to keep you safe while  
on our grounds. We are going  
to close the gate nearest the  
roundabout and ask that you  
use the other gate to enter the  
school. This means that you  
and your child will not be in the  
path of a moving vehicle, and  
keep you safe from harm.

## ECO-COUNCIL



The School & Eco Council had a  
meeting last week to discuss:

- reducing
- reusing
- recycling.

Then the following day they walked  
to M&S with Mrs Gallagher, Mrs  
Dean, Miss Oliver a Governor and  
the Chair of FoSG to post the  
unwanted Christmas cards for  
recycling. They found out from  
Ollie, the manager, that for every  
1,000,000 recycled cards M&S plant  
a new tree. He then treated the  
children to a chocolate lolly.



As we try and recycle where  
possible and help the local  
community at the same time, used  
printer cartridges are now being  
collected by the Scouts to benefit  
their organization. Please bring in  
any used cartridges to the foyer  
and place in our collecting box.

*The starting grid for lifelong learning.*

## PAUSE for THOUGHT

*'The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.'*

Melody Beattie  
(American writer)

## FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

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 second Coffee Morning in school tomorrow, for parents to drop in and meet her and find out what she can offer families. Come and join her for a coffee at morning drop-off.

She will also be available at the first Parents Evening, on 21<sup>st</sup> March, for those of you that work in the day.

## GOVERNOR AND PARENT MORNINGS

At the start of this term we had our second Governor Morning. These are linked to the priorities in the School Improvement Plan. The first morning looked at improvements and areas for development in the indoor and outdoor learning environments.

The recent Governor Morning focused on Phonics and Guided Reading. As did last week's Parent Open Morning, which I hope that you were able to attend. Verbal feedback was good and we are sending out a questionnaire today, that you were able to attend.

We plan to have a Mathematics Parent Open Morning later in the term, details to follow.

## Sports in School

This term has already been busy with Game-On giving the classes workshops in ball skills and our Karate Club teacher giving the children an insight into the discipline of martial arts. We have Mr Miller from B Inspired coming in to work with the Foundation Stage next week.



## Active Kids Voucher

Sainsbury's have started giving out the Active Kid vouchers once again. This scheme 'bought' the school's PE equipment last year and we hope that you will continue to support us.

## Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Mrs King, in Owls Class, is having a baby. I am sure that you will wish to join us in congratulating her and her husband at this happy time. We will update you when maternity cover has been arranged.

## Pre-loved Uniform

A reminder that there is a stock of pre-loved uniform in school, if you would like to buy any at a very reasonable cost, then ask at the office.

## Health and Safety

This is a reminder that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL, this means that there MUST be NO NUT PRODUCTS in packed lunches, and for school birthday treats. Some of our children are highly sensitive and coming into contact with nuts of any type could cause serious harm.

Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)  
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